GOVERNMENT OF INDIA URBAN DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3784 ANSWERED ON:20.03.2013 MINIMUM WAGES TO DMRC WORKERS Rao Shri Nama Nageswara

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether workers hired through multiple contractors of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) have been denied minimum wages and have been allotted fake provident fund and health insurance accounts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of such companies identified and blacklisted by DMRC; and
- (d) the action taken to recover the dues of the workers from such companies?;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI DEEPA DASMUNSHI)

- (a): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has reported that it has hired contract workers through multiple contractors. DMRC is taking utmost care for ensuring payment of minimum wages, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees State Insurance (ESI). However, a few complaints have been received. DMRC is investigating the veracity of these complaints internally. In addition, these are also verified / audited by various statutory authorities like EPF, ESI and Central Labour Department from time to time.
- (b) to (d): The complaints have been received against the three contractors. The details of the complaints and the action taken are as under:-

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S.No. Name of the Service Complaint Action taken
Contractor
1 M/s Bedi & Bedi Ticket Vending Late disbursement
(i) A penalty of
Associates Service of wages and EPF Rs. 8,65,000
      and ESI related /- was imposed
      complaints on the contractor
         and Bank Guarantee
         of Rs. 78,09,274/-
         has been withheld
         until the enquiries
         by different
         authorities are
         concluded.
(ii) EPF and ESI
         authorities are
         carrying checks /
         audits including
         those based on
         received complaints.
(iii) Case are
         subjudice /
         enquiry being
         conducted in
         the Department
         of Economic
         Offences Wing.
         Delhi, Centre
         Govt. Industrial
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Tribunal (CGIT)

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and Police
           Department,
           Delhi in the
           matters related
           to EPF and ESI.
2 M/s G4S Secure Customer EPF related EPF Authority has
Solutions Facilitation complaint calculated dues (India) and Watch and from M/s G4S
Pvt. Ltd. Ward Service Secure Solutions
            (India) Pvt. Ltd.
            amounting to Rs.
           85,02,38,258/-
           and interest of
           Rs. 48,73,75,918/
            - . The Contractor
           has filed appeal
           in the EPF
           Appellate Tribunal.
3 M/s Prehari Security Late A penalty of Rs.
Protection Personnel disbursement 22,800/- has been
               of wages proposed to be
 Systems
                   deducted from the
 Pvt. Ltd.
           bill of the
           contractor
           for the month
           of February,
           2013 for late
           disbursement
           of wages.
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(c): No company has been blacklisted by DMRC so far. However, fines have been imposed for violations as above.