

Sushri Shobha Karandlaje to Chair 5th Regional Meeting in Lucknow with Central States on Labour Reforms, Employment Generation & Social Protection for All

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A regional meeting of central States viz. Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh, including the UT of Delhi will be held in Lucknow on 30.09.2024 (Monday). This meeting is being organized by the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India to hold focussed discussions around Labour Reforms, eShram-National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW), Building and other Construction Workers (BoCW), Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and employment generation initiatives.

The meeting will be chaired by Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Union Minister of State for Labour & Employment and attended by Ms. Sumita Dawra, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment and other senior officers of the Government of India, States/UTs.

The meeting is a part of an on-going series of regional consultations being held by the Government of India with the States/UTs nation-wide, which commenced with convening of 1st regional meeting with southern States/UTs of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala, Puducherry, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands in Bengaluru, Karnataka. This was followed by 2nd regional meeting with northern States/UTs of Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh and Rajasthan in Chandigarh. The 3rd regional meeting with western States/UTs of Maharashtra, Goa, Gujarat, Daman and Diu, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep was held in Rajkot, Gujarat. The 4th regional meeting with eastern States of Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh was held in Bhubaneswar on 20.09.2024. These regional meetings would continue till 04.10.2024

Key labour and employment issues including harmonisation in draft rules framed by States/UTs and Central Government under Labour Codes, issues related to employment data collection and inputs on the proposed Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme as announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, establishment of e-Shram portal as a '*One-Stop Solution*' for easy access to social security benefits for unorganized workers including migrant workers, expansion of coverage of various Central welfare schemes to BoC Workers, upgradation of employment exchanges etc. will be deliberated upon during the meeting.

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