

7th Pay Commission: Trade unions unhappy

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The Sangh Parivar-affiliated trade union, the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), has termed the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission as disappointing, and said it would soon approach the government to have its concerns addressed.

“It is a disappointing report, and we oppose it strongly. There is just 16 per cent hike in the net pay against the projected 23.55 per cent. Besides, there is a huge gap in the maximum and minimum pays,” BMS general secretary Vrijesh Upadhyay said.

“We do note that for the first time, the report of a pay commission had been submitted on time. We, therefore, have time till January to go into the details of this 900-page report, and suggest some changes to the Finance Ministry. We have asked our government employees’ group to go through the report and come back with suggestions. We will seek time with the Finance Ministry thereafter,” he said.

'Disappointing'

The Communist Party of India (CPI)-backed All India Trade Union Congress also termed the report “disappointing”. AITUC general secretary Gurudas Dasgupta said in a statement that the report was “totally disappointing, and proposes the least hike in the last 30 years. Considering the inflation, it is unsatisfactory.” Mr. Dasgupta said the commission had ignored the sharp increase in prices justifying a substantial upward revision in the HRA and other allowances.

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