

# Better not cross Lakshman Rekha on labour laws: Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh

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NEW DELHI: In its pre-budget demands to the government, RSS affiliated trade union - [Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh](#) - has demanded delinking of labour law reforms from 'ease of doing business' considerations of the government and called for regularizing contract labour employed with government agencies.

"The government still feels labour cost reduction and relaxation of [labour laws](#) are priority indicators in ease of doing business. Hence [BMS](#) strongly demands that reference to labour cost or labour law relaxation should be removed forthwith in all documents related to [ease of doing business](#) in India," BMS demanded in a statement today.

"Most jobs are gradually becoming temporary. Hence regularise contract labour and provide contract workers wages and all benefits on par with regular worker in that industry," BMS said.

The RSS-affiliated trade union has also taken a grim view of Modi government shifting a large number of [social sector](#) schemes to the state government along with massive cuts in their funds and deplored increase in indirect taxes while providing exemptions to corporates.

"Last year budget shifted social sector welfare to the shoulders of the states, whereas Central Government retained the corporate affairs. Budget outlay for social sector ministries was reduced from 1.92% of [GDP](#) to 1.68%. Drastic cut to the tune of 4.40 lakh crores was made in the allocation of funds for social sector schemes. Indirect tax was increased which is born by common man and direct tax was reduced which is born by the high income group. Corporate tax was reduced from 30% to 25%.

Plethora of concessions and exemptions were given to corporates," BMS said in a disapproval of Budget last year to demand that "FM should create a separate 'social sector affairs department' coordinating ministries, experts and include representatives of such sectors, so that sufficient benefits reach directly to the real beneficiaries".

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