



CM HAS ASSURED TO REGULARISE PWD CONTRACT WORKERS ONCE VACANCIES ARISE

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Panaji: The All India Trade Union leader Christopher Fonseca said that the Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar gave a patient hearing to a delegation of PWD society workers who called on him on Wednesday. Fonseca said that various issues were discussed and demands of the society workers were placed before the Chief Minister.

Addressing a gathering near Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church, Fonseca said that he apprised the Chief Minister of the High Court directives of April 9, which stated that the PWD society workers should be into the regular service of the PWD whenever regular vacancies arise in the department.

Elaborating further Fonseca said that the Chief Minister also said that he has advised the PWD Minister

Sudin Dhavlikar on the workers issues, adding that he also told that there are errors in pay arrears calculation besides bonus, and even maternity leave record.

He said the Chief Minister took note of all the demands and wrote to the minister on the spot wherein he clearly mentioned that whenever regular vacancies arise in the department, the PWD society workers should be absorbed.

He said that in order to achieve this, there should be firm unity among the workers and that “there is an urgent need to strengthen the unity at the official level so that there is no chance of breaking it like before which resulted into the government reverting the earlier decision.”

Earlier, the PWD society workers took out a rally in the city shouting slogans in support of their demands. The workers were heading towards the Chief Minister’s residence at Altinho in the morning but were stopped near Immaculate Conception church by a strong posse of police personnel.

The delegation who met the Chief Minister included Christopher Fonseca, Suhaas Naik, Raju Mangueshkar and some PWD workers union members.

The workers dispersed with a hope that good days will come for them soon. [NT]