

Govt to simplify labour inspection norms

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New Delhi, Apr 5 () Government is simplifying the labour inspection process and will come out with a unified portal for online registration of units and reporting of inspections, Minister for Labour and Employment Bandaru Dattatreya said today.

"With an objective of simplifying business regulations and for bringing in transparency and accountability in labour inspections, the Ministry of Labour and Employment is revising the inspection scheme," he said at an event here.

The ministry is also developing a single unified portal for online registration of units, reporting of inspections, submissions of annual returns and redressal of grievances, he added.

Besides, it is developing a webinar centre to increase reach to all stakeholders for imparting training and providing information pertaining to occupational safety and health, Dattatreya said.

"The Ministry is also finalising the modalities for effective implementation of Building and Other Construction Workers' Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Worker' Welfare Cess Act, 1996," he added.

The Factories Act is also being amended and the Factories (amendment) Bill has been placed before Parliament approval, he said.

"In India we have adopted humane laws regarding working conditions, health, and safety as part of of our plans of development," Dattatreya said.

On government's 'Make in India' campaign, he said the purpose of the initiative is to enhance job creation, boost the economy and convert India to a self reliant country.

"Our government has declared its vision to make India a global manufacturing hub by increasing the share of the

manufacturing sector in GDP from the present 15 per cent to 25 per cent in next few years. The 'Make in India' campaign would facilitate this quantum jump in the manufacturing sector," Dattatreya said.

To facilitate growth, infrastructure is also being developed in the form of highways, expressways, rail corridors, airports and seaports, he added.

"It would be our prime responsibility to ensure just and humane condition of work from providing training to develop required skill and competence in our workforce. We cannot prosper in this dynamic complex business environment without caring for safety and health," he said. MSS SA