

## “Implement GOs on construction workers’ welfare”

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The orders raising ex gratia for accidental death from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.5 lakh, for natural death from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 6,0000, raising funeral expenses from Rs.10,000 to Rs. 20,000 and for medical treatment for minor problems from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 3,000 should be implemented immediately, the A. P. Building and Construction Workers’ Union has demanded.

Union State working president Padala Ramana said here on Thursday that the Chandrababu Naidu government was resorting to a big publicity campaign stating that these schemes were being implemented. He alleged Rs.2 crore was diverted from the welfare fund for the purpose.

Though the A.P. Building and Other Construction Workers’ Welfare Board had hundreds of crores as corpus the welfare benefits were not on par with those offered in Karnataka and Rajasthan, Mr. Ramana said.

In those states, workers disabled due to accidents were being paid monthly pension ranging from Rs.1,000 to Rs.2,000 and Rs.1,000 to workers. Scholarships to aid education were being given from primary to PG level. He demanded that the registration be continued without any age limit, renewal restrictions be lifted and a pension of Rs.3,000 be paid to workers who crossed 60 years of age. District president Kota Sattibabu was present.

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