

Relief for salt pan workers during rainy season sought

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Livelihood issues: The members of Unorganised Workers' Federation staging a demonstration at Thoothukudi Collectorate on Monday.—
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The State government should extend a relief of Rs. 5,000 each to salt pan workers, who did not get any work during rainy season, M. Krishnamurthy, district coordinator, Unorganised Workers Federation, Thoothukudi, said here on Monday.

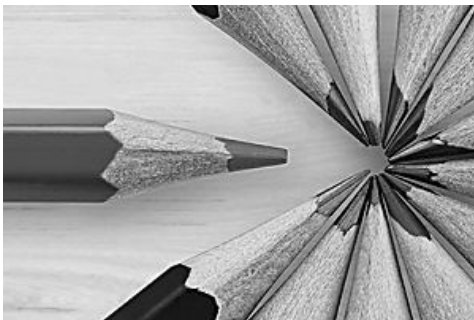
Heading the members of the Federation, who staged an attention-seeking demonstration at the Collectorate here, Mr. Krishnamurthy said normally around 50,000 workers were engaged in salt pans spread over 22,000 acres across the district.

Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, in the Assembly election manifesto of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, had said a relief of Rs. 5,000 would be given to every salt worker during the rainy season. Normally, Thoothukudi would receive heavy rainfall during October–November, and the salt pan workers were expecting the government to make a formal announcement in this regard now, Mr. Krishnamurthy said.

The proposed Outer Harbour Development Project would further affect the livelihood of salt pan workers. Hence, a public hearing involving the stakeholders and the workers should be organised by the authorities concerned.

He also said the minimum wages should be fixed for domestic servants. Accident relief announced for victims of unorganised sector should be increased from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh. Provident fund and ESI benefits should be extended to them, he stressed.

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