Labour union seeks LIC cover for workers

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URANGABAD: The Marathwada Labour Union has demanded cover for workers under the Aam Aadmi Insurance Scheme being implemented by the central government as well as the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

Devidas Kirtishahi, general secretary of organisation, said that the union had taken the unanimous decision to work for it in a hamal-mapadis meeting on Monday. The meeting was attended by the state unit hamal-mapadi mandal vice president Subhash Lomte and LIC's S N Poddar and Nishikanth Waghmare.

The LIC officials informed the gathering that the scheme was meant for benefiting the working class and Rs 200 per head premium would be paid by the central and the state governments while under this scheme children of hamals would get an scholarship of Rs 100 per month. In case of natural death of the scheme member, his next kin would get Rs 30,000 while in case of accidental death, the family would be paid Rs 75000.

Subhash Lomte of the Union urged all the workers including hamals and mapadis to get themselves registered with the Mathadi Board, open bank accounts to avail the facility. "The scholarship of Rs 100 being granted to the children of workers is very meagre and the labour unions will make a representation to the authorities concerned to demand increase in the scholarship to Rs 1000 per head."

Shaikh Mushtaq, Ali Khan, Syed Nazim, Sanjay Bangre, Ranjanabai Kharat, Shilabai Kakade, Sandeep Baswaskar and other hamal leaders were also present.