

Rajasthan workers to join rally in Delhi

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JAIPUR: About 50,000 workers from Rajasthan are set to participate at a massive rally of five lakh workers which is scheduled in Delhi by the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh on November 17. The aim is to attract the attention of the Union government towards the plight of the workers.

Addressing a media conference on Monday, Raj Bihari Sharma, all India general secretary of the organization alleged that the Union and state governments are not sensitive enough to the plight of the workers.

He said, while the BJP opposed FDI when it was in opposition, it is following the same policy of Congress after coming to power. The leaders countered BJP's claims and said unemployment is high and demanded same work same pay and regularization of contract employees. They said FDI has killed job opportunities for the youth.

He said in the area of electronics, automobile, steel, cement and other products of daily use the foreign companies have captured the Indian market through FDI.

He said in public sector is being disinvested and the service sector is being handed over to the private sector ignoring the common man. He said in comparison to the government sector, even minimum wages are not paid to the workers in the private sector. The labour laws are being amended to harm the workers interest and the government is not serious about compliance of the labour laws either, he alleged.

S K Rathore executive member of the organization said the Anganwadi workers, Asha Karmi, mid-day meal workers and Jal Pradaay Yojana Karmi, all were being exploited by the government over a decade. They were denied even minimum wages in the guise of honorarium, he said.