

Construction workers to get free DTC rides

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NEW DELHI: Construction workers in Delhi will soon be able to travel on DTC buses free of cost. Delhi government has decided to provide construction workers with bus passes free-of-cost to travel anywhere in the city.

Labour minister Gopal Rai said the proposal is ready and would soon be brought to the cabinet for its approval.

According to labour department officials, there are more than two lakh construction workers registered with Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Board. These workers are employed at several construction sites, including DMRC's projects, central and state's construction works and private housing projects.

While some agencies provide housing to the construction workers close to the site, in most cases they travel long distances, sometimes from labour camps set up in the periphery of the city and end up spending huge amounts on their daily travel.

"The free bus pass would help the workers save a substantial amount on commuting. All construction workers registered with the board would be eligible for it. The board has a huge corpus meant for welfare of the workers and DTC would be paid from that fund," Rai said.

