

Indian Labour Conference

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In news

Recently, Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh urged the Prime Minister to convene Indian Labour Conference.

About the Indian Labour Conference (ILC)

- ILC is the apex level tripartite consultative committee in the Ministry of Labour & Employment to advise the Government on the issues concerning the working class of the country.
- The most recent session of ILC was held in 2015.
- **Members:** All the 12 Central Trade Union Organisations, Central Organisations of employers, all State Governments and Union Territories and Central Ministries/Departments concerned with the agenda items, are the members of the ILC.
- **The first meeting of the Indian Labour Conference** (then called Tripartite National Labour Conference) **was held in 1942** and so far a total of 45 Sessions have been held.

Convention No. 144 of the ILO

- On every issue related to labour, the government used to sit with labour representatives and employer representatives regularly and chalk out solutions.
- India also has a legal obligation to do so since the Indian Parliament has ratified Convention No. 144 of the ILO related to strengthening the tripartite mechanism.

Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh(Indian Workers' Union)

- It was founded by Dattopant Thengadi on 23 July 1955.
- It is one of the trade union organizations in India.
- The BMS is not affiliated to any International Trade

Union Confederation.

- It is the labour wing of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and forms part of the Sangh Parivar.

Other trade Unions in India

- Bombay Mill-Hands Association -1890 by N.M Lokhande(first association of Indian workers).
- Madras Labour Union- founded by B.P Wadia in 1918(first clearly registered trade-union).
- All India Trade Union Congress in 1920(first trade union federation).