## **Inter-State Committees for Workers' Social Security**

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Labour Ministers and Secretaries from Union and State governments concluded with major discussions on <u>labour reforms</u> and workers' welfare.

- It focused on the implementation of the new <u>Labour Codes</u> and expanding <u>social security</u> <u>coverage</u>.
- Three committees comprising five states each will develop a sustainable model for social security for workers, with reports due in March 2025.
- A key labor reform proposed shifting from a labor inspector model to an inspector-cum-facilitator to reduce compliance burden and enhance ease of doing business.
- It emphasized the need for sustainable models to utilize the cess funds for pension schemes and education for children of construction workers.
  - The welfare of construction workers was prioritized, with concerns over Rs 70,744.16 crore in unused cess funds.
- The government is also working on a dedicated Social Security Scheme for gig and platform workers, focusing on funding, data collection, and registration on the <u>eShram portal</u>.

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