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Govt policies dividing labourers, says BMS

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JAIPUR: Pressing for various demands of the workers, the [Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh](#) (BMS) on Tuesday took out a huge rally in the city. The rally began from the Martyr's Memorial at Government Hostel and culminated at [Udyog Maidan](#) which was addressed by prominent trade union leaders.

Addressing the meeting, national general secretary of the BMS, [K Laxma Reddy](#) said the central and state governments are adopting double standards on the welfare of workers. Their policy is intended to divide the workers. The central and the state governments had implemented the sixth pay commission to its employees. While the gratuity limit of the government employees had been raised from Rs 3.5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh with retrospective effect from January 1, 2006, the same is not given to the employees of the public sector, he said.

Alleging that the central policy is in favour of the capitalists, Reddy said while the central government had announced a Rs 2 lakh crore package to the industries to tide over the recession, no consideration was given to the workers who have been reeling under an unprecedented price rise and inflation. He said whatever fund has been allocated in the name of social security is like a drop in the ocean.

Dr B K Rai, in charge of the Western region of BMS, charged both the state and central governments with not complying with their own labour laws. The government jobs of permanent nature being given on contract is a violation of the Labour Act. At present, even in departments like power, transport and PHED, the employees were appointed on contract. The government should stop this practice at once, he demanded.

Raj Bihari Sharma, state president of BMS said while the state government had given the sixth pay commission to its employees about three years back, it has failed to enhance the minimum wages of the labourers till now. He said the minimum wages of Rs 130 unilaterally announced by the state government is inadequate and is a cruel joke on the labourers.

BMS state president [Prahlad Singh Awana](#) demanded that the people employed as Anganwadi workers, Sahyogini Sathiyon and assistants were being exploited and demanded their regularisation as government employees.

