

# **Builders' Association of India**

(All India Association of Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders)

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Shri Narendra Modi Ji

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Government of India, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi – 110001

Respected Sir,

**Sub.:** Initiative to revive the Construction Sector.

All Indians are fortunate and blessed to have you as the Prime Minister of India. You are credited with introducing several long-awaited reforms that have made India a preferred investment destination globally.

We, the Builders Association of India (BAI), gratefully acknowledge your efforts and initiatives in providing significant relief to the infrastructure and construction sectors.

The Builders Association of India (BAI) is the apex all-India body of engineering construction contractors and real estate companies. Founded in 1941, BAI represents over 25,000 business entities through more than 230 branches across the country. The association is a registered body established with the objective of promoting the trade, industry, and profession of construction and its allied sectors.

As you are aware, the construction industry is the second-largest employer in India after agriculture, providing employment to over 100 million people. This sector is pivotal to the nation's infrastructure development and economic progress.

We seek your kind attention to the following critical issues, which if addressed even partially, could significantly boost the economy:

#### 1. **Appointment of 'Cement Regulatory Authority':**

Cement is a vital construction material. Cement manufacturers often manipulate prices through cartelisation. It is high time the Government implements the recommendation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee and appoints a 'Cement Regulatory Authority', akin to SEBI, TRAI, and RERA.

#### 2. **Introduction and Adoption of Equitable Standard Contract Documents:**

India still follows the 'Contract Act 1872', a colonial-era legislation, which is outdated and one-sided. Government contract conditions heavily favor the authorities. We request the introduction of Equitable Unified Standard Contract Documents, aligned with FIDIC standards, including provisions for price variation and dispute resolution.

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### 3. Granting Industry Status to the Construction Sector with a Dedicated Department:

Given the construction industry's size and impact, a separate department is justified. This would enhance the implementation of development schemes and contribute to building a stronger economy.

### 4. Inclusion of 'Works Contracts' under MSME Provisions:

Although many contractors are registered under Section F, some are denied MSME benefits because 'Works Contracts' are not explicitly listed. We request the Ministry of MSME to issue a clarification including 'Works Contracts' to avoid litigation and ensure justice.

### 5. <u>Labour Welfare Cess Utilization:</u>

There is an acute shortage of skilled construction workers in India, resulting in low productivity and delays. Despite directives, most states fail to utilize 20% of the labour welfare cess for skill development. We request that the cess be exclusively used for upskilling registered workers and their dependents, as per the Ministry of Labour and Employment's directive.

**Request for Appointment:** We request an appointment to personally apprise you of the construction industry's prospects and its linkage with over 450 allied industries. Strengthening this sector will significantly contribute to national GDP and economic growth.

## **Invitation as "Chief Guest" for 32<sup>nd</sup> All India Builders Convention:**

Sir, we are pleased to inform you that BAI Mumbai Centre is organizing the 32<sup>nd</sup> All India Builders Convention on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa University Campus, Taleigao, Goa. This convention coincides with the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BAI and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BAI Mumbai Centre.

The central **theme of the convention is "Viksit Bharat – Building India for the Future"**, aligning with your visionary call for a developed India by 2047. The convention aims to bring together thought leaders, policymakers, and industry professionals to deliberate on strategies and innovations that will propel India towards this shared goal of national progress.

We would be deeply honoured to have your august presence as the "Chief Guest" of this prestigious convention. We humbly request your kind confirmation in advance so we may include your name in the official brochure and promotional materials.

With warm regards and highest respect,

Yours faithfully,

RAJENDRA SINGH KAMBOH
PRESIDENT
BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA