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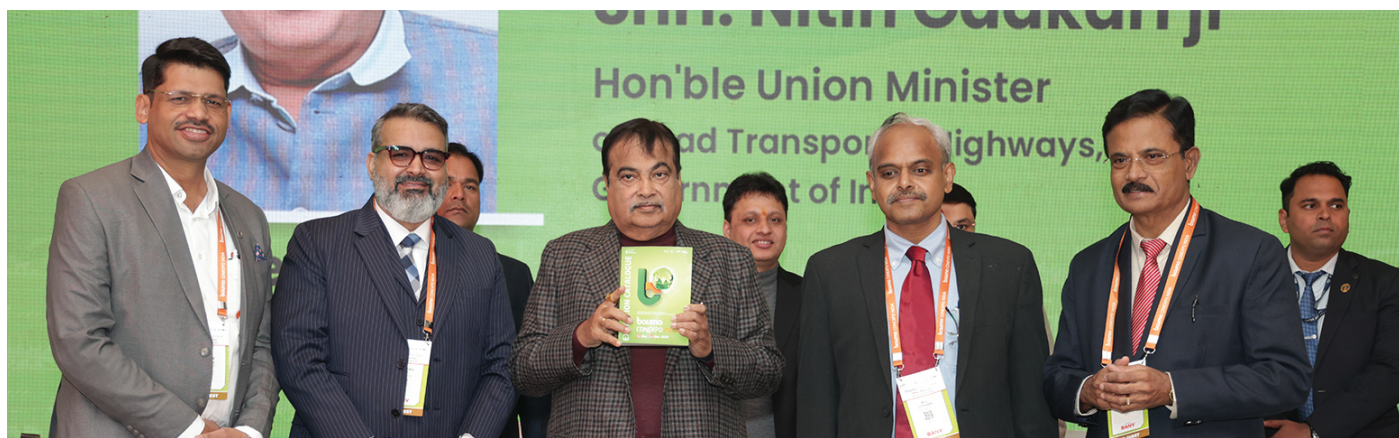
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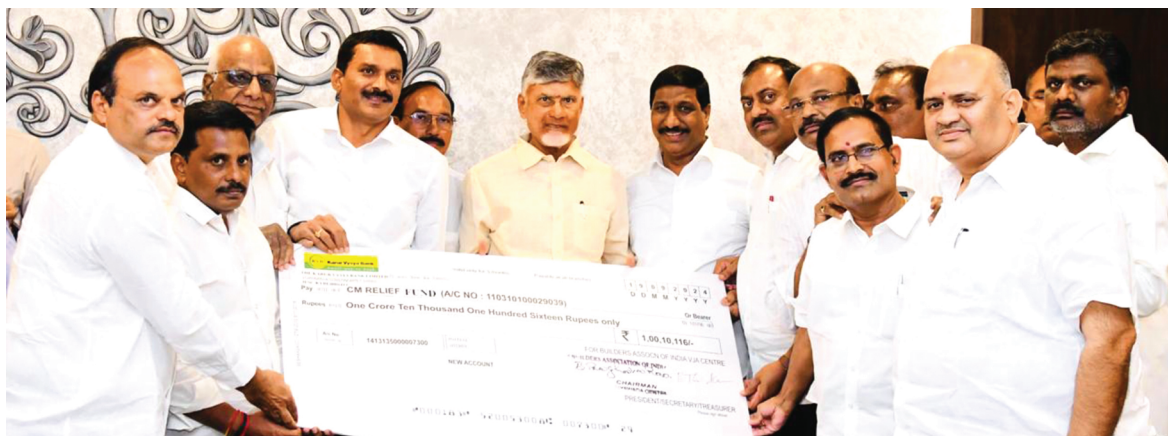
A photo op of the 'First Meetings of the Managing Committee and General Council of BAI 2024-25'. Seen from left are : K. Venkateshan, N. G. Lokanathan, D. Pankaj Reddy, Aniruddha V. Nakhawa, Raju John, Mohinder H. Rijhwani, K. Viswanathan, S. N. Reddy, R. Sivakumar, Anand J. Gupta, Rajiv Goel, Ashok Kumar Chandak, B. Palanivel and K. Gopinathan.



Bouquet being presented to Piyush Goyal by the BAI delegation. Seen from left are : Raju John, M. Raveendran, Hitesh Patel (*Rajubhai*), Piyush Goyal, Niimesh Paatel and K. Viswanathan.



BAI was Joint Organiser of bauma Conexpo India 2024. Release of the 'Exhibitors Catalogue' of 'bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024'. Seen from left are : Dimitrov Krishnan, Bhupinder Singh, Nitin Gadkari, V. Vivekanand and K. Viswanathan.



'BAI Andhra Pradesh' presenting a cheque for Rs. 1,00,10,116/- towards 'Chief Ministers Relief Fund' to N. Chandra Babu Naidu in the presence of B. C. Janardhan Reddy. BAI dignitaries seen in the photo are : D. Pankaj Reddy, A. Nagamalleswara Rao, Rama Kotaiah, V. Venkateswara Rao, B. Raghava Rao, M. Gopal Reddy and others.

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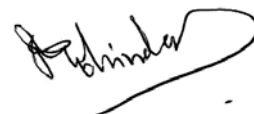
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NOTICE

The Eighty Fourth (84) Annual General Meeting of the Members of Builders' Association of India, will be held on Saturday, 23rd August, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Hotel Babylon International, Raipur to transact the following business :-

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Eighty Third Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 21st September, 2024 at 1.30 P.M. at National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (*Minutes have already been circulated to Members wide letter No. Ref:727/O/2024-25 dated 10th October, 2024 and also printed in Indian Construction December 2024, Page no.17-23 and also hosted on our website www.baionline.in, comments were sought from members on the same, on or before 25th November 2024, no comments received*).
2. To take note of the result of BAI Organisational Election for the year 2025-26 (Enclosed)
3. To take note of the result of BAI's Trustee's Election for the year 2025-27 (Enclosed)
4. To consider, and if thought fit, adopt the Annual Report of the Association for the year ending 31st March 2025.
5. To consider, and if thought fit, adopt the Audited Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account of the Association for the year ending 31st March 2025.
6. To appoint Auditors to audit the accounts of the Association for the year 2025-26 and fix their remuneration.
7. To consider, any other item, with the permission of the chair. (*Written items to be received at BAI Headquarter on or before Thursday, 14th August 2025*).



MOHINDER RIJHWANI
Hon. Gen. Secretary
Builders' Association of India

Place : Mumbai

Dated: 25th July 2025

Note: (i) The report is hosted on BAI Website www.baionline.in.

(ii) Please bring this copy of Annual Report.

(iii) Queries on Accounts and Reports should be communicated to BAI Headquarter on or before 14th August 2025, Centres Chairmen are requested to kindly circulate this information amongst their members. Please note no floor queries on accounts and report will be entertained. (Audited Accounts and Annual Report will be placed before the Managing Committee and General Council at their Meetings to be held on 23rd August, 2025 at Hotel Babylon International, Raipur for its approval.)

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BAI's Eighty Four years of Glory

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders, founded in 1941, during this journey of over 84 years, BAI's membership has grown from 250 members spread over 3 Centres, to more than 23,000 business entities as members through its 233 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. Regional, Associations Affiliated to BAI form indirect membership of more than 1,50,000 members. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all round improvements in the construction sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the Construction Industry. This involves making efforts to obtain from policy makers and authorities, the level of attention that the construction industry deserves in view of its tremendous contribution and importance to the economy.

Throughout its more than eight decades of existence, BAI has had its ups and downs, trials and tribulations, moments of strengths and weakness, moments of glory and disappointment. But, its umbrella has protected and furthered the cause of the Indian construction industry and its constituents in many ways:

- BAI has been instrumental for incorporation of Price Variation Clause in contract documents of various works authorities.
- BAI is propagating adoption of a 'unified standard equitable contract document', based on FIDIC conditions by all works authorities.
- BAI was instrumental in starting National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR), which has established campuses at Pune, Delhi and Hyderabad and is soon likely to get the status of a deemed university.
- BAI started Overseas Construction Council of India (OCCI) now known as Project Export Promotion Council of India (PEPCI), which through its members, initiated manpower export to Gulf counties and brought in a lot of foreign remittance. PEPCI is now actively pursuing project exports in its various formats under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.
- In the matter of Sales Tax on Works Contracts, consequent to 46th Amendment to Constitution, all State Governments were interpreting such amendments to suit their revenue requirements. BAI filed a Writ Petition and the Supreme Court correctly explained the powers of State Governments pursuant to the 46th amendment and cleared all uncertainties and doubts.
- Fighting relentlessly against the applicability of the Provident Fund provisions to the casual and temporary construction workers, BAI has been petitioning the govt. to see reason and has been suggesting ways and means to successfully implement the Provident Fund provisions in such a way that intended benefit reaches the casual and temporary construction workers, who are mostly illiterate and mainly migratory in nature. A Government of India-formed sub-committee has seen reason in BAI's line of thinking and the Central Provident Fund Commissioner is expected to come out with a comprehensive workable solution.
- Filed number of writs at various High Courts in the country on issues like VAT, Entry Tax, Service Tax, Sand Dredging, Labour Welfare Cess etc.
- BAI galvanized the builders and contractors into raising their voice, when cement and steel prices went through the sky, arising out of cartelization by the respective manufacturers. Proper presentation of facts at appropriate forums, arrested the galloping prices.
- BAI filed petition before the Competition Commission of India on the cartelisation of Cement Manufacturers. The Hon'ble Competition Commission have penalised Cement Manufacturers Rs.6,307 Crore and asked them to deposit the same before them. This is the highest penalty ever levied by Indian judicial system. CCI formally allows BAI to implead the Cement Cartelisation Petition.
- Through its monthly journal, 'Indian Construction', the only one of its kind, which is in its 70th year of publication, BAI provides latest and useful information to its members throughout the country. It contains useful statistical information, legal notes, book reviews and expert opinions on latest technological developments in construction industry.
- BAI is an affiliate of the International Federation of Asia and Western Pacific Contractors' Association (IFAWPCA). IFAWPCA in turn is affiliated to Confederation of International Contractors' Associations (CICA), the world body of contractors and builders. While IFAWPCA has a consultative organisation status with Asian Development Bank, CICA has a similar status with the World Bank.
- BAI has a seat as an observer to the Annual Meetings of Asian Development Bank.
- BAI is also affiliated to many national organizations, directly or indirectly connected to the construction industry. This facilitates exchange of thoughts, ideas and views.
- BAI has been given representative status in many

committees of Central and various State Governments, which decide policies on taxation, labour laws, environment, etc.

- BAI is one of the founder member of Construction Industry Development Council (formed by Planning Commission).
- BAI representative is included in the Working Group on Construction in the formulation of Twelfth Year Plan (2012-2017).
- BAI is one of the promoters of Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI) formed under the National Skill Development Corporation, constituted by the Prime Minister's Office for encouraging the skill upgradation of unskilled workers.

- BAI obtained 'Stay' order restraining the E.S.I. Department taking action against contractors on coverage of Employees' State Insurance Scheme to the construction workers. BAI is also instrumental in ESIC issuing circular No.T.11/13/11/03/2015 Rev. II dated 26/09/2018, exempting construction site workers from the purview of the provisions of ESIC act.

- BAI filed Writ Petition at Bombay High Court against the State of Maharashtra to include Arbitration Clause in tender documents, as mandated by the State Litigations Policy (Writ Petition No.301 of 2025).

BAI is seeking the inclusion of arbitration clauses to provide a more efficient and cost-effective mechanism for resolving disputes arising from government contracts, potentially reducing the need for lengthy and expensive court battles.

BAI Vision

- To promote and foster feelings of brotherhood, unity, co-operation, mutual trust and to eliminate unhealthy competition amongst the contractors fraternity.
- To build public confidence in the construction industry by advocating ethics in the business through transparency and accountability.
- To establish healthy and cordial relationship between the client, the contractor and the end-users, so that all construction projects are completed without any time or cost over-runs.
- To interact with Government bodies like State Public Works Departments and the Central Public Works Department to modernize methods and specifications of works towards ensuring suitable work ethics in the Industry and standardizing tender procedures. Contracts awarded on the basis of such standardization will ensure uniformity in execution of construction jobs.
- To achieve highest standards of efficiency and quality by adopting methodology which could be derived from both Indian and International Standards with a view to making the construction sector competitive in domestic as well as international markets.
- To ensure that contractors adopt methods which are environment-friendly like use of pre-engineered and pre-manufactured products, seeking inter-alia tax concessions on the same from the Government.
- Organising All India Builders' Convention and Exhibition, which is a large gathering of members of civil engineering discipline including construction fraternity. These events are a focal point for exchange of ideas and transaction of business. BAI through All India Convention and Exhibition, brings about a sense of brotherhood amongst them. Till now thirty Conventions have been organised.



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**President**

Shri K. Viswanathan

Imm. Past President

Shri S. N. Reddy

Vice-Presidents

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Shri D. Pankaj Reddy
Shri Anand J. Gupta

Shri Rajiv Goel
Shri R. Sivakumar

Hon. General Secretary

Shri Mohinder Rijhwani

Hon. General Treasurer

Shri Aniruddha V. Nakhawa

State Chairmen**Andhra Pradesh**

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Delhi

Shri Sanjeev Bansal

Haryana

Shri Vijay Kumar

Karnataka

Shri Srinivasa Reddy

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Jharkhand

Shri Shiv Kumar Burman

Kerala

Shri P. N. Suresh

Rajasthan

Shri G. K. Gupta

Telangana

Shri U. Surender

West Bengal

Shri Sanjay Dasgupta

State Coordinator**Assam**

Shri Pinak Pani Nath

Bihar

Shri Manikant

Madhya Pradesh

Shri Ashin Shrivastava

Members of the Managing Committee representing Centres

Shri A. N. Balaji

Shri Basavaraj S. Totad

Shri Jolly Varghese

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Shri M. Ayyappan

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Shri L. Shantha Kumar

Shri Madan Mulraj Jagotta

Shri Neerav Parmar

Shri Prabir Kumar Mukherjee

Shri Rajesh G. Nathan

Shri T. V. Chandrasekaran

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Shri D. R. Sekar	Shri Dhanwant Lal Gupta	Shri Dinesh Nanji Patel
Shri G. Santosh Reddy	Shri K. Chandra Sheker Reddy	Shri K. N. Babu Reddy
Shri K. S. Someshwara Reddy	Shri K. Venkatesan	Shri L. Venkatesan
Shri Narendra Kumar	Shri O. K. Selvaraj	Shri P. Harikumar
Shri P. Miju Lal	Shri Prakash Panjwani	Shri R. Prakash
Shri Rajendra S. Athawale	Shri Ram M. Bhatia	Shri S. Ayyanathan
Shri S. Ramaprabhu	Shri Sunil Balkrishna Mundada	Shri V. Rajagopal

Members of the Managing Committee representing Affiliated Associations

Shri B. Ramesh	Shri E. Manohar
Shri T. M. S. Sivakumar	Shri V. Balasubramanian

BAI Past Presidents

Year	Name	Year	Name
1941-1942	Late Shri M. P. Shah	1989-1990	Late Shri S. R. Kar Roy
1942-1943	Late Shri Motichand G.Shah	1990-1991	Shri Ajit Gulalbhand
1943-1944	Late Shri E. M. Billmoria	1991-1992	Shri Lalit Sangtani
1944-1945	Late Shri Ranade	1992-1994	Late Shri M. Karthikeyan
1945-1946	Late Shri P. P. Kapadia	1994-1995	Late Shri Tilak Raj
1947-1950	Late Shri Motichand G.Shah	1995-1996	Late Shri H. H. Rijhwani
1950-1951	Late Shri P. P. Kapadia	1996-1997	Late Shri A. S. Chinaswamy Raju
1952-1954	Late Shri G. S. Dugal	1997-1998	Late Shri N. D . Golani
1955-1957	Late Shri P. P. Kapadia	1998-1999	Late Shri C. L. Verma
1957-1958	Late Shri Rao Sahib Bagwandas C.Hemrajani	1999-2001	Shri S. A. Vichare
1959-1961	Late Shri H. J. Shah	2001-2003	Shri V. Ramachandran
1962-1963	Late Shri G. R. Jolly	2003-2005	Late Dr. Brahm Datt
1964-1965	Late Shri Y. G. Patel	2005-2006	Shri B. N. Dikshit
1965-1966	Late Shri B. V. Apte	2006-2007	Late Shri C. Raghava Reddy
1966-1967	Late Shri J. S. Ajmera	2007-2008	Late Shri P. R. Mundle
1967-1968	Late Shri U. S. Patel	2008-2009	Late Shri S. P. Goel
1969-1971	Late Shri R. G. Gandhi	2009-2010	Shri A. K. Yussouf
1971-1972	Late Shri K. L. Sapra	2010-2011	Shri Bhagwan J. Deokar
1973-1974	Late Shri M. Nilakandan	2011-2012	Shri Cherian Varkey
1974-1978	Shri S. Harcharan Singh Duggal	2012-2014	Shri B. Seenaiiah
1978-1980	Late Shri Harbans Lal Arora	2014-2015	Shri Sushanta Kumar Basu
1980-1982	Late Shri M. N. Rajaraman	2015-2016	Shri Lal Chand Sharma
1982-1984	Late Shri Amarjit Singh Choudhary	2016-2017	Shri Avinash M. Patil
1984-1986	Late Dr. T. N. Subba Rao	2017-2018	Shri H. N. Vijaya Raghava Reddy
1986-1988	Late Shri S. A. N. Ranganatha Achar	2018-2019	Shri A. Puhazhendi
1988-1989	Shri R.Radhakrishnan	2019-2020	Shri Sachin Chandra (01-04-2019 to 23-12-2019)

Year	Name	Year	Name
		2020-2021	Shri Mu. Moahan
		2021-2022	Shri R.N. Gupta
		2022-2023	Shri Niimesh Paatel
		2023-2024	Shri S. N. Reddy

Chairpersons of various Committees of BAI for 2024-25

Name of Committee	Chairman 2024-25	Co-Chairman 2024-25
Banking & Finance Committee	Shri N. Raghunathan	Shri M.V. Antony ***** Shri PremKhamesra
Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Committee	Shri AniruddhaNakhawa	Shri S. Swaminathan ***** Dr. M. Kaarthik
Constitutional Amendment Committee	Shri O.K. Selvaraj	Shri Sudip Kumar Dutta (East) ***** Shri V. Satish Chowdary(South-I) ***** Shri NeeravParmar(West) ***** Shri Sanjay Tyagi
Construction Chemicals Committee	Dr. S.K. Manjrekar	Shri V. Unnikrishnan
Corporate Affairs Committee	Shri Mahendra Kumar Sethi	Shri MukeshVerma
CPWD Committee	Shri Ram Avtar	Shri Sanjeev Bansal ***** Shri Alex Mathew Vellappally
Environment Committee	Shri SudhirDnyandeoGharge	Shri Mathew V. Jacob
Green Building & Eco friendly Material & Method Committee	Shri K. Subramani	Shri S. Ramaprabhu
Grievances Committee	Shri R. Murugan	Shri Rajendra S. Athawale
Housing / RERA Committee	Shri K. Sriram (South-I) "Chairman & Chief Co-ordinator of All Zones, ***** Shri Jawahar Mohanlal Mutha (West) ***** Shri L. Shantha Kumar (South-II)	Shri M. Purnachandra Rao (South I) ***** Shri Randhir R. Bhoite (West) ***** Shri Prince Joseph (South-II)
IFAWPCA Committee	Shri S. Narasimha Reddy	Shri V. Bhaskar Reddy
Indian Construction Journal Committee	Shri Ram M. Bhatia	Dr. Vandana Bhatt ***** Shri S. Arvinth Nepolean

Name of Committee	Chairman 2024-25	Co-Chairman 2024-25
Image Building Committee	Shri Arun Sahai	Shri A. Kasi Visweswara Rao ***** Shri Abi Ponnat *****
		Shri R. Prakash ***** Shri Nitin M. Shah
ISRO Committee	Shri G. VedAnand	
Labour& Social Security Welfare Committee	Shri VedKhurana	Shri Ashish Wig ***** Shri P. Hari Kumar
Legal & Arbitration Committee	Dr. Dharmesh C. Awasthi	Shri Dinkar Singh ***** Shri SwapnilKaulgud ***** Dr. Rajiv B. Krishnani ***** Shri A.K. Ratheesh
MES Committee	Shri Ravi Kumar Kheria	Shri Prakash H. Menda
Membership Development Committee – East, North, South-1, South-II & West	Shri Ranjeet More (West) “Chairman & Chief Co-ordinator of All Zones, ***** Shri Surjit Ghosh (East) ***** Shri Amit Pasricha (North) ***** Shri B. Raghava Rao (South-I) ***** Shri S. Ayyanathan (South-II)	Shri Dattatray Mule (West) ***** (East) ***** Shri Kunal Jain (North) ***** ***** Shri M. Sitharthan (South-II) ***** Shri K. Jyothikumar (South-II)
Mechanization Committee	Shri V.G. Sakthikumar	Shri Bhupesh P. Shah ***** Shri SushilNarayandas Agrawal ***** Shri Sundeep De ***** Shri Rajesh Kumar Madathil
MSME Committee	Shri CH. Ramakotaiah	Shri L. Venkatesan ***** Shri Sabu Thomas ***** Shri Ravi Kumar Bhattad
NHAI Committee	Shri N. Ramalingam	Shri R. Raghu ***** Shri Kirti M. Thacker ***** Shri D. Ramesh ***** Shri K. Devender Reddy

Name of Committee	Chairman 2024-25	Co-Chairman 2024-25
Private Contractors Redressal Committee	Shri V. Sivarajan	Shri Ramakrishnan ***** Shri R.R. Shridhar
Railway Committee	Shri K. Venkatesan	Shri K.A. Johnson
Skill Development Committee	Shri Mahesh M. Mudda (West) "Chairman & Chief Co-ordinator of All Zones, ***** Shri A.N. Balaji (South-II) ***** Shri D.V.N. Reddy (South – I)	Shri Jimish Sura (West)
Standard Contract Condition	Shri R.N. Gupta	Shri Neerav Parmar
Taxation -Direct Tax	Shri Tarun Ghia	Shri S.D. Kannan
Taxation - Indirect Tax Committee	CA M. Raveendaran	Shri Gaurav Goyal ***** CA V.S Sudhir
Water Resources & Sanitation Committee	Shri Ravindra Tyagi	

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TO:

THE TRUSTEES

THE VICE PRESIDENTS

THE STATE CHAIRMEN/CENTRE CHAIRMEN

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dear Sirs,

Reg.: BAI Organisational Elections 2025-26

Further to our letter dated 10th March 2025, please be informed that, the following candidates have been elected and are hereby declared as Office Bearers of BAI HQ for the year 2025-26 in the respective post.

It is also requested to them to take charge of their respective offices from 1st April 2025 and inform the same to the Executive Secretary by email baihq.mumbai@gmail.com and raju_john_in@yahoo.co.uk

President : Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh (*Durgapur*)

Vice-President(s)

Vice-President - East : Shri Narendra Kumar (*Patna*)

Vice-President - North : Shri Ram Avtar (*Delhi*)

Vice-President - South-I : Shri D.V.N. Reddy (*Nalgonda*)

Vice-President - South-II : Shri N. Raghunathan (*Poonamallee*)

Vice-President - West : Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao (*Kanker*)

Hon. General Secretary : Shri Mohinder H. Rijhwani (*Mumbai*)

Hon. General Treasurer : Shri Aniruddha V. Nakhawa (*Mumbai*)

State Chairmen / State Coordinators

State Chairmen **Andhra Pradesh** Shri P. Seshagiri Rao (*NTR*)

State Coordinators **Assam** Shri Surajeet Ghosh (*Tezpur*)**

State Coordinators **Bihar** Shri Manikant (*Patna*)*

State Chairmen **Chhattisgarh** Shri Rupesh Kumar Singhal (*Raipur*)

State Chairmen **Delhi** Shri Amit Pasricha (*Delhi*)

State Chairmen **Gujarat** Shri Keval Parikh (*Ahmedabad*)

State Chairmen **Haryana** Shri Prem Khamsera (*Haryana*)

State Chairmen **Jharkhand** Shri Surender Pal Singh (*Jamshedpur*)

State Chairmen **Karnataka** Shri N. Subramanya (*Mysore*)

State Chairmen **Kerala** Shri K.A. Johnson (*Angamaly*)

State Coordinators **Madhya Pradesh** Shri Sailesh Kumar Chourasiya (*Jabalpur*)*

State Chairmen **Maharashtra** Shri Jagannath S. Jadhav (*Pune*)

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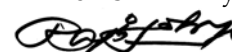
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The new office bearers will assume charge of their respective offices with effect from 1st April 2025, for a Period of 1 year, as per BAI Constitution.

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Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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Ref.: 879/M/2024-25 dated 29th March, 2025

TO:

THE TRUSTEES

THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

THE STATE CHAIRMEN / CENTRE CHAIRMEN

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dear Sirs,

The election process for Trustees of Builders' Association of India for Two years term i.e. 2025-2027 has been completed on 31st March 2025. Following are the election results: -

Trustee (East)	:	1.	Shri Pradeep Kumar Chaudhary (Kolkata)
		2.	Shri Prabir Kumar Mukherjee (Ranchi)
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		2.	Shri Lal Chand Sharma (Gautam Budh Nagar)
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		2.	Shri R. Muthukumar (Pudukkottai)
		3.	Shri L. Venkatesan (Chennai)
Trustee (West)	:	1.	Shri Baburao Shakkarwar (Nanded)
		2.	Shri Rajkumaran Nair (Butibori)
		3.	Shri Ram Bhatia (Mumbai)

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Report of the President and Managing Committee of Builders' Association of India for the year 2024-25

Friends,

The President and the Managing Committee have great pleasure in presenting the 84th Annual Report of the Association along with the Statement of Accounts and the Auditors Report for the year 2024-25.

Construction Industry in India : Driving Economic Growth

The Construction Industry in India expanded by 7.8% in real terms in 2024, supported by public and private sector investments in industrial and energy projects, coupled with the government's investments to improve and expand transport infrastructure.

In July 2024, the government approved the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25 (April 1st, 2024-March 31st, 2025) Budget. The major focus includes the development of the infrastructure sector with a provision of over INR1.1 trillion (\$13.2 billion) for FY2024-25. Furthermore, in the FY2024-25 budget, the government allocated INR11.1 trillion (\$133.7 billion) towards capital expenditure, an increase of 11.1% compared with the FY2023-24 Budget expenditure. This move is expected to boost the construction and infrastructure sector, creating new opportunities for growth and development.

In November 2024, the government approved 50 solar park projects with a combined capacity of 37.5GW across the country. Furthermore, in October 2024, the government reported that the country will attract INR7.2 trillion (\$87 billion) in investment in the petrochemical sector by 2030. Previously, in September 2024, the Prime Minister of India commenced the construction work on various projects including railways, road, power, and housing projects, with a combined value of INR80 billion (\$962.5 million) in Gujarat.

India's construction sector stands as a cornerstone of the nation's economic strategy, pivotal in addressing critical infrastructure needs and providing substantial employment opportunities. Infrastructure construction and real estate assets like offices, retail, housing, and data centres have been the major focus areas for both the government and the private sector. Logistics and warehousing have emerged as critical components within India's construction sector, driven by rapid urbanization and the need for efficient supply chain networks. India's **warehousing market** is expected to see potential demand for **159 Mn square feet by 2047**, with an annual compound growth rate of 4%. The e-commerce and manufacturing industries fuel this growth by driving investments in logistics parks, industrial corridors, and modern warehousing facilities across the country. India's **real estate sector** is also set to expand significantly,

with projections indicating it could reach **\$5.8 Tn by 2047**, contributing 15.5% to the total economic output.

In the fiscal year 2024-25, the government has bolstered its **capital expenditure by 11.1% to \$133 Bn**, equivalent to 3.4% of the GDP. Such investments are poised to catalyze growth within the construction sector, fostering the development of modern infrastructure nationwide.

Furthermore, government initiatives like the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)** have marked significant progress by sanctioning 1.18 Cr houses, with 86.6 lakh completed and 1.15 Cr grounded for construction. This initiative aims not only to alleviate urban housing shortages but also to enhance living standards across the country.

Sustainable development remains a key focus within India's construction sector, with government entities and private developers increasingly adopting green building practices and energy-efficient technologies. Initiatives like promoting green buildings aim to reduce environmental impact, enhance energy efficiency, and foster sustainable urban development. These practices not only contribute to environmental conservation but also align with global climate goals.

India's construction sector is poised for substantial growth, supported by significant government initiatives, robust investments in logistics and warehousing infrastructure, and a steadfast commitment to sustainable development. The sector's role in enhancing infrastructure, facilitating urbanization, and driving economic growth underscores its critical importance in India's broader economic strategy. The trajectory of India's construction sector reflects its integral role in shaping the country's economic landscape. With ongoing initiatives like PMAY-U, HRIDAY, etc. substantial investment commitments, a focus on sustainability through green building practices, and advancements in logistics and warehousing infrastructure, the sector is not only meeting current infrastructure demands but also setting the stage for long-term economic resilience and sustainable urban development across the nation. with a focus on infrastructure development and a number of other measures core to the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Regulation

Current Scenarion and BAI's Initiative

It is now almost seven year since the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA) has been introduced to the domestic real estate market. After having come into being the Central regulation has completely changed the dynamics of the real estate sector, which had been moving in an unorganized manner. RERA has been a watershed event for the real estate industry, which in the last couple of years, has witnessed a series of disruptive policy initiatives. While, post RERA, the industry is still under transition, the regulation presents tremendous potential to transform the entire landscape of the industry, going forward.

Reforms led by RERA are helping the property sector to commence its second growth phase, where market will move in a much transparent and organized manner. The process has started to create a market place, where all stakeholders act in a much accountable fashion and thus

entail the much-needed depth to the market structure and its functions in the long run. While the market is gradually in the process of coming out of the short-term disruptions like demonetization, GST and others, the long-term reform such as RERA is showing its impact on the overall functioning of the real estate business in the country.

MahaRERA Vide its circular No. 26/2019 dated 1st November, 2019 has made it mandatory from 1st December, 2019 for promoters of real estate projects registered with MahaRERA to be a member of a MahaRERA registered 'Self-Regulatory Organisation' (SRO). Such real estate promoters are required to mandatorily disclose their membership details with an SRO on the website of MahaRERA.

BAI is a registered SRO with MahaRERA.

Ref.:289/J/2024-25 dated 10th July, 2024

To,

Shri Manohar Lal ji
Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs
Government of India,
Room No. 104- C,
Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road,
New Delhi - 110 001

Respected Sir,

Sub.: Request to include a nominee from BAI to the Central advisory Council of RERA.

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Real Estate Companies founded in 1941, with more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 214 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all round improvements in the construction sector, which constitutes infrastructure and housing sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry. This involves making efforts to obtain from policy makers and authorities, the level of attention that the construction industry deserves in view of its tremendous contribution and importance to the economy.

Sir, BAI Membership consists of a huge number of Real Estate Developers across the country.

Sir, BAI is honoured to have its representatives at various Committees of both Central and State Government, so that, it could provide with valuable inputs which helps the Government to bring unanimity in implementing the provisions in the industry more effectively.

Sir, with this purpose in mind, may we request you to kindly include the name of a senior member of BAI in the Central Advisory Council of RERA, so that the Housing and Real Estate Industry could make its view points for consideration.

We hope you will consider our request favourably, as it will be result mutual benefit to all concerned.

Further, we would also request you to kindly grant us an audience at any place and time suiting to your goodself, to discuss with you about BAI associating with Government agencies in developing, Affordable Housing' and 'Smart Cities'.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K. Viswanathan
PRESIDENT

BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

To

Shri Sunil Ukirade
Upper Secretary, Housing Depart
Government of Maharashtra

Dear Sir,

Sub.: BAI Suggestions on Policy for Maharashtra State Housing Policy.

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Real Estate Companies founded in 1941, with more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 215 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all round improvements in the construction sector, which constitutes infrastructure and housing sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry. This involves making efforts to obtain from policy makers and authorities, the level of attention that the construction industry deserves in view of its tremendous contribution and importance to the economy.

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Please find attached herewith BAI's suggestions on Policy for Maharashtra State Housing Policy and we hope you will consider our request favourably, as it will be result mutual benefit to all concerned.

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ANAND GUPTA
VICE PRESIDENT
BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Suggestions By Builders' Association of India (BAI)

As stated In draft Housing Policy on RERA at page-75

Under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, the Government has established the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA) for regulation of real estate sector infusing transparency, financial discipline, citizen centricity, accountability and speedy redressal of complaints. One of the key provisions of RERA is the mandatory disclosure of project details by developers, including information on project completion timelines, carpet area, amenities, and pricing which are very crucial in any real estate project, more so in the affordable housing projects.

The Act provides for filing of complaint with MahaRERA, by an aggrieved person for any violation or contravention of the provisions of the Act. So far, 24789 complaints have been registered with MahaRERA, out of which only 16979 complaints have been resolved 40. Timely redressal of complaints is crucial especially in the case of affordable housing projects.

Our Suggestions to address this, the Government should take following measures:

- a) Adequate staffing: Given the large number of registered projects, lodged complaints and grievances, the functioning of MahaRERA needs to be expanded. There should be enough staff to handle all the functions effectively.
- b) Staff on deputation: Currently, most of the important posts in MahaRERA are filled on contractual basis.

Some of the officers and staff members appointed in 2017 on contractual basis are still serving. However, to ensure efficient working of the authority, the important and senior posts should be appointed on deputation from other Government Departments.

- c) Bench at each district for complaint redressal: For timely redressal of complaints, there should be benches at each district level.
- d) Provision of consolidated state fund: The fees and penalties collected by MahaRERA should be credited to the consolidated state fund. The funds for functioning of RERA can be disbursed from this fund as per requirement.
- e) Responsibility to get it completed stalled project, lapse project needs to be fixed on MahaRERA to increase the confidence of purchaser and confidence of financial institutes.
- f) Prohibition on any consultant to visit MahaRERA officer to help his client needs to be removed. This is coming in way of easy doing business.
- g) To full fill social obligation houses should be given on 1 Rs rent not on ownership to avoide further encouragement to make slum.
- h) Redevelopment of old buildings, with regards to 33/7 33/9 33/5 force of law on all i.e. owner,tenant and authorities to get advantage of all incentive FSI should be made for fast redevelopment.

Advanced analytics aid real estate decisions

In a changing real estate landscape, advanced analytics are replacing conventional decision-making methods. Using advanced analytics in sector decisions has many benefits that play a critical role in staying ahead in a competitive market.

Previously, many real estate firms made decisions using gut feeling and historical data. Data-driven decisions provide a broader range of factors and gives clearer insights into a location's potential and risks.

Developers and investors face difficulties in acting quickly on prospects because standard techniques of data analysis are time-consuming and inefficient. Shifting through vast amounts of data with limited tools to identify obscure trends and make informed decisions is now ineffective. As a result, opportunities often slip away by the time the necessary information has been compiled, classified and analysed.

Advanced analytics, using various data sources and machine learning, significantly improve decision-making. Such tools lead to more effective market strategies and better investment outcomes. They integrate various data sources, automate data compilation and link different databases for analysis. This helps in identifying patterns and forecasts from the data, providing insights that create new market strategies.

Asset managers can use machine learning to merge broad and local forecasts, prioritising areas with high potential. Joining distinct data points allows for more accurate projections of areas with considerable price appreciation potential.

Developers can use these advanced tools to effectively identify promising areas and clarify property prospects by analysing past transactions and other data. They can select optimal locations and building types, refine their property mix and adjust timing and pricing strategies to maximise value.

Nearby grocery stores are often said to affect the prices of residential property, but the reality is more nuanced. Such pricing is influenced by the mix of quantity, variety and quality of community facilities. The ideal balance between resident concentration and group amenities varies from city to city.

Data-driven methodology offers valuable insights. Conventional factors such as vacancy rates can

predict future values. However, specific factors show that buildings in the same area can have very different rental performance. Similar buildings may have different values when rated with recognised metrics. Such variation significantly affects portfolio results when applied to multiple investments.

The benefits of advanced analytics are evident in stress testing. Predictions under different market scenarios show how properties might perform in various conditions. This allows more informed investment decisions and risk management. Advanced tools can identify properties that maintain their value during market dips, necessary for long-term investment planning.

Linking yields from distinctive models with conventional forecasts provides a comprehensive view, improving decision-making. Analytics ensure resources are used efficiently by forecasting earnings on property improvements. This information guides investment locations for optimal results. Advanced analytics thus enable real estate professionals to make informed, data-driven decisions in property investments and their management.

Integrating advanced analytics into a real estate portfolio requires planning and effort. Compiling sufficient data for accurate algorithms is time-consuming and manual data scrubbing is expensive. Many organisations are interested in advanced analytics but few manage to implement it. Organisations may start by applying analytics to key strategic initiatives. They should focus on data cleaning and formulating and implementing clear-cut practices for data governance, interpretation and decision-making. They must also set up long-term data analytics strategies with defined tasks and objectives extending beyond initial projects.

To remain competitive, real estate organisations must adopt advanced analytics for research, portfolio review and underwriting. This technology, driven by the swift spread of artificial intelligence, offers a predictive capability that cannot be disregarded. Speedy action is crucial to adopting these valuable tools, enhancing the organisation's ability to make informed, data-driven decisions and drive success.

GST : Construction Industry

The Government of India has identified infrastructure and construction as the key drivers for economic growth of the country and major investment is planned in this sector under the current plan.

Construction sector provides major employment opportunities to the citizens of the country.

The changes in the GST Act and Rules will substantially increase the ease of doing the business in the country. It is pertinent to note that GST amendments reduces the cascading effect of tax by allowing seamless credit. Also it will increase compliance across the value chain very

effectively. It is important that GST Act/Rules are modified suitably so that it facilitates the business and reduces legal hassles. This will enable the business houses focus on productive future.

Since its inception on 1st July, 2017, GST has had many contentious provisions, which BAI tackled by engaging in regular interaction with the Government. While some contentious issues were favourably addressed by the Government, some still remain. Mr. K. Viswanathan, President BAI has addressed a detailed all-encompassing representations to Government of India on these contentious issues, which is reproduced below:

Ref.: 307/2024-25 dated 8th August, 2024

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji
Chairperson, GST Council,
5th Floor, Tower II, Jeevan Bharti Building,
Janpath Road, Connaught Place
New Delhi-110 001

Respected Madam,

Sub: - Issues of construction industry needs immediate attention.

- I. Reimbursement of upward revised rates of Tax (Goods and Services Tax) from 12% to 18% on Works Contract Services provided to Central Government, State Government, Union Territory and Local Authority.
- II. Special Mechanisation for payment of GST for contract works relating to Government and its related authorities.
- III. Refund of Excess ITC for construction industry as Inverted duty structure.
- IV. Earliest inclusion of petrol, diesel, etc under GST regime.
- V. Request for New Taxation Immunity Scheme to be announced.

We are happy to congratulate your good office for successful completion of 7th Anniversary of GST implementation.

Under your stellar and dynamic leadership you have been reviewing system and procedure to optimize levy and collection of direct and indirect taxes. We are very sure that with your honest and able approach target for the revenue generation would be achieved.

ABOUT OUR INDUSTRY:

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than 22,000 business entities as its members through nearly 215 chapters across the country. The association is a registered body established with the objective of encouraging trade, industry and profession of construction works and all other ancillary and allied trades and industries amongst others.

As you are aware that the construction industry is the second largest employer of workers, next to agriculture, and employs more than 80 million people in the country. It contributes around 14% of the national GDP and accounts for around 60% of the total plan outlay of the Government. Moreover, the construction industry has forward and backward linkage to more than 400 allied industries and any upward movement in the construction industry would have a cascading effect on these industries and ultimately result in economic growth and revival for the entire country.

- I. Reimbursement of upward revised rates of Tax (Goods and Services Tax) from 12% to 18% on Works Contract Services provided to Central Government, State Government, Union Territory and Local Authority.

This is in reference to the impact of implementation of recommendations for GST rate change relating to works contract services in 47th Council meeting held on 28th and 29th June, 2022 at Chandigarh effective from 18-07-2022.

The following are increased rate of GST due to amendments mentioned:

S.No	Description	From	To
1	Works contract for roads, bridges, railways, metro, effluent treatment plant, crematorium, etc.	12%	18%
2	Works contract supplied to central and state governments, local authorities, for historical monuments, canals, dams, pipelines, plants for water supply, educational institutions, hospitals etc. & sub-contract thereof.	12%	18%
3	Works contract supplied to central and state governments, union territories & local authorities involving predominantly earthwork and sub-contract thereof.	5%	12%

I.1. CLARIFICATION FOR EXISTING INCLUSIVE OF TAX RATE CONTRACTS:

- Before the amendment there are number of contracts, which were covered under reduced rate of 12% or 5% as the case may be. It is to specifically mention that now a days majority of the contract agreements are entered inclusive of GST rate basis. When there is sudden increase of tax rates by 6% for a category of contractors, it will be very difficult to negotiate the rates with the clients. Any upward revision in taxes and that too by 6% will impact the profitability and sustainability of the various contracts or arrangements already entered by the contractors in light of the provisions before amendment.

I.2. EXAMPLES FOR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES:

Work executed for Local Authority and certain Government Departments

- This amendment is covering Local authorities also. Majority of the work allotted are based on the limited budget provisions. Even, if the authorities are ready to provide the additional 6% of tax, they may not get that 6% from the higher Body due to budget restrictions and pass on to the contractors. These kind of issues are also prevailing in various Government Departments which are executing their infrastructure needs with limited resource exposure.
- Certain Government Departments are not at all having any budget provision to allocate the additional levy of 6% tax. It is very difficult time for the contractors who are executing works for the above referred authorities to get the additional burden of this GST 6%.

The projects commenced/allotted in the erstwhile tax regime:

The projects/concessionaire agreement entered into the erstwhile tax regime i.e. (Service tax and VAT) had already faced lot of difficulties during the course of transition in the GST regime. It is observed that such agreements usually had change in law clause wherein the contractors were thus required to claim the GST after taking into account the provisions of Anti Profiteering. Thus though

the tax rate applicable was at 12%, the claim usually of the contractor was in the range of 2.5 to 7%. With the change in applicable rate from 12% to 18%, the entire exercise is required to be re-done for the work done prior to 18.07.2022 and for work done post 18.07.2022. Further this leads to blockage in working capital as the approval process generally takes 6-10 months.

The projects commenced/allotted in the GST regime prior to the proposed amendment date of 18.07.2022.

- It is observed that such concessionaire agreements especially in case of ROAD WORKS and metro projects were allotted on INCLUSIVE TAX PRICE. Though change of law provisions still form part of the concessionaire agreement, clarification must be brought that for projects commenced in the GST regime, the change of law provisions will include change in tax rate as well. Accordingly the concessionaire agreement bid project cost is required to be increased by 5.36% (100*118/112) to account for the change in tax rate.
- In case of Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) projects commenced/allotted in the erstwhile tax regime: For the HAM commenced in the erstwhile regime and only annuity is received in current regime, the developers/ contractors have not availed any input tax credit as the said services were exempted then. Hence such projects for which COD is completed prior to GST regime should be exempted.

In case of Hybrid Annuity Model projects commenced during the GST regime but prior to July, 2022:

In such projects under the concessionaire agreements it was clarified that the bid project cost shall be exclusive of GST. Hence clarification was given that GST on annuity shall be provided separately. However with increase in rate from 12% to 18%, direction may be given to release GST at appropriate rates.

1.3. ADDITIONAL WORKING CAPITAL BURDEN:

- Increase in rate of tax seems to be shifting of money from one pocket to another pocket for the Government as a whole. The private construction contracts were already covered under 18% category,

only government contracts are under 12% category (in case of Earth works). Increase of rate may result into increase the burden on respective Ministries in some cases.

- Each and every work is executed with underlying contract documents. There are numerous examples of agreements with of Centre or State Government, where works are entered on all inclusive basis. In some of the contracts change in tax rate clause is either missing or in some cases it is categorically mentioned that no impact of change in rate of tax will be provided to the agreed rate. In the absence of such clauses or restriction, such contractors will have to bear the burden of increased rate of tax, which is far more unreasonable and will bring many of the contractors under bankruptcy owing to inability to perform works at such reduced rates of tax from client side.

The construction industry is managing to come out the impact of waves of Covid which, as you are aware, has been much stronger and larger in various parts of the country. Further the construction contracts are long term contracts where the prices are locked and any untimely changes to taxes will further drag the various contractors into financial crunch, leaving unfavourable times for most of the contractors and ultimately leading to delay in executions of the majority of the projects. Further as you are also aware that the construction industry is seeing abnormal increase in the prices of cement and steel and the index being used for providing escalation to the contractors is not commensurate with this abnormal increase in the prices of cement and steel. Shortage and migration of labour also creating lot of practical difficulties which are tough

to handle smoothly. Therefore, the financial position of the contractors is very grim.

- Most of the State Government works, bill payments are getting delayed normally by 2 months to 9 months. This additional liability of 6% tax, will also be an additional working capital burden. Since, the Governments are not taking credit of input tax, the 180 days norms for non payment of consideration prescribed for reversal of ITC under section 16(2)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017 and Rule 37 of CGST Rules, 2017 are not at all support the contractors.

I.4. SUBMISSION:

- The impact of this amendment is on the existing and ongoing constructions contracts which were entered into before the date of this amendment.
- This increase in rate of tax for the Construction Industry is very unreasonable and have far reaching implications on the fund flows and operations of the industry in numerous ways.
- The effect of amendment has created a lot of uncertainty in industry about the rates of tax on various contracts, status of existing contracts, reimbursement of increase in rates of tax, etc.
- During this post hectic Covid pandemic situation, the working capital is being locked on account of additional payment of GST within the due date and also an additional burden to the industry.

I.5. PRAYER:

Based on the above submission, we on behalf of Construction industry, brought before the following for the kind attention of your goodness :

SUBMISSION FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF:

- Kindly instruct all the departments to implement the revision in all the agreements suitably and reimburse the revised rate of tax already paid by the contractors to comply the provisions of the GST Acts who are making the timely payment of GST.
- Thus the tax should be paid to the contractors on submission of bill basis and need not be a reimbursement which will lock the working capital of the contractors for unreasonable period.
- Due to non-payment of the increased rate of tax by Government and its Departments, the contractors are forced to make the GST payments be lately. In that situation, the interest and penalty for belated payment would be waived. Or it should be directed to pay interest and penalty for belated payment by the concern departments. The contractor should not be penalised for the delay decision of the

Government Departments.

- Increase in rates of tax in construction contracts is ultimately result into blocking of working capital in the hands of contractors for unreasonable period of time. Further it is to also mention that, in respect of construction contracts even when rate of GST was 12%, there was almost negligible inverted duty structure. Hence a tremendous increase in rates of tax in view of inverted duty structure is completely false and devoid of any merits.
- Audit process as per GST Acts will run for many years. To complete the audit process smoothly, it needs issuance of clarification of list of recipients and the applicability of rate of tax for the various existing contracts entered viz, inclusive of tax, etc., to avoid litigation between the contractors and their clients to come out of the practical issues, faced by the

contractors for the erstwhile amend made.

- The Ministry is requested to issue a clarification overriding all the contracts, that any increase in rates

of tax will be duly passed on to the contractor by the client irrespective of the clause in agreement and if required a supplementary agreement should be entered into.

PERMANENT MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY:

II. REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MECHANISM FOR PAYMENT OF GST FOR CONTRACT WORKS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT AND ITS RELATED AUTHORITIES

The works contract service to Governments, Governmental authority, Government entity, local authority, Union territory are charged at 18% and predominantly Earth works related contracts are charged at 12% as per the notifications issued.

Presently all most all the above service are charged at 18%.

The time of supply is the practical issue in the case of above Government and its related authorities. They are preparing the work bills as per their measurement books, etc which are maintained by the Government Departments.

The contractors are facing lot of practical difficulties in issue of invoices starting from date of stage completion of work, quantity of measurement, etc, to value of bills.

There is lot of delay in payment of bills even after the date of work completion by most of the Government authorities.

Hence, it is requested to amend the provisions of GST Act with a special mechanism to allow the Contractors to make GST payments for Government related works ON RECEIPT BASIS OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL MECHANISM. Government and its related authorities works are transparent one. There will not be any loss to the exchequers.

III. REFUND OF EXCESS ITC SHOULD BE ALLOWED AS INVERTED DUTY

STRUCTURE REFUND CONSIDERING ITC ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES ALSO

Presently Works contract services are considered as Services as per CGST Act, 2017 and there are numerous issues before department at the time of filling of refund in inverted duty structure. Department always consider the contractors' services as similar to real estate service which is not the case.

- a) A clarification can be issued by department in this aspect with calculation of refund as Inverted duty structure. **Amendment is also required to consider ITC of Input services too as part of eligible ITC and allow refund of excess ITC like credits in cash**

ledger.

- b) Allow to file and get refund of excess ITC credit accumulated by construction concerns where the GSTIN registration are surrendered by Dealer.

IV. INCLUSION OF PETROL, DIESEL, ETC., UNDER GST REGIME

Our construction industry is facing various struggles post Covid-19 pandemic. Short supply of materials, abnormal fluctuated increase in prices, movement of migrant labours, non availability of skilled labour, belated payment by contractees (including Government departments) are playing significant delay in executing works.

Compare to other industries our industries are time bound and completion of work in time is foremost criteria. Our members are struggling to complete the work in time and also running short of working capital.

The amendments to increase the rate of tax from 12% to 18% and 5% to 12% is also blocking our working capital for quite some time.

One of our major expenses are relating to purchase of petrol, diesel, etc., for maintenance of vehicles and machinery. Non inclusion of these products under GST REGIME is affecting our industry to extend of value added tax paid. We are unable to get input tax credit for payment of VAT on these products.

Earliest inclusion of petrol, diesel and other petroleum product under GST REGIME may be an additional incentive which will give a boost to our industry.

V. NEW TAXATION IMMUNITY SCHEME TO BE ANNOUNCED

We are thankful to the GST Council for recommends in the 53rd GST Council Meeting:-

- waiving interest and penalties for Demand notices issued under Section 73 of the CGST Act (i.e., the cases not involving fraud, suppression, or willful misstatement, etc.) for the fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, if the full tax demanded is paid up to 31.03.2025.
- the time limit to avail input tax credit w.r.t. any invoice or debit note under Section 16(4) of CGST Act, through any GSTR-3B return filed up to 30.11.2021 for Financial Year 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-

20 and 2020-21, may be deemed to be 30.11.2021.

- and other recommendations

Keeping into consideration of the enormous practical difficulties during transition to GST mechanism, new taxation Immunity scheme needs to be announced suitably. The genuine regular tax payers should be convinced properly.

- h Liberal view shall be taken for Time limit for taking input tax credit (ITC) pertaining to FY 2017-18 to FY 2022-23 and additional time to be allowed for filing of the corresponding Additional Returns and Reports.
- h Further time limit for amending transactions of 2017-18 to 2022-23 in GSTR 1 shall be allowed as it facilitates reflection of such amended details in GSTR 2A of the recipient.
- h It may be proposed an one time measure for suitably waiving interest, penalties for all returns including GSTR 9, 9A, 9B and 9C filed for FY 2017-18 to 2021-22.

Copy to: i) The GST Council Secretariat.
ii) The All Members of GST Council.
iii) The Chief Ministers of all States.
iv) The Finance Ministers of all States.

- h More clarity to be given for already assessment completed cases and the due share of benefit to be passed on to the genuine dealers who have already discharged the tax, interest and penalty in due care and respect.

We look forward to the above-mentioned changes as otherwise our construction industry would go deeper in the financial crisis and the growth of the entire country would suffer thus impacting the generation of the revenue and impacting the dream of Honorable Prime Minister to make India as the **"Business Capital" of the World.**

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K.VISWANATHAN
PRESIDENT
BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

55th GST Council Meeting: Key Highlights

This key highlights all the key points said by the FM during the 55th council press meet

The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 55th meeting of the GST Council today (21st December 2024) at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister of State for Finance, Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, Ajay Seth (Revenue Secretary) along with Chief Ministers from Goa, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Meghalaya, and Odisha, and Deputy Chief Ministers from Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, and Telangana.

The Key highlights of the 55th GST Council Meeting is as follows:

1. Fortified Rice Kernels under Specific HSN Code gets GST Rate Cut to 5%
2. GST on Gene Therapy, Life-Saving Drugs to be Fully Exempt
3. GST Council recommends reduction of Compensation Cess to 0.1% on Supplies to Merchant Exports
4. GST Council Meeting exempts IGST on IAEA Samples subjects to Specific Conditions
5. 55th GST Council clarifies Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (AAC) blocks with over 50% fly ash content to attract 12% GST
6. Food Preparation Inputs for Free Supplies to be Exempt from GST
7. Fresh Green and Black Pepper Supplied by Agriculturists not liable to GST
8. Payment Aggregators processing Payments less than Rs. 2000 eligible for GST Exemption
9. Exemption to Payment Aggregators not Applicable to Payment Gateways
10. No GST payable on Penal Charges collected by Banks from Borrower
11. No Decision on Insurance Premium Rate Cuts, Rate Rationalisation
12. Concept Note for Simpler GST Registration Process for Small Companies gets in-principle approval in GST Council Meeting
13. Amends definition of pre packaged and labelled to cover all commodities intended for retail sale
14. "Please Avoid": Finance Minister advises Media to Rate Cut/Hike Speculations
15. RCM/FCM Applicability on GST imposed on FSI in Realty Sector, GST Council Meeting defers Decision
16. No Agreement to Bring ATF under GST Ambit
17. Training Partners of Skill Training Council to be Exempted from GST
18. Caramelized Popcorn with Added Sugars have to be Treated Differently from Salted (Namkeen) Popcorn
19. Sale of New EVs taxable at 5% GST, Used EVs between Individuals to Remain GST Exempt
20. Margin on Sale of Second Hand EVs to be Taxed at 18% GST.

BAI President interacts with Hon'ble Finance Minister and top officers in Coimbatore

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, was in Coimbatore on 10th and 11th September, 2024 along with heads and high ranking officials from Departments of the Union Finance and other Ministries.

During Hon'ble Union Finance Minister's interaction with industry leaders, Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI highlighted about the difficulty of contractors who are not getting the increased levy of GST from 12% to 18% and also impressed Hon'ble Union Finance Minister of including the Petroleum Products in GST Tax Regime, high steel price in spite of the low raw material cost, etc.

BAI President also requested Hon'ble Union Finance Minister to help construction industry to import the steel without any import duty and presented a memorandum in this regards (*printed herein below*). The Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, assured that she will look into the issues positively.

Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI met Dr. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, Additional Development Commissioner. Establishment, Policy, Procurement, Finance Related Schemes, National Board and presented her a memorandum (*printed herein below*) highlighting the challenges regarding the eligibility of Works Contracts under MSME. BAI President was accompanied by, Shri

P. N. Suresh, State Chairman, BAI Kerala and Shri C. Lakshmanan, Chairman, BAI, Coimbatore Centre. President and others also participated in a meeting with Dr. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, wherein BAI President highlighted the finer points of BAI's memorandum. Dr. Ishita Ganguli Tripathy has assured of her full support in addressing the issues raised by BAI.

BAI President also met Smt. Himani Bhayana, Commissioner (CX & ST), Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and presented here a memorandum (*printed herein below*). BAI President was accompanied by, Shri P. N. Suresh, State Chairman, BAI Kerala and CA M. Raveendaran, Chairman, BAI's Indirect Tax Committee.

BAI President also met Shri Hardik Mukesh Sheth, Director, Work Allocation, Banking Operations and Accounts-II (BOA-II), Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and discussed on the modification of NPA classification for MSMEs with outstanding dues from government departments. Shri P. N. Suresh, State Chairman, BAI Kerala and CA M. Raveendaran, Chairman, BAI's Indirect Tax Committee also participated in the discussion.

CEMENT MATTER

BAI filed petition before the Competition Commission of India on the cartelisation of Cement Manufacturers. The Hon'ble Competition Commission have penalised Cement Manufacturers Rs.6,307 Crore and asked them to deposit the same before them. This is the highest penalty ever levied by Indian judicial system. CCI formally allows BAI to implead the Cement Cartelisation Petition.

Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI continued to take up various issues confronting the Indian building and construction industry by sending memorandums to the concerned Union Ministers, Secretaries, etc. The letters written by Shri K. Viswanathan are printed herein below.

Ref.: 205/J/2024-25 dated June 7, 2024

Shri Narendra Modiji
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Government of India
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
NEW DELHI - 110 001

Respected Hon'ble Prime Minister Sir,

Sub.: Constituting Separate Ministry for Construction and Infrastructure Sector.

Congratulations and Greetings from BAI!

At the outset, I personally and as President of BAI, having more than 215 branches all over India, congratulate you for achieving third term as Prime Minister of India.

Sir, Builders' Association of India (BAI) is the all India apex body of construction industry, which spread at the length and breadth of the country with more than two Lakh members, which are executing major and minor projects, including infrastructure projects for Government Agencies, Entities, Undertakings, PSUs as well as private projects across the country.

BAI act as a bridge between the Government and our members to enable the implementation of the policies of the Government smoothly, with all sectors of the industry.

Sir, as you know, Construction is an important constituent of every sector in the economy. It is one of the core sectors of economy with a gross value output of almost Rs.12,000 plus billion. It accounts around 13.9% of the GDP in terms of value added. The sector has witnessed a growth rate of around 8% over last three plan period and is expected to grow around 15% during the next 3 years (As per NITI Aayog's vision statement). Construction accounts for about 40% of the gross investments in the country and 50% of the cost of Infrastructure. For every rupee invested in construction, 78 paise is added to the GDP. Construction Industry employs around 50 million workers and regarded as next only to agriculture in terms of employment.

Sir, due to the importance and significance of construction

sector, nearly 50% of the total plan outlay is budgeted to the development of infrastructure in the Union Budget for the year 2022-23. The National Highway Sector, Residential construction, Energy Sector, Railway Sector, Industrial construction, Commercial construction, Institutional Construction, Airport Seaport etc etc are a few to name, which is in full flow of developing in the country.

Sir, as the new Government under your excellent leadership is now being formed at the Union Government, BAI earnestly request you to kindly consider forming a 'Construction Industry Ministry' to coordinate and quicken the activities of the Infrastructure which will move the vehicle of growth to the overall development of the country, which ultimately result your dream of making India a Dollar 5 Trillion economy in the near future.

We also humbly request your audience to meet you at your office to discuss about a few issues of our industry, on any date and time convenient to you.

Looking forward to kind consideration of positive response by formation of the new Ministry for Construction Industry.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K. VISWANTHAN
President, Builders' Association of India

To,

The Hon'ble Members of Parliament,

Respected Sir,

Sub: Request to Appointment of Cement Regulatory Authority.

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is the apex body of Construction Industry, founded in 1941, with more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 214 Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all around improvements in the construction sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry. This involves making efforts to obtain from policy makers and authorities, the level of attention that the construction industry deserves in view of its tremendous contribution and importance to the economy.

Respected Sir, as known to you, the construction industry is the second largest employer of workers, next to agriculture, and employs more than 50 million people in the country. It contributes around 9% of the national GDP and accounts for around 60% of the total plan outlay of the Government. Moreover, the construction industry has forward and backward linkage to more than 400 allied industries and any upward movement in the construction industry would have a cascading effect on these industries and ultimately result in economic growth and revival for the entire country.

Respected Sir, Cement is one of the major construction materials used in all segments of Construction Industry namely, Housing (55% -65%), Infrastructure (15% - 25%), Commercial and Industrial Construction (10% -15%), and Industry (5% -15%). There is no consumer other than Construction Industry for cement.

Infrastructure and Housing Sectors being an enabler of economic growth and enhancer of quality of life have high priority in Governments action plan. Cement is part of core industry and is a basic input for construction sector. Cement Industry, as a rule indulges in cartel type of arrangement to control the production and supply with the sole aim of profiteering and this has been found to be existing in the Cement Industry as is evident from the following Judgement / comments: -

- (a) In Enquiry No. RTPE 99/1990 on 28th November 2006, Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission directed cement companies 'cease and desist order'. The Hon'ble M.R.T.P. Commission again in Enquiry No. RTPE 21/2001 decreed on 29th February 2008 observed that, "Cement companies are guilty of forming cartel and issued to cease and desist order. The M.R.T.P. Commission also directed them to file the Affidavit with effect that, they won't do cartelisation again". The appeal filed by Cement

Manufacturers' are pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

- b) On 20th June 2012, the Hon'ble Competition Commission of India in case No.29/2010 filed by BAI, conclusively found the existence of cartel arrangement amongst the Cement Manufacturers resulting the manipulation of sale price of cement, and imposed a penalty of Rs.6,307.32 Crore on 10 Cement Manufacturers plus Cement Manufacturers Association (CMA) and also issued 'cease and desist order'. Against this order, the Cement Manufacturers have appealed before the Hon'ble NCALT and NCALT in its Order dated 25th July 2018 confirmed penalty. Against the NCALT Order, the Cement Manufacturers have filed appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 5th October 2018. The matter is admitted and pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- c) Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Commerce presented its 95th Report on "Performance of Cement Industry" on 24th February 2011 to Rajya Sabha, recommended Vide No. 25. "The Committee is dismayed to note that that one of the reasons for price rise of cement is profit motive of the cement companies. The calculation of fair price and the average retail price, gives a fair idea about the extent of profit per bag will only add to the burden of the consumer i.e. the common man. This will also affect the infrastructure industry. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommends that the Government should establish a statutory regulatory authority to regulate the price of cement to curb the tendencies of market dominance, underutilization of capacity and artificial scarcity. (Para 3.24)
- d) STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 348 FOR ANSWER ON 18.03.2020. Cement Industry has been de-controlled in 1989 and de-licensed in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization. Decisions of installation of new plants are taken by the industry based on market demand.

The Cement Manufacturers' are deliberately not utilising the installed capacity of Cement Production with the purpose of creating an artificial shortage of availability of Cement in the market to control the price.

Respected Sir, this is in line with the Government's resolve to control the core economic sectors, by appointment regulatory bodies like:-

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| (a) Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in 1992 for stock markets. | Looking to the unfair business practice indulged by cement producers, BAI feels appointment of a Cement Regulatory Authority is necessary, for which your support in the form of recommendation to Ministry of Commerce & Industry is requested. |
| (b) Telcom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in 1997 for Telecom Sector. | |
| (c) Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for Insurance Sector in 1999. | Thanking you, |
| (d) Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) in 2016 for Real Estate Sector. | |

Yours faithfully,



K.VISWANATHAN
PRESIDENT

BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Note: Details of case can be availed by sending request to Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary by email: baihq.mumbai@gmail.com

Labour Law Matters

BAI appreciated Government's vision about the Construction Industry, particularly emphasising the new labour Codes in the background of new dimensions of the construction Industry and expectation from the

contractors & builders to achieve the aforesaid mission. BAI Always support the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

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Cc: Sridhar Potaraju <sridhar@sridharpotaraju.com>

Subject: W.P. (C) No. 2011 of 2016

Respected Sir,

Ref: W.P. (C) No. 2011 of 2016

Builders Association of India Vs. The Regional Director
Employees State Insurance

The next date of hearing is on 07.02.2024.

This is to inform you that I have been designated as Senior Advocate vide notification dated 19.01.2024 as issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. In view of the aforesaid development, you are requested to engage a new Advocate-on-Record at the earliest. A soft copy of the complete records available with us is attached below for your perusal.

The next date of hearing in the aforementioned matters as available on the website of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi is also enclosed herewith for your reference.

REGARDS

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+ W.P.(C) 2011/2016, CM APPL. 8687/2016 & CM APPL. 44974/2016

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

..... Petitioner

Through: Appearance not given

versus

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE & ANR

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Mahesh Srivastava and

Mr.Vaibhav Manu Srivastava,

Advocates for R-1 and 2

Mr.A.K. Verma, Advocate for ESCI

alongwith Mr.Arvind Kumar Bansal, SSO ESIC

Mr.Anuj Agarwal, Advocate for GNCTD

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA DHARI SINGH

O R D E R

07.02.2024

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of parties seek an adjournment submitting to the effect that Hon'ble Supreme Court in the transfer petitions bearing Transfer Petition (civil) Nos. 576-598/2019 has stayed further proceedings in the present writ petitions bearing W.P.(C) 2011/2016, W.P.(C) 6338/2016, W.P.(C) 10594/2016 and W.P.(C) 5978/2017 and the matter is pending for

adjudication.

At joint request of learned counsel for the parties, list on 25th September, 2024.

CHANDRA DHARI SINGH, J

FEBRUARY 7, 2024/dy/ds

ITEM NO.59

COURT NO.2

SECTION IX

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO(S). 13351/2018
(ARISING OUT OF IMPUGNED FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER DATED 14-03-2017
IN WP NO. 846/2016 PASSED BY THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
AT GOA)

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

Date : 06-07-2018 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RANJAN GOGOI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. ABDUL NAZEER

For Petitioner(s)

Mr. Gopal Jain, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Jose Abraham, AOR
Ms. Prashanti, Adv.
Mr. M.P. Srivignesh, Adv.
Mr. B. Mathews, Adv.
Ms. Neema Noor Mohamed, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

Mr. Rajeev Shukla, Adv.
Ms. Shivani Kapoor, Adv.
Mr. Lakshay Mangla, Adv.
Mr. Prakash Ranjan Nayak, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Upon hearing the learned counsels for the parties and taking into account the orders passed by several High Courts in respect of the same subject matter, we are of the view that an interim order would be justified in the facts of the present case. Accordingly, the order of the Bombay High Court at Goa dated 14th March 2017 passed in W.P. No. 846 of 2016 as also the Circular dated 31st July, 2015 of the Employees State Insurance Corporation shall remain stayed until further orders.

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No.T.11/13/11/03/2015 Rev.II

Dated : 26.09.2018

To,

**All RDs/Director/JD Incharge
Regional Office/SROs, /DO**

Sub: Extension of the ESI Scheme to Construction Site Workers-reg.

Sir,

ESIC vide its Order dt.31.07.2015 had issued instructions regarding extension of ESI Scheme to construction site workers through which site workers of construction companies were also to be covered under ESI Scheme.

CREDAI and Several Builders filed Writ Petition No.846 of 2016 in the High Court of Bombay at Goa challenging ESIC order dated 31.07.2015. The Hon'ble High Court dismissed the writ petition of CREDAI and others vide its order dated 14.03.2017.

The Builder Association of India challenged the extension of ESI Scheme to construction site workers before Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide SLP No.13351/2018.

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide its order dt.06.07.2018 has ordered that "an interim order would be justified in the facts of the present case. Accordingly, the order of the Bombay High Court at Goa dated 14th March 2017 passed in W.P. No. 846 of 2016 as also the Circular dated 31st July, 2015 of the ESIC shall remain stayed until further orders."

Consequently, references have been received on the following points:

1. During the stay period whether ESIC contribution may be collected or not in respect of construction site workers.
2. During this period of non payment of contribution if any claim for benefit comes in notice of ESIC for construction site workers whether the same is to be accepted or not.

In view of above, it is clarified that no ESI contribution may be collected from the construction site workers and from their employers during the period of stay order by Hon'ble Supreme Court and also no benefits could be extended to such workers during the corresponding benefit period.

This issues with the approval of the Director General.

Yours faithfully


(MOHIT RAJA)
DY. DIRECTOR(REV.)

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Note : Principal employer is responsible for remittance of PF dues of contract employees.

2024 LLR 323
Madras High Court
Hon'ble Mrs. R. Hemalatha, J.
W.P. No. 31400/2023 & MP No. 31021/2023,
Dt/- 3-11-2023

The commissioner, Maraimalai Nagar
Municipality
v.

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I

EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUNDS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ACT, 1952 Sections 2F, 6, 7A & 8A - Provident Fund Contribution - Respondent-Commissioner under section 7A of Act determined liability of Petitioner towards Provident Fund Contribution Waiver petition filed by petitioner was considered by directing to deposit 35% of Award amount, they did not comply with the orders consequent upon which the appeal was not admitted - High Court Held, section 2F of the Act includes any person employed by or through a contractor in or in connection with the work of the establishment - All the workers come within the definition of section 2F of the Act - Petitioner being the principal employer should pay the Provident Fund due to the employees - Petitioner had failed to make contribution as per section 6 of the Act and they failed to fulfil the responsibilities as per section 8A of the Act - Orders passed by Respondent cannot be found fault with Petition dismissed. Paras 6 and 7

For Petitioner: Mr. P. Srinivas, Advocate.

For Respondent: Mr. R. Thirunavukarasu, Standing Counsel.

ORDER

R. Hemalatha, J.-1. The Writ Petitioner is the the Commissioner, Maraimalai Nagar Municipality, Maraimalai Nagar, Chennai 603 209.

2. The respondent, the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I, Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Tambaram, Chennai, in exercise of powers conferred under section 7A of the Employees Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), vide his orders dated 30-10-2019 in TB/TAM/63253/Enf/CC-II/T-6/Proceedings/2019, had determined the liability of the petitioner towards Provident Fund Contribution as Rs. 4,66,91,123/- for

the Period from January 2011 to March 2016. The Writ Petitioner was further directed to pay the entire amount within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of the order, failing which the same would be recovered in the manner as prescribed under section 8B to 8G of the Act.

3. Aggrieved over the orders passed by the respondent, the petitioner filed an appeal before the Employees Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal Chennai, in EPFA No.257/2019 along with waiver petition to waive the mandatory payment of 75% of the Award as per section 7(0) of the Act and the said petition was considered by the Presiding Officer of the Employees Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal Chennai. Accordingly the Writ Petitioner was directed to pay 35% of the Award amount payable by them. Since the Writ petitioner did not pay the said amount, the appeal was dismissed for non-compliance of the said condition.
4. Aggrieved by the above said orders, the present Writ Petition is filed.
5. Mr. P. Srinivas, learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner contended that the respondent cannot recover the amounts under section 7A of the Act as they have engaged persons only through different contractors and that the respondent should have proceeded only against those contractors. He therefore would contend that the entire proceedings of the respondent and the orders of the Tribunal are liable to be set aside.
6. Per contra, Mr.R.Thirunavukarasu, learned Standing counsel for the respondent contended that Maraimalai Nagar Municipality was brought under the purview of the Act with effect from 08-01-2011 by virtue of the Central Government Notification No. S.O.30E dated 08-01- 2011 extending the provisions of the Act to all 'Municipal Councils and Municipal Corporations constituted under sub-clauses (b) and (c) of clause (i) of Article 243Q of the Constitution of India, employing 20 or more persons. As the employer failed to report compliance under the Provisions of the Act and three Schemes framed thereunder, an enquiry in terms of section 7A of the Act was initiated and an inquiry was conducted. Thereafter the liability of the writ petitioner was quantified (as stated in paragraph No. 2).
- 6.1. The learned counsel for the respondent further drew the attention of this Court to section 2F of the Act, which reads as under:

Section 2(f) in The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952

(f) "employee" means any person who is employed for wages in any kind of work, manual or otherwise,

in or in connection with the work of an establishment, and who gets, his wages directly or indirectly from the employer, and includes any person,-

(i) employed by or through a contractor in or in connection with the work of the establishment;

(ii) engaged as an apprentice, not being an apprentice engaged under the Apprentices Act, 1961 (52 of 1961), or under the standing orders of the establishment;

(ff) "exempted employee" means an employee to whom a Scheme or the Insurance Scheme, as the case may be, would, but for the exemption granted under section 17, have applied;

His contention is that it has been clarified by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation that the Central Government Notification No. S.O.30E dated 08-01-2011 would apply to all categories of employees of the establishment (as per the definition of under section 2F of the Act) excluding the employees who are in enjoyment of Provident Fund and pensionary benefits according to the Rules of the Government, Municipalities, etc. He would therefore contend that section 2F of the Act includes any person employed by or through a contractor in or in connection with the work of the establishment and in this case it was admitted that the employees were engaged through contractors for activities relevant and very much linked with the Municipality. Therefore his contention is that the Writ Petitioner is liable to pay the Provident Fund quantified by the respondent.

7. The exemption under the EPF Act would be available only in respect of those employees of the Petitioner to whom the Tamil Nadu Municipal Services Pension Rules, 1970 (hereinafter referred to as the TNMSP Rules for short) applies. However, the workers, who have been engaged through contractors employed by the Petitioner, are not entitled to get any benefit under the TNMSP Rules. In this context, it must be recalled here that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Pawan Hans Limited v. Aviation Karmachari Sanghatana, (2020) 13 SCC 506 has held that the exemption under section 16(1)(b) and (c) of EPF Act cannot be availed when the establishment does not cover all its employees under any other Provident Fund Scheme. The Government of Tamil Nadu realized this anomaly prevailing in the Municipalities across the State and issued directions to the concerned authorities as stated below:-

- (i) The Commissioner of Municipal Administration by Letter No.57084/2011/L3 dated 21- 10- 2014 addressed to all Commissioners of Municipal Councils has communicated the decision of the State Government that though the Municipalities/

Corporations take up works through private Contractors, the authorities concerned should ensure that the Contractors pay the PF subscription of their employees duly to the PF organization, otherwise, the responsibility for the same will be fixed on the concerned Municipalities/Corporations, which is the principal employer, if the Contractors default in this regard.

- (ii) The Government of Tamil Nadu by Letter No. 18826/MC5/2016-1, dated 19-08-2016, sent to the Commissioner of Municipal Administration requested all the Municipal Councils in the State to comply with the provisions of the EPF Act, to withdraw the Court cases, in addition to share the details of Contractors/contracts awarded by them in the principal employer portal available in the website of Employees Provident Fund Organization to facilitate the extension of social security benefits to all the eligible persons.
 - (iii) A letter in ROC No. 1819/2016/L3, dated 19-10-2016, was sent by the Commissioner of Municipal Administration to all Municipal Commissioners to take necessary action in connection with implementation of the EPF Act and the schemes framed thereunder in respect of employees of Municipalities and Corporations and send the report directly to the Employees Provident Fund Organization concerned.
 - (iv) A Letter No. 14070/ME.3/2016-4, dated 20-12-2016 was also sent by the the Government of Tamil Nadu to the Commissioner of Municipal Administration stating that the Notification No. S.O. 30(E) dated 08-11-2011 issued by the Central Government shall cover all employees of establishments as per definition of 'employee' under section 2(f) of EPF Act excluding the employees who are getting benefits of provident fund and pension according to TNMSP Rules of the State Government or municipal laws, etc., and that the benefits under the EPF Act have to be extended to all eligible employees.
 - (v) The Commissioner, Municipal Administration had further sent a Letter Na. Ka. No. 23701/2020/L-1 dated 05-02-2021 to all the Municipal Commissioners reiterating the requirements to comply with the provisions of the EPF Act, including the timely remittance of the contribution deducted from the bills of the contractors and failure to do so, would result in penal consequences.
- 7.1 The Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India by Letter No. S-35025/15-88-SS- II dated 08-01-1989 sent to the Central Provident Fund Commissioner has issued instructions on similar lines, which is extracted below:-

"(iv) There may be establishments which employ

large number of casual/contingent staff who are not entitled to the benefit of provident fund or pension. The casual/contingent staff of such establishment will continue to be covered under the Act, but their regular employees who are entitled to the benefit of provident fund pension should be excluded from the purview of the Act."

The Constitution Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Sant Ram Sharma v. State of Rajasthan, AIR 1967 SC 1910, had held as follows:-

"7.....It is true that Government cannot amend or supersede statutory rules by administrative instructions, but if the rules are silent on any particular point, Government can fill up the gaps and supplement the rules and issue instructions not inconsistent with the rules already framed."

It would be relevant here to extract section 21 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, which reads thus:-

- 21. Responsibility for payment of wages.-(1) A contractor shall be responsible for payment of wages to each worker employed by him as contract labour and such wages shall be paid before the expiry of such period as may be prescribed.
- (2) Every principal employer shall nominate a representative duly authorized by him to be present at the time of disbursement of wages by the contractor and it shall be the duty of such representative to certify the amounts paid as wages in such manner as may be prescribed.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the contractor to ensure the disbursement of wages in the presence of the authorized representative of the principal employer.
- (4) In case the contractor fails to make payment of wages within the prescribed period or makes short payment, then the principal employer shall be liable to make payment of wages in full or the unpaid balance due, as the case may be, to the contract labour employed by the contractor and recover the amount so paid from the contractor either by deduction from any amount payable to the contractor under any contract or as a debt payable by the contractor?

That apart, Rules 25(2)(iv), 71, 72 and 73 of the Tamil Nadu Contract Labour Rules, 1975, provides as follows:-

- (2) Every licence granted under sub-rule (1) or renewed under rule 29 shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:-

...

(iv) the rates of wages payable to the workmen by

the contractor shall not be less than the rates prescribed under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (11 of 1948), for such employment where applicable and where the rates have been fixed by agreement, settlement or award, not less than the rates so fixed;

...

71. A notice showing the wage period and the place and time of disbursement of wages shall be displayed at the place of work and a copy sent by the contractor to the principal employer under acknowledgment.
72. The principal employer shall ensure the presence of his authorised representative at the place and time of disbursement of wages by the contractor to workmen and it shall be the duty of the contractor to ensure the disbursement of wages in the presence of such authorised representative.
73. The authorised representative of the principal employer shall record under his signature a certificate at the end of the entries in the Register of Wages or the Register of Wages-cum Muster Roll as the case may be, in the following form:-

"Certified that the amount shown in column No. has been paid to the workman concerned in my presence on at"

In the instant case the principal employer, the Writ Petitioner, should have verified that the contract labourers engaged through contractors are paid the eligible amount of wages and payment of Provident Fund Contribution on time and they cannot direct the respondent to proceed against the contractors who had engaged all the workers. The contention of the learned counsel for the writ petitioner that the

respondent ought to have proceeded against the contractors and not against the present writ petitioners cannot be accepted for the simple reason that section 2F of the Act includes any person employed by or through a contractor in or in connection with the work of the establishment and in the instant case all the workers come within the definition of section 2F of the Act and the petitioner being the principal employer should pay the Provident Fund due to the employees. Moreover the employees were engaged through contractors for activities relevant and linked with Municipalities/Corporations. The Writ Petitioner had failed to make contribution as per section 6 of the Act and they failed to fulfill the responsibilities as per section 8A of the Act and the provisions of the scheme framed there under.

- 7.2 In the circumstances, the orders passed by the respondent cannot be found fault with. It is also seen that the Writ Petitioner filed an appeal before the Employees Provident Fund appellate Tribunal, Chennai, along with waiver petition mandated under section 7(0) of the Act. Though the said waiver petition was considered by directing the present writ petitioners to deposit 35% of the Award amount, they did not comply with the orders consequent upon which the appeal was not admitted. Since this Court has held that the orders passed by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II, Employees Provident Fund Organisation, Tambaram, Chennai, is perfectly in order, the present Writ Petition is liable to be dismissed.
8. In the result, the Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs. Consequently connected Writ Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

ESIC Matter - BAI's efforts pays off.....

As many BAI members were apprehensive of the adverse effect of such a sudden implementation of the Act in the industry, BAI immediately took up the matter to various High Courts and obtained 'Stay' order restraining the E.S.I. Department taking action against contractors on coverage of Employees' State Insurance Scheme to the construction workers. BAI is also instrumental in ESIC issuing circular No.T.11/13/11/03/2015 Rev. II dated 26/09/2018, exempting construction site workers from the purview of the provisions of ESIC act.

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SUPREME COURT SPECIAL LOK ADALAT CENTRAL-II ROUSE AVENUE COURT COMPLEX DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY NOTICE

To,

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA DIRECTOR,
OFFICE AT G-1/G-20, 7TH FLOOR COMMERCE
CENTRE, J. DADAJEE ROAD, TARDEO, MUMBAI,
MAHARASHTRA

In the matter of: EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION AND ANR. ETC
Vs.
ITD CEMENTATION INDIA LTD. AND ANR. ETC

Reference : T.P.(C) No. 576-598/2019 @28006/2018

This is to inform you that a Special Lok Adalat is scheduled to be held from 29th July, 2024 to 3rd August, 2024 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, and the aforesaid case no. pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, wherein you are the **RESPONDENT** (Petitioner/ Respondent/ Party), has been identified as one of the suitable cases to be placed in the said Lok Adalat.

Hence, you are requested to appear in person or through your duly authorized representative or counsel physically/virtually for the Pre-Lok Adalat sitting on **28 JUNE 2024 at 10 AM AT COURT NUMBER 303, 3rd FLOOR, ROUSE AVENUE COURT COMPLEX, PANDIT DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAY MARG NEW DELHI-110002.**

Video Call Link:

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S. No.	NAME	CASE NO.	COURTS	DATE OF FILING
1.	ITD Cementation India Ltd. Vs. Union of India & Ors	Writ Petition No.9654 of 2016	High Court of Delhi at New Delhi	18.11.2016
2.	Builders Association of India vs. The Regional Director, ESIC	Writ Petition No.2011 of 2016	High Court of Delhi at New Delhi	05.03.2016
3.	Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd. Vs. Employees State Insurance Corporation and 2 Others	Writ Petition No.10594 of 2016	High Court of Delhi at New Delhi	04.11.2016
4.	M/s. Sapthagiri Constructions vs. Employees State	Writ Petition No.41268 of 2015	High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad	15.12.2015
5.	Indian Hume Pipe Co. Ltd., vs. ESIC & Ors	Writ Petition No.16772 of 2016	High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad,	21.05.2016
6.	GYT-TPL Joint Venture vs. Union of India & Ors	Writ Petition No.6338 of 2016	High Court of Delhi at New Delhi	18.07.2016
7.	M/s. Pratibha China State Joint Venture (a unit of Pratibha Industries Ltd.) vs. the State of Bihar & Ors	Writ Petition No.16019 of 2016	Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Patna	5.09.2016

8.	Builders Association of India & Employees State Insurance Corporation &Anr	Writ Petition No.29496 of 2015	Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras	24.09.2015
9.	M/s PrakshAsphaltings& Toll Highways [India] Limited vs. Additional Commissioner (revenue) &Anr	Writ Petition No.7808 of 2016	Hon'ble High Court of Madhya Pradesh bench at Indore	26.5.2016
10.	Simplex Infrastructures Ltd. Vs. Employees State Insurance Corporation	Special Civil Application No. 5401 of 2016	Hon'ble High Court of Gujrat at Ahmedabad	04.04.2016
11.	CPWD Contractors Association & Anr. Vs. Union of India	Writ Petition (C) No. 6032 of 2015	Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi	27.11.2017
12.	M.E.S. Builders Association of India vs. Union of India & Ors	S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 1763 of 2016	Hon'ble High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jodhpur	18/02/2016
13.	Era Infra Engineering Ltd. Vs. Union of India & Ors	Writ Petition No. 5978 of 2017	Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi	06.07.2017
14.	Larsen and Turbo Limited vs. Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	Special Civil Application No. 15560/2016	Hon'ble High Court of Gujrat at Ahmedabad	06.09.2016

15.	Gujrat Contractors Association & Anr. Vs. Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	Special Civil Application No. 18467 of 2015	Hon'ble High Court of Gujrat at Ahmedabad	26.10.2015
16.	M/s. M. Selvakumar vs. ESI Corporation & Anr	Writ Petition(MD) No. 16996 of 2015	Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras	03.2016
17.	CREDAI Chennai vs. Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	Writ Petition No. 10428 of 2016	Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras	03.2016
18.	Hindustan Construction Company Limited vs. The State of Bihar and Ors	C.W.J.C No. 5054 of 2016	Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Patna	06/3/2016
19.	M/s. IVRCL Limited vs. Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	E.I.C. No. 33 of 2015	Court of Hon'ble Employees Insurance Court, Hyderabad	10.12.2015
20.	M/s. Ramky Infrastructure Limited and Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	E.I.C. No. 07 of 2016	Court of Hon'ble Employees Insurance Court, Hyderabad	09.02.2016
21.	M/s. Aparna Constructions and Estates Private Limited AND Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	E.I.C. No. 08 of 2016	Court of Hon'ble Employees Insurance Court, Hyderabad	16.02.2016

22.	M/s. B.G. Shirke Construction Technology Private Limited AND Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	E.I.C. No. 14 of 2016	Court of Hon'ble Employees Insurance Court, Hyderabad	11.04.2016
23.	Tata Projects Limited AND Employees State Insurance Corporation & Anr	E.I.C. No. 29 of 2016	Court of Hon'ble Employees Insurance Court, Hyderabad	13.06.2016

Ref.: 579/ A/2024-25 dated 26th August, 2024

To,

Ms. Sumita Dawra -IAS
Labour Secretary
Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India
Room No.: 104,
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi marg
NEW DELHI - 110 001

Dear Madam,

Subject : Request for Withdrawal of OTP Requirement for EPFO Login.

The Builders Association of India (BAI) is the apex All-India body of engineering construction contractors and real estate companies founded in the year 1941 with more than 22,000 business entities as its members through nearly 215 chapters across the country. The association is a registered body established with the objective of encouraging trade, industry and profession of construction works and all other ancillary and allied trades and industries amongst others.

We are writing to bring to your kind attention a significant issue that has arisen due to the recent introduction of the One-Time Password (OTP) requirement for logging into the EPFO portal while login particularly while remitting the PF Dues. We are unable to understand the need of introducing such kind of inconvenient and tedious method / process while remitting the dues. In fact remittance should be in the easiest way and convenient for the establishment. The remittance is revenue and it should have convenient way to pay the same.

The introduction of OTP (one time password) has

unfortunately led to several operational challenges for establishments, particularly in accessing the portal.

Multiple issues have emerged as a result of this new feature. We are attaching herewith. Multiple Establishment Logins Required: In many Construction Companies / the Principal employer handles/facilitates the PF remittance for their sub-Contractors who are small Contractors and lacking office infrastructure facilities. The Principle employer takes the initiatives so that statutory compliances in terms of such Contractors are handled centralized manner. It was very easy for Principle Employer to login before as the system was very employer friendly. Now Principle Employers are facing so much inconveniences because of OTP.

1. Operational Delays: The need for OTPs to be sent to the registered mobile numbers has caused significant delays. Often, these numbers belong to directors or senior executives who may be in meeting or otherwise engaged, leading to missed or delayed OTP retrievals.

2. Updated Contact Information: In many cases, the registered mobile numbers have changed or have not been updated in the system, making it impossible for establishments to access the portal.
4. Lack of Prior Notice: This feature was introduced without prior notice, leaving no time for establishments to verify or update the registered mobile numbers, thereby exacerbating the issue.

At a Glance comparative overview of OTP introduction

Steps	Earlier Employer Portal Login Process	New Employer Portal Login Process
1	To visit PF website: - EPFO Unified portal	To visit PF website: - EPFO Unified portal
2	To Enter Login ID & Password & Submit	To Enter Login ID & Password
3	Upon login Employer can perform/complete all the activities viz -Registration of New membership (UAN Generation) -Generate Challan/ECRs -Remit PF Contribution	Enter captcha (a New Activity No 1)
4	-KYC Approval - Any other activities related with PF compliance.	Click submit button -Second Factor authentication screen will require more details such as OTP on registered mobile and one more captcha (New Activity NO 2) Upon login Employer can perform/complete all the activities viz -Registration of New membership (UAN Generation) -Generate Challan/ECRs -Remit PF Contribution -KYC Approval -Any other activities related with PF compliance.

The Feedback:

5.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earlier process was employer friendly. It was easy and convenient for the employer to operate. 2. Hassle free process for all the user including employer. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed system is not at all employer friendly where the principle employer is facilitating PF remittance of multiple contractors / sub-contractors of its establishments. 2. The New system/process is more time consuming due extra activities such as OTP requirements moreover most of the time the OTP does not hit on time to the registered mobile number, resulting in. The validity of OTP expires and thereby wastage of time. Therefore, employer has to again start a fresh i.e. Login with all formalities. 3. The registered mobile user to portal is not necessarily login on himself/herself therefore the availability of such person may not be there at the time of login. This needs too much co-ordination. 4. The new process is full of hassle, Complications and counterproductive because of introduction user-based OTP. 5. We would have appreciated if such kind of additional security layer is applied for withdrawal process where as this system is a remittance system in fact it should have been in hassle free process /Employer friendly for remitting dues.
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**SECTION XIV
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) Nos. 576 - 598 OF 2019**

EMPLOYEES STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION AND ANR. ETC. ... Petitioner

Versus

ITD CEMENTATION INDIA LTD. AND ANR. ETC. ... Respondent

OFFICE REPORT ON DEFAULT

The matter above-mentioned was listed before the Hon'ble Judge in Chamber, on 09th September, 2024, when the following Order was passed :

"Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) states that in view of the intervening developments, name of respondent no.2 be deleted from the array of parties.

Subject to just exceptions, prayer made is allowed.

Amended memo of parties be filed within two weeks, failing which, the petition shall stand dismissed for non-prosecution without further reference to the Court.

'Shri Arjun D. Singh, who appears on behalf of M/s. ITD

Cementation India Ltd. And Anr. Etc., the registered firm, undertakes to file Power of Attorney within a period of two weeks. It is further clarified that if the needful is not done within the above stipulated period, the proceedings against the said respondent shall be proceeded as ex-parte.

TP(C)No.588/2019

Despite being served, no one has entered appearance on behalf of the respondents.

TP(C)No.581/2019

Learned counsel representing respondent nos.1 and 3 stands designated as Senior Advocates.

Let the Registry shall take steps for issuing alternative arrangement notice, in accordance with law.

In the meanwhile, learned counsel appearing for the parties may file their counter affidavit if not so already filed. Needful be done within a period of four weeks.

Rejoinder thereto, if any, shall be filed within four weeks thereafter."

It is submitted that pursuant to order quoted above respondent no. 2 in T.P. (C) No. 586 of 2019, has been deleted from the array of parties and accordingly cause title has been amended and copy of the same is included in TP paperbooks. Shri Arjun D. Singh, who appeared for M/s. ITD Cementation India Ltd. And Anr. Etc.,(respondent no. 1 in T.P. (C) No. 586 of 2019) has neither filed vakalatnama nor filed Power of Attorney on his behalf so far.

TP(C)No.581/2019

It is submitted that Mr. Annam D. N. Rao and Mr. Sridhar Potaraju erstwhile Advocates for respondent nos. 1 and 3 in TP 581 of 2019 respectively has been designated as Sr. Advocate hence Fresh Alternative arrangement notice was issued to respondent nos. 1 and 3 in TP 581 of 2019 on 16.10.2024 though India Post Registered A.D.. As per track report notice has been delivered to respondent no. 3 on 21.10.2024 but no one has entered appearance on his behalf so far. Notice could not be delivered to respondent no. 1 with postal remarks "addressee left without instructions".

It is further submitted that service position in rest of the matters as follows:

TP (c) No. 576 of 2019

Respondent no.	Respondent No.	Party	V/N	C/a
1	1	ITD	PRAKASH RANJAN NAYAK	Not filed counter affidavit
2	2	UOI, MINISTRY OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT	Certificate of Service has been received from the concerned High Court	-

TP (c) No. 577 of 2019				
3	1	Builder Association (2 addresses)	JOSE ABRAHAM	FILED ON 20.08.2019
	2	UOI, MINISTRY OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT	Certificate of Service has been received from the concerned High Court	-
TP (c) No. 578 of 2019				
4	1	Hindustan Construction	ASHWANI KUMAR	FILED ON 08.11.2019
TP (c) No. 579 of 2019				
5	1	M/s Sapthagiri constructions	Served on 12.08.2020	-
	2	UOI, MINISTRY OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT	Served on 08.07.2019	-
6	3	State of Andhra Pradesh	Certificate of Service has been received from the concerned High Court	-
TP (c) No. 580 of 2019				
7	1	Indian Hume PipeCo. Ltd.	ASHOK MATHUR	Not filed counter affidavit
TP (c) No. 581 of 2019				
8	1	GYT-TPL Joint Venture	SRIDHAR POTARAJU Fresh Notice For alternative arrangement senton 16.10.2024 (not delivered" Addressee left without instructions)	-
	2	UOI, MINISTRY OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT	Certificate of Service has been received from the concerned High Court	-
9	3	Delhi Metro Rail Corp.	ANNAM D. N. RAO Fresh Notice For alternative arrangement senton 16.10..2024 (delivered on 17.10.2024)	-
TP (c) No. 582 of 2019				
10	1	M/s Pratibha China	Certificate of Service	-
			has been received from the concerned High Court	
11	2	State of Bihar	Ajay Vikram Singh	Not filed counter affidavit

TP (c) No. 583 of 2019				
12	1	BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA COIMBATORE CENTRE	JOSE ABRAHAM	FILED ON 20.08.2019
TP (c) No. 584 of 2019				
13	1	M/S PRAKASH ASPHALTINGS AND TOLL HIGHWAYS (INDIA) LIMITED	VIKAS UPADHYAY	Not filed counter affidavit
TP (c) No. 585 of 2019				
14	1	SIMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURES LIMITED	Certificate of Service has been received from the concerned High Court	-
TP (c) No. 586 of 2019				
15	1	CPWD CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (REGD.)	Served on 09.07.2019	-
16	2	SH. BHAGWAN MITTAL	Deleted vide Hon'ble courts order dated 09.09.2024	-
17	3	UNION OF INDIA THE DIRECTOR GENERAL CPWD	Served on 08.07.2019	-
18	4	THE EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANIZATION CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER	SHASHANK MANISH	Not filed counter affidavit
TP (c) No. 587 of 2019				
19	1	MES BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA	Served on 29.06.2019	-
	2	UOI, MINISTRY OF LABOUR EMPLOYMENT	Served on 08.07.2019	-
20	3	THE LABOUR COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR, GOVT. OF RAJASTHAN	MILIND KUMAR	Not filed counter affidavit
TP (c) No. 588 of 2019				
21	1	ERA INFRA ENGINEERING LTD.	Unserved	-
TP (c) No. 589 of 2019				
22	1	LARSEN AND TOURBO LIMITED	Served on 08.07.2019	-
TP (c) No. 590 of 2019				
23	1	GUJARAT CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION	Served on 11.07.2019	-
24	2	ANIL RANCHODBHAI ZINZUWADIA	Served on 09.07.2019	-

TP (c) No. 591 of 2019				
25	1	M/S M. SELVAKUMAR CHAIRMAN MADURAI CENTRE	JOSE ABRAHAM	FILED ON 20.08.2019
TP (c) No. 592 of 2019				
26	1	CREDAI CHENNAI PRESIDENT	Served on 08.07.2019	-
TP (c) No. 593 of 2019				
27	1	HINDUSTAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED	ASHWANI KUMAR	FILED ON 20.11.2019
28	2	THE STATE OF BIHAR	Served on 03.09.2019	-
29	3	THE SECRETARY LABOUR RESOURCES DEPARTMENT	Served on 03.09.2019	-
30	4	THE KANTEE BIJLEE UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED GENERAL MANAGER	PUNEET TANEJA	Not filed counter affidavit
31	5	THE AGM (CCD)KANTI BIJLEE UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED	Served on 03.09.2019	-
TP (c) No. 594 of 2019				
32	1	M/S IVRCL LIMITED	Certificate of Service	-
			has been received	
			from the concerned High Court	
TP (c) No. 595 of 2019				
33	1	M/S RAMKY INFRASTRUCTURE	Certificate of Service has been received from	-
		LIMITED	the concerned High Court	
TP (c) No. 596 of 2019				
34	1	M/S. APARNA CONSTRUCTIONS AND ESTATES PVT. LTD.	Certificate of Service has been received from the concerned High Court	-
TP (c) No. 597 of 2019				
35	1	M/S B.G. SHIRKE CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY PRIVATE LIMITED	JOSE ABRAHAM	FILED ON 20.08.2019
TP (c) No. 598 of 2019				
36	1	TATA PROJECTS LIMITED	GAICHANGPOU GANGMEI	Not filed counter affidavit

Service is not complete on Sole respondent in TP 588 of 2019 and Notice of alternative arrange on respondent no. 1 in TP (c) No. 581 of 2019,

before the Hon'ble Judge in Chamber for Order.

Dated : December 21, 2024

The office report in the above mentioned matter is listed

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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Provident Fund Matter

Coverage of casual and temporary construction site worker is a contentious issue between Contractors and EPF Authorities for a long time. Builders' Association of India (BAI) have filed Writ Petitions at various Hon'ble High Courts, challenging the very applicability of the provisions of the EPF Act, insisting to cover the construction site workers from day one. BAI have also represented the matter to the Authorities emphasising about the difficulty of covering the daily workers in the P.F. coverage due to their peripatetic nature. Both the above measures have resulted in limited success.

BAI Headquarter have compiled a few Court Orders as mentined below, these Orders are not a blanket permission for not to cover the casual and temporary construction site workers in the EPF Scheme, but to notify your right to not to fall into the coercive methods adopted by the Departments, to levy of EPF contribution of past liabilities from percentage of the labour components mentioned in the Books of Accounts, without identifying the workers on whose behalf these deductions are effected..

Chronology of events in respect of

The Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

S.No	Date	Events
1.	4/3/1952	The Act has come into force in whole of India except State of Jammu & Kashmir.
2.	31/10/1980	Central Government by Notification No. G.S.R. 1069 dated 23.9.1980 published in official gazette at India, Part-II, 5.3(I) dated 11.10.1980, page 2200 made applicable the provision of this Act to Building & Construction Industry. The qualifying period of employment for applicability of the scheme to employee was 240 days later on was reduced to 180 days and the establishment having 20 or more persons.
3.	16/1/1981	Government issued G.S.R. No.130 effective from 31.1.1981 wherein eligibility criteria U/s.26 is reduced to 90 days continuous service or has actually worked for not less than 60 days within a period of three months to become member of fund.
4.	7/2/1985	Government of India in Ministry of Labour, vide Resolution No.R-43011/2/82-RW has appointed a Tripartite Working Group consisting of Government Officers, Employers' representative (BAI is one of the members) and representative of employees reference was to:- Identify specific difficulties of Construction Industry in implementing Provident Fund Scheme, ESIS, Gratuity Scheme. To work out type of social security measures to be formulated for construction workers.
5.	21/3/1988	B.A.I. by it's application No.2385/F/88 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Government of India, U/s.19A of E.P.F. Act requested him to remove difficulties in implementation of the Act in view of temporary and casual workers and seasonal works of Industry.
6.	31/1/1990	The Tripartite Working Group submitted final report to Government stating that extension of social and security benefit to Building & Construction Industry, including E.P.F. were necessary. However, in view of the difference of opinion within the group alternatives regarding the function of proposed Construction Labour Board for administering social security were left for consideration of Government.
7.	19/10/1990	Government issued G.S.R. No.689 amended para 26, wherein eligibility criteria is reduced to date of joining the factory or establishment.
8.	26/8/1991	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued circular No.12/Misc/91/E-I. After consulting Ministry of Law, Government of India and directed all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners not give effect to part of para 26 of E.P.F. Scheme 1952 to ensure uniformity of treatment. This was in view of stay orders granted various High Courts.
9.	9/3/1992	Piyarelal Hari Singh & Others filed Civil Writ Petition No.792 of 1991 challenging para 26(2) of E.P.F. Scheme. In Civil Motion Hon'ble High Court Delhi wanted to know from P.F. Department whether they have a scheme under which a peripatetic labour would be in a position to know balance in his account and draw money from his account anywhere in the country.

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10.	19/5/1992	Shri K.C. Jain filed Additional Affidavit with revised accounting procedure having a pass book to be given to each beneficiary with ten digit permanent account number in Civil Writ Petition No.792 of 1991. Hon'ble High Court by it's order stated that, "we have perused scheme and we have our apprehension about the same only with regard one aspect viz. whether it will be easy or convenient for the workers to be able to realise the amount due to them. Therefore, every effort should be made to see that the scheme is made workable and will be lesser evil if worker obtain their money before it would ordinarily be due to them rather than workman losing the money in toto. All the aforesaid suggestions should again be examined by the Board and a detailed scheme be made available to the Court on 8th July 1992 for final disposal".
11.	9/7/1992	E.P.F.O. inserted para 40A to E.P.F. Scheme 1952 under which every Employee was to be provided pass book effective from the date to be stipulated by C.P.F.C.
12.	14/10/1992	Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Labour, Government of India passed preliminary order in the matter of application filed by B.A.I. U/s.19A of the Act, as under:-
		Objections is raised by Central Provident Fund Commissioner that relief sought by BAI is not covered by items provided U/s.19A of the Act. BAI has no locus standi.
		The question of implementing the Act in respect of temporary or casual employees is subjudice. All substance and the No.3 on the ground of there being no stay granted by Supreme Court.
13.	28/10/1992	Hon'ble Delhi High Court passed order in Civil Writ Petition No.792 of 1991 that, "Additional affidavits has been filed by the respondents. Some of the suggestions made by this Court have been accepted including the one operated upon, then without any formal application the amount standing to the credit of employee will be remitted to him by the P.F. Department by money order". Interim order to continue subject to the condition that with effect from 1.11.1992, the Petitioners shall maintain a P.F. account of all the employee as per the Notification of 1990 and shall furnish regular statements to P.F. Authorities as required by law. Counsel for the Petitioners have undertaken to this Court that as and when the Court orders, the contribution of the Employers as per the said statement will be handed over to P.F. Authorities or such other authority as may be directed by the Court.
14.	31/12/1992	Writ Petition No.6963 filed by Udipi Manorama Lodge & 3 others V/s. R.P.F. Visakhapatnam & Union of India challenging procedural part of legal requirement part of para 26 and parliament did not approve Notification U/s.7. Court ordered that there are no legal requirement and notification was placed before Lok Sabha on 7.1.1991.
15.	8/2/1994	Legal Adviser to the Ministry of Labour, Government of India gave order in petition filed by B.A.I. U/s.19A of E.P.F. Act in which respondents were Central Provident Fund Commissioner and Secretary of All India Construction Workers Union. The question considered by him was whether "the workers employed at the work site of Construction Industry are "employee" as defined U/s.2 or not ? The order states "Employee within terms of definitions is that he should be employed for wages in or in connection with work of the establishment". "The workers employed for wages necessarily enjoins some sort of contract of service. In other words there must be a Master and Servant relationship, a contractor postulated by section 2 (f) is purely a Labour Contractor and not an independent contractor undertaking to deliver a finished product to the establishment and who for the purpose of manufacturing/production/building such a finished product, engaged a labour for his own purpose". In such a situation, the employee working under direct control of sub-contractor, thekedar cannot be held to be employees under the principle employer for attracting provision of the Act".
		The casual workers of the nature discussed above are not covered in the definition of employee and the scheme, find support from the decision of the Orissa High Court in Executive Engineer, National Highway Division, Balasore V/s. Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (1988 Lab IC 690) as well as of the Karnataka High Court in Jyothi Home Industries & Others V/s. R.P.F.C. & Others (1993 II LIN 146).
		The matter is disposed of accordingly.

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16.	31/8/1994	M.P. High Court at Jabalpur in it's order in Writ Petition No.3030 of 1991 filed by J.P. Tobacco Product Ltd. V/s. Regional Provident Fund Commissioner challenging the contention that :
		The amendment to para 26(2) of scheme is invalid for non compliance of 5.7 (2) of the Act.
		The compulsory contribution amounts to denial of minimum wages.
		The amendment is impractical and unworkable.
		The amendment is ultra vires of the Act and Article in and Article 19 (1)(9) of Constitution. Court observed that para 26(2) of the scheme is legal, valid and constitutional.
17.	23/12/1994	Being aggrieved against the order passed by the Legal Adviser, Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India, U/s.19A of the Act, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation through Central Provident Fund Commissioner brought to the notice of Jt. Secretary to Central Government, difficulties arising out of this order which is contrary to the provision of the Act and Scheme. They required to review the order. The arguments put forward by BAI was that any order passed U/s.19A by a competent Authority who has been delegated authority to exercise power does not provided for any review and the order is final and as such this hearing is without jurisdiction. The mere reading of section 19A itself gives powers to Central Government for review reconsideration or setting aside of orders in the event of difficulties in implementation of the Act. Jt. Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Labour, passed order canceling the earlier order passed by the Legal Adviser on 8.2.1994 and directed the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation to enforce the provision of the Act applying it to employees of Building & Construction Industry as per Section 2(F) and Notification dated 11.10.1980. This order was issued with approval of Minister of State of Labour.
18.	17/4/1995	Supreme Court in it's order in SLP No.21762/94 and 6475/95 and 21149/94 arising out of judgment and order of M.P. High Court dated 31.8.1994 in the matter of J.P. Tobacco Product V/s. Union of India observed that the question before High Court was whether amended para 26 (2) of E.P.F. Scheme was invalid and unconstitutional. The High Court answered the question in the negative, we see no ground to interfere with impugned judgment. We agree with the reasoning and consequences reached by High Court SLP's are dismissed.
19.	24/4/1995	B.A.I. filed writ petition in Rajasthan High Court bearing No.1570195 of 1995 seeking for decision.
		Whether workers engaged at work sites on daily wages and on purely casual, temporary and mobile are covered in the scheme.
		Whether in Building & Construction Industry where they are carried out in multi-tier system, there is relationship of employer and employee between the main contractor and workers, casual, temporary and mobile engaged at sites.
		Whether in absence of relationship of employer and employee between the main contractors are liable to follow the scheme even in respect of those workers.
		In addition challenge is to amendment to clause 26(2) of the scheme. This writ is admitted and notices to various authorities are given before hearing of Notice of motion.
20.	2/5/1995	Order of Division Bench of Delhi High Court in C.M. No.2921/1994 in Writ Petition No.792/1991 filed on 9.3.1992 challenging para 26(2) of P.F. Scheme that, "We however direct Respondent No.1 & 2 complying with modified scheme, the Petitioners shall deduct Provident Fund and deposit the same with Respondent No.1 & 2 in respect of casual workers also".
21.	28/6/1995	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued circular No.12(Misc)/91/E-1 to all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners stating Supreme Court's order dated 17.4.1995 and requesting compliance of scheme under amended para 26 of E.P.F. Scheme for current period effective from 1.5.1995. It further states that as regards past period the matter is under consideration with Central Government and further communication will follow.
22.	7/3/1996	In Writ Petition No.6542 of 1996 and 6543 of 1996 in Bangalore High Court filed by Bhandari Builders, B.G. Shirke Construction Pvt. Ltd., & B.A.I. v/s. Central Provident Fund Commissioner, R.P.F. Commissioner & Union of India requesting Court to declare Para 26(2) of E.P.F. Scheme illegal and unconstitutional and ultra vires tax provision of E.P.F. Act since it is unworkable and impracticable Court admitted writ and granted stay for four weeks which was further extended by Court till further orders by order dated 3.4.1996.

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23.	19/9/1996	Final Order of Division Bench of Delhi High Court in Piyarelal Hari Singh & Others and connected Writ Petitions vs. Union of India in C.W.P. No.792 of 1991. Held that ipso-facto, the Government Notification dated 19.11.1990 amending para 26 of the scheme shall not apply to casual workers as identified by Supreme Court in case of The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner vs. T.S. Hariharan. However, Branch stated that which casual worker is covered by the scheme and the Act will be a question of determination in facts and circumstances of each case.
		Mr. Nayyar appearing for the Petitioners brought to our notice additional affidavit filed on behalf of respondent by Shri R.C. Jain, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, New Delhi, dated 26th November 1991. Inter-alia, stating that a pass book system has been introduced w.e.f. November 1991. The order dated 2nd May 1995 directs that on respondents 1 and 2 complying with the modified scheme, the Petitioners shall deduct the Provident Fund and deposit the same with respondents 1 and 2 in respect of casual workers also. It is admitted that reference to modified scheme in the order dated 2nd May 1995 is in fact reference to the modified procedure as mentioned in the aforesaid affidavit dated 26th November 1991. On objection being raised by Mr. Nayyar that modified procedure as stated in the affidavit dated 26th November 1991 has not been introduced. Mr. Mukherjee explained that the same was introduced w.e.f. 1st November 1991 as stated in the affidavit. We only record this submission as it is not necessary to say anything more on this aspect in view of what has been stated by Mr. Mukherjee.
		Accordingly, this and the connected writ petitions are disposed of in the above terms. No costs.
24.	4/9/1997	BAI and 36 other contractors filed Writ Petition No.2593 of 1997 before Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court challenging provisions of amended para 26(2) of Provident Fund Scheme as far as temporary and casual site workers.
25.	8/9/1997	Nagpur Bench issued stay against operation of scheme para 26(2) in respect of casual and temporary workers.
26.	24/12/1997	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued a Circular No.12(Misc)/91/E.I. 76161 directing all R.P.F. Commissioners to :
		The Enforcement Authorities should take all necessary action in the first instance to implement the amendment from 1.11.1990 in respect of those employees who are continuing to be in employment and are still on rolls.
		In respect of person who left service but still can be identified their enrollment should be ensured from 1.11.1990.
		In respect of persons who are not in employment of the establishment and can not be identified at present, their cases can be complied and necessary information may be sent to Head Office for further orders.
27.	3/7/1998	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued Circular No.17(3)/93/EI/KAI to all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners that the practice of allotment of separate code number to Contractor is contrary to provision of section 6 of E.P.F. Act and para 30(3) of E.P.F. Scheme. The responsibility of depositing contribution and various return lies with Principal Employer and R.P.F.C's are requested to stop allotment of code number to Contractors.
28.	13/11/1998	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued a Circular bearing No.7(20)97/MH/E-I/73725 informing all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners that, Delhi High Court order dated 19.9.1996 has not diluted applicability of scheme to casual and temporary workers and informing them that E.P.F. Organisation has set up E.D.P. Computer Centres for its office and networking through modem has been completed in 25 offices and directing them to enforce provision of law in the best interest of workers engaged in building and construction industry.
29.	15/11/1999	Minute of the Meeting held with Members of BAI by Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi states that, "the direction of the Hon'ble High Court for technical purpose is very much on record and Joint Task Force of the Officer of the Department and few members of Builders' Association of India may be constituted to draft out Permanent Account Number of 10 digit to be earmarked".

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30.	13/2/2001	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued Circular No.EF/17(3)/93/Vol.III to all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners that, matter of not allotting code numbers to Contractors was examined and clarified that Employers rendering service on contract basis having 20 or more employees be allotted separate code numbers.
31.	22/8/2003	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner issued Circular No. Coord 5912)2002/MOL that a Sub Committee is formed under Chairmanship of Shri Ravi Wig for extending social security benefit to construction workers and that the Committee should submit report before 31.12.2003.
32.	3/2/2004	Central Board of Trustees in 166th Meeting discussed the following:- Sub Committee headed by Chairman Shri Ravi Wig recommended E.P.F.O. should ensure that the Act is made applicable to establishment / workers hitherto not covered be covered from the date of declaration by the establishment and only on the issue of S.S.N. Number. Doubts were raised about maintenance of uniqueness of S.S.N. by dropping bio-metric component. C.P.F.C. clarified that the product offered by M/s. C.M.C. failed to meet the acceptance test as such it was decided to drop bio-metric component.
33.	23/2/2004	Central Board of Trustees 167th Meeting confirmed minutes of 166th Meeting.
34.	6/9/2004	Addl. Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued letter that Central Board of Trustees formed a Committee under Chairmanship of Shri Ashok Sing with Shri B.N. Rai, Shri Ravi Wig and Shri Sharad Patil as other members for monitoring the extension of social security to construction workers.
35.	3/5/2006	Addl. Central Provident Fund Commissioner by his letter No.Co-ord(12)02/MOL/Pt. wrote to BAI President that, "work relating to issue of NSSN number to construction workers have been started and all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners have been directed to issue NSSN Number to construction workers on priority basis."
36.	4/8/2006	Addl. Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued Circular No.Co-ord/5(12)02/MOL/Pt/BAI/11083 directing all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners to issue S.S.N. Number to construction worker falling in your jurisdiction on priority basis.
37.	22/2/2007	Addl. Central Provident Fund Commissioner by his letter No.Co.ord/5(71)/06/MOL/Sub.Com/Constn.Work/86040 issued to all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners to approach various Centres of BAI and allot Business Number to Construction Industry immediately without any further delay and also to secure compliance.
38.	1/1/2008	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner compliance issued a Circular No.Co-ord/5(71)/06/MOL/Sub.Com/Constn.Worker directing all R.P.F.Cs to take proactive steps to cover all establishment in Construction Industry by seeking their co-operation and address their genuine problems and that Co-operative Employers are not to be unduly harassed by field formation.
39.	18/7/2008	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner issued Circular No.SSN/HO/07-08/01 directing all R.P.F.Cs that under revised strategy, for the time being, S.S.N. is not a prerequisite for the proposed application that is being developed by E.P.F.O. in collaboration with N.I.C. Regional Provident Fund Commissioners were directed not to insist upon S.S.N. forms at the time of submission of claims.
40.	7/9/2011	Hon'ble High Court Gujarat in Civil Application No.11011/2009 filed by Hind Kisan Mazdoor Panchayat directing E.P.F.O. for implementation of pass book under para 40A of E.P.F. Scheme, granted time to E.P.F.O. for response upto 20.10.2011.
41.	20/10/2011	Hon'ble High Court Gujarat passed further order in Civil Application No.11611 of 2009 extending time upto 4 months from 30.11.2011 to E.P.F.O. to give it's response with a rider that no application for extension of time will be filed.
42.	20/1/2012	Hon'ble Employees' Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal, Chandigarh, in Petition No.ATA No.217 (II)/2011 decided that, "Until and unless, the beneficiaries are identified, the determined dues as decided by the Enforcement Officer would not help the workers as the money would not reach to them till the time they are identified".
43.	20/7/2012	Hon'ble Patna High Court in Civil Writ No.11499/2006 in the matter of Roxy Cinema V/s. State of Bihar stated that, under Section 7A of E.P.F. Act liability can not be saddled upon establishment in the name of compliance of law without identification of employee entitled

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		for the same. EPF Authority can not make collection or contribution for faceless, nameless or non identifiable workman on mere head count or herd count. To collect fund for welfare of workman who are required to be taken care of after their superannuation and not to gather money to meet any pre-conceived target.
44.	8/10/2012	E.P.F. Appellate Tribunal, Ludhiana in Appeal No.ATA No.331(11)/2011 filed by Food Corporation against R.P.F.C., Ludhiana observed that "according to rules of Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Central Rules 1971, all the registers and other records shall be preserved for a period of three calendar years from the date of entry therein. Hence the Appellant can not be directed to produce the records pertaining to contractors workers for the long back period.
45.	17/10/2012	Hon'ble Employees' Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal, Chandigarh, in Petition No.ATA No.630 (II)/2006 observed that, the respondent determined the P.F. dues without identification of concerned Employees / Beneficiaries".
46.	30/11/2012	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued Circular No.7(12)2012/RCS-Review Meeting to all Regional Provident Fund Commissioners that there shall be no assessment under Section 7A of E.P.F. Act 1952 without identifying members whose account fund is to be credited and that no enquiry or investigation shall ordinarily go beyond seven years.
47	18/12/2012	Central Provident Fund Commissioner issued Circular No.7(1)2012/R.C's Review Meeting/ 21224 keeping circular of 30.11.2012 in abeyance till further orders.
48.	26/3/2013	Chairman, BAI Delhi Centre written letter to Central Provident Fund Commissioner that, "modified accounting procedure scheme" be notified for implementation and Enquiry U/s.7A of P.F. Act be restricted to maximum of past 3 years and liability of Employers be not worked out on basis of 25% contract amount.
49.	6/5/2013	Regional Provident Fund Commissioner in response stated that, issue of ten digit permanent P.F. number is not possible.
50.	23/9/2013	Hon'ble Bombay High Court passed order in Writ Petition No.1901/2011 in the matter of M/s. Rallis India Limited V/s. The Asst. Provident Fund Commissioner & Ors that, "Determination of money should not be on the basis of presumption and assumption but after identification of beneficiaries".
51.	02/05/2016	The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 8035 of 2016 in the case of Builders' Association of India V/s. Union of India & Ors.
		(Arising out of Impugned final judgment and order dated 16/10/2015 in LPA No. 728/2014 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi).
		Apprehension of the petitioner appears to be that without identifying the beneficiary workmen, the contribution is being sought. Without identification, the petitioner will not be liable to make the contribution, it is submitted. That process of identification will arise only at the stage of enquiry that is to be conducted by the respondent - organization. Therefore, it is made clear that during the process of enquiry conducted by the respondent-organization, the steps will also be taken to identify the workmen either of the petitioner or engaged through contractors.
52.	23/03/2018	The Nagpur bench of the Hon'ble Mumbai High Court on 23rd March 2018, in Writ Petition No. 1674 / 2016 filled by Kaushik K. Chatterjee Engineers and Contractors Versus Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner have ordered that 'The amount collected from an employer towards provident fund contribution on behalf of workers should be returned, in case the Provident Fund Department could not identified the name and address of such worker on whose behalf this contribution is collected.'
53.	28/02/2019	Supreme Court on 28th February, 2019 passed an order that certain allowances paid uniformly normally and ordinarily should all come within the definition with basic wages under the provisions of 'EPF Act, 1952'. Using this order EPF authorities have now started issuing notices to employers for including the allowances also while remitting the PF contribution with retrospective effect. This will have serious implications on any business, particularly building and construction business. BAI has written to Government of India for implementing the order prospectively.

Union Budget 2024-25 - BAI's *Pre-Budget Memorandum*

Income Tax Matters

BAI has received an invitation from Finance Ministry for Budget Proposal Meeting.

F. No.334/1/2024-TRU
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
(Department of Revenue)
Tax Research Unit

Room No. 156, North Block,
New Delhi, the 13th July, 2024

To,

1. M/s. National Highway Builders Federation
2. M/s. Builders Association of India
3. M/s. Construction Federation of India, CFI; and
4. M/s. Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India

Subject: Pre-Budget meeting for Union Budget 2024-25

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Department of Revenue convenes pre-budget meetings with trade and industry associations every year to discuss suggestions/ recommendations in respect of tax issues pertaining to different sectors. For the forthcoming Budget 2024-25, a combined meeting with your association has been scheduled under the chairpersonship of Chairman (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The meeting will be held at the time and venue given as below:

Date & Time: 27/06/2024 (Thursday), 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Venue: Kalpavriksha, (Room No. 158A), 1st Floor, North Block, New Delhi.

2. Considering the time constraint, you may like to focus only on core issues and highlight major areas of concern, regarding which you may send a brief presentation (soft copy) to the undersigned on budget-cbec@nic.in three days before the scheduled meeting. Elaboration of all the issues raised may not be necessary since each of the suggestions made in your representation will anyway be carefully examined by the Department. During the meeting,

you may like to make a presentation outlining the gist of your recommendations. Further, the duration of the presentation may be so adjusted that sufficient time is available for any questions/clarifications that the Departmental officers may have. It is also requested that the number of representatives per association/group may be restricted to two. The details of the coordinating officer for your meeting is as follows:

Name: Rahul Kumar (Technical Officer)
Tel: 011 – 2309 5547

3. Since a large number of associations have been invited for pre-budget discussions, it may not be possible to accede to any request for change in the date and time of the meeting scheduled for your Association.

Yours sincerely,

(Vinay V Nayak)
Budget Officer (TRU)
Tel: 011-2309 5559

MOST URGENT & IMPORTANT

Ref.:213/J/2024-25 dated 14th June, 2024

To,

The All Managing Committee / General Council Members of BAI

Dear Sir,

**Subject : Seeking BAI Suggestions for Pre Union Budget for 2024-25,
regarding core changes in Direct and Indirect Taxes.**

Please find attached herewith letter received from Ministry of Finance, Government of India, seeking suggestions for

Pre Union Budget 2024-25 regarding core changes in direct and indirect taxes only.

You are requested to kindly help us to prepare a memorandum /representation on the subject for forwarding the Finance Ministry.

Please note, the Finance Ministry has requested to send the information by 23rd June 2024.

Hence, you are requested to send it to BAI on or before 20th June 2024 by mail on baihq.mumbai@gmail.com and raju_john_in@yahoo.co.uk.

Your earliest action on the above is earnestly solicited.

Thanks and Regards

Yours faithfully,



Raju John
Executive Secretary
Builders' Association of India

Encl. As above

Ref: 254/J/2024-25 dated 27th June, 2024

Shri Vinay V. Nayak Ji,
Budget Officer, TRU,
Department of Revenue,
Ministry of Finance,
Room No. 156, North Block,
New Delhi -110001

Subject: BAI's Pre-Budget Proposal for Union Budget 2024-25.

Dear Sir,

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders, founded in 1941, it has more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 214 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all around improvements in the construction sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry. This involves making efforts to obtain from policy makers and authorities, the level of attention that the construction industry deserves in view of its tremendous contribution and importance to the economy.

We are thankful for your esteemed Office letter No.334/1/2024-TRU, Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Dept. of Revenue) dated 13th June 2024, inviting suggestions from the Industry and Trade Associations for

Budget 2022-23 regarding core changes in direct and indirect taxes. BAI really feel honoured for inviting suggestions and pleased to submit the proposals relating to the Construction Industry. It is a privilege to the BAI to submit the Pre-budget Memorandum 2023-24 on Direct Taxes to Government of India.

The Budget Memorandum on Direct Taxes & Indirect Taxes are attached herewith for your kind perusal.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K.Viswanathan
President,
Builders' Association of India

Encl. As above.

PRE-BUDGET MEMORANDUM 2024-25

INDIRECT TAXES



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BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA MUMBAI

Email : baihq.mumbai@gmail.com

We are thankful to the Government of India and GST Council for recommends in the 53rd GST Council Meeting:

- waiving interest and penalties for Demand notices issued under Section 73 of the CGST Act (i.e., the cases not involving fraud, suppression, or willful misstatement, etc.) for the fiscal years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20, if the full tax demanded is paid up to 31.03.2025.
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INCLUSION OF PETROL, DIESEL, ETC., UNDER GST REGIME

Our construction industry is facing various struggles post Covid-19 pandemic. Short supply of materials, abnormal fluctuated increase in prices, movement of migrant labours, non availability of skilled labour, belated payment by contractees (including Government departments) are playing significant delay in executing works.

Compare to other industries our industries are time bound and completion of work in time is foremost criteria. Our members are struggling to complete the work in time and also running short of working capital.

The amendments to increase the rate of tax from 12% to 18% and 5% to 12% is also blocking our working capital for quite some time.

One of our major expenses are relating to purchase of petrol, diesel, etc., for maintenance of vehicles and

machinery. Non inclusion of these products under GST REGIME is affecting our industry to extend of value added tax paid. We are unable to get input tax credit for payment of VAT on these products.

SUGGESTION:

Earliest inclusion of petrol, diesel and other petroleum product under GST REGIME may be an additional incentive which will give a boost to our industry.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

1. **REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MECHANISAM FOR PAYMENT OF GST FOR CONTRACT WORKS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT AND ITS RELATED AUTHORITIES**

The works contract service to Governments, Governmental authority, Government entity, local authority, Union territory are charged at 18% and predominantly Earth works related contracts are charged at 12% as per the notifications issued.

Presently all most all the above service are charged at 18%.

The time of supply is the practical issue in the case of above Government and its related authorities. They are preparing the work bills as per their measurement books, etc which are maintained by the Government Departments.

The contractors are facing lot of practical difficulties in issue of invoices starting from date of stage completion of work, quantity of measurement, etc, to value of bills.

There is lot of delay in payment of bills even after the date of work completion by most of the Government authorities.

Hence, it is requested to amend the provisions of GST Act with a **special mechanism to allow the Contractors to make GST payments for Government related works ON RECEIPT BASIS OR SOME OTHER SPECIAL MECHANISM**. Government and its related authorities works are transparent one. There will not be any loss to the exchequers.

2. **REFUND OF EXCESS ITC SHOULD BE ALLOWED AS INVERTED DUTY STRUCTURE REFUND CONSIDERING ITC ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES ALSO** **Issue:** Presently Works contract services are considered as Services as per CGST Act, 2017 and there are numerous issues before department at the time of filling of refund in inverted duty structure. Department always consider the contractors' services as similar to real estate service which is not the case.

Suggestion: A) A clarification can be issued by department in this aspect with calculation of refund as Inverted duty structure. Clarification/amendment is also required to consider ITC of Input services too as part of eligible ITC and allow refund of excess ITC like credits in cash ledger.

- B) Allow to file and get refund of excess ITC credit accumulated by construction concerns where the GSTIN registration are surrendered by Dealer.

3. **LOSS OF INPUT TAX CREDITS BECAUSE OF NON-COMPLIANCE BY VENDORS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS.**

Issue: As per section 42 of GST Act 2017, input tax credit availed on provisional basis under section 16 should be matched with GSTR 1 of the vendor. However, if the same is not matching then, the credit availed is required to be reversed with interest by the recipient. Section 42(3) & (5) prescribes that, where the input tax credit claimed by a recipient in respect of an invalid supply is in excess of the tax declared by the supplier for the same supply or the outwards supply is not declared by the supplier in his valid return, the discrepancy shall be communicated to both such persons in such manner as may be prescribed. The amount in respect of which any discrepancy is communicated under sub-section (3) and which is not rectified by the supplier in his valid return for the month in which discrepancy is communicated shall be added to the output tax liability of the recipient in such manner as may be prescribed in his return for the month succeeding the month in which the discrepancy is communicated.

Notification no.183/15/2022-GST dated 27th December, 2022 and notification no.193/05/2023-GST dated 17th July, 2023 issued in this respect have some practical restrictions for the genuine cases.

Suggestion: The provisions of GST Acts to be suitably modified to help the genuine buyers who have paid the

suppliers but could not be taken credit due to the failure/ non submission of returns by the suppliers in time. A Liberal view may kindly be considered and suitable notification may be issued covering period upto the financial year 2022-23 to support the dealers to do ease of business.

4. **ALLOWING ITC FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON OWN ACCOUNT**

Present Law: Input Tax Credit (ITC) is the core concept of GST as GST is destination based tax. No ITC is available for goods/services for construction of immovable property on their own account. Even if such goods/ services are used in the course of furtherance of business, ITC will not be available (Sec.17(5)(c)).

Suggestion: If the Government allows ITC for the above category of building owners, *the corporate and high net worth concerns having surplus funds will come out with new constructions* which will give additional cash inflow to the system. It will give benefit to the real contributors to the society. The ITC set off period may be restricted to 3 to 5 years to arrest the extra revenue loss to the exchequer. Though the exchequer may loose small amount of tax revenue, the real contribution to the society will be multifold.

5. **REVERSAL OF ITC FOR NON PAYMENT OF COSIDERATION WITHIN 180 DAYS**

Present Law: Second and third provision to Section 16(2)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017 and Rule 37 of CGST Rules, 2017 provides for reversal and reavailment of ITC on account of non payment of consideration to the supplier within 180 days.

Contract works executed for government and into departments are not honouring the contract bills in time but it is taking abnormal delay. The sub contractors are mutually agree with the contractors to receive the payment from the contractors according to their actual cash flow based on the payment received from the above Government Departments. These kind of situations are to be suitably addressed and acted upon.

Suggestion: In this hard financial crisis situation, the 180 days norms to be amended. Hence, **this provision is to be suitably modified and make the comforts to the buyers and suppliers to fix the payment terms mutually.**

6. **REGISTRATION OF WORKS CONTRACT SERVICES – INTERSTATE SUPPLY**

Issue: Works Contractors, having a principal place of business in one State may undertake execution of works across India in many States. The registration provisions require the works contractor to obtain registration in each such State even though they have no place of business in those States. If the strict interpretation is taken then, mere installation works also attract registration requirement

and they may have to take multiple registrations.

Suggestion: Kindly issue a clarification that a works contractor based on one registration in one State can execute works contract in any State by way of IGST billing without separately registering in all other States with suitable adjustment of ITC.

7. REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL PLACES

Issue: As per Amendment in Rule 9 of CGST Rules, 2017, time limit is increased for grant of GST registration from 3 to 7 working days. Presently we are struggling up to start transportation of machineries and preliminary site materials to newly awarded projects in other States until issue of registration by GST official which normally takes around 15 days.

Suggestion: If the application with Aadhar Authentication of Authorised Signatory is submitted, the provisional registration and e-Way Bill facilities should be allowed immediately to enables us to start the initial site preparation related works which are essential at the earliest in the newly awarded projects in any State.

8. NON DEDUCTION OF TDS ON WORKS CONTRACT ADVANCES

A) Issue: GST is payable on mobilisation advances received from Government. If the same contract is subcontracted and mobilisation advances are paid to subcontractors, GST is again charged by such subcontractors and it is not available as credit till the time it is adjusted from the advance. In infrastructure projects, there is huge time gap between receipt of mobilization advance and adjustment of such advances.

Suggestion: Due to various practical issues faced by the contractors, **TDS deduction may be deferred for all kind of advances to contractors.** GST liability should be removed on the receipt of mobilisation advances by construction concerns due to the following:

- For the receipt of mobilisation advances, contractors are requested to furnish a bank guarantee to their clients.
 - Clients are also not providing mobilisation advances along with GST.
 - GST is liable to be paid by the contractor through back calculations, and their working capital is also blocked.
- B) Issue:** When joint venture entities act as pass-through entities and are not generating any profit.

Deduction of TDS and claiming refund are unnecessary time consuming work.

Suggestion: Statutory deductions like GST TDS should be waived or allowed to obtain a zero-rated TDS deduction certificate in automatic online route.

9. TAXABILITY OF GST ON ARBITRATION CLAIMS

Issue: Arbitration claims passed and received in GST regime on account of work order completely executed

in Pre GST regime.

Suggestion: More suitable clarity on leviable of GST on the above receipts and exemption to be announced suitably.

10. ANTI PROFITEERING CLAIMS AND SETTLEMENT THEREOF

Issue: Anti profiteering claims in the GST regime are still not being settled in matured way. The main reason for the same is ambiguity and lack of clarification from the Department over same. In absence the methodology to be followed is not synchronized and being implemented on best judgement of concerned person, which should not be there.

Suggestion: Suitable guidance for Anti Profiteering claims and settlement thereof may be issued.

11. AMENDMENT OF RULE 36(4) WITH SYSTEM MATCHING METHOD

Issue: Rule 36(4) has created a chaos in construction industry in respect of matching the ITC each and every month.

Suggestion: It should be avoided and eliminated at the earliest to have efficient and best use of human resource instead of just a clerical working on ITC.

A transparent system matching methodology are to be announced.

12. ISSUES RELATING TO FAKE INVOICES AND ITS IMPACT ON CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND PRECAUTIONS/DUE DILIGENCE PRACTICE TO BE ADOPTED BY CONTRACTORS

Issue: Unearthing scam of fake invoices: ITC availed by the genuine buyers against the invoices issued by the concerns which are related to this fake invoices cases are directly being targeted without even hearing their genuine grounds, arguments and material aspects of the case.

Suggestion: The draconian provisions like arrest are the need of the hour and similarly it should also be used in a very rare and concrete circumstance and not just based on the statement of the one side. In these situations a proper Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in consultation of industry people should be designed by

CBIC to tackle these cases and provisions like arrest must be used as per the SOP prescribed. It is also requested for sufficient Opportunity of being heard for Blocking of Input Tax Credit on account of alleged fake ITC.

13. BUILDERS AND DEVELOPERS ISSUES:

- A) **Issue:** As per Integrated Textile Park Scheme of Ministry of Textiles the building is constructed by the Developer from the contribution of the members. There should be no GST on such construction activity as it is as per within framework of Textile Park Scheme but due to unclarity entrepreneurs are discouraged for new investment.

Suggestion: Clarification/ exemption may kindly be issued that there is no GST on such construction activity as it is within framework of Textile Park Scheme.

- B) **Issue:** Due to Mudra Loan, Start up India, Standup India schemes many young and women are becoming entrepreneur but are not having enough resources to purchase Commercial space, they prefer to take on lease. The rate of GST on lease is 18%.

Suggestion: The rate of GST So for the period of two years, the rate of GST on Rent should be 6% if given by the builder to the entrepreneurs.

- C) Deemed valuation of land:

Issue: The reduced rate of 1% without input credit on construction of Affordable housing and 5% on construction of other than Affordable housing is the effective rate after considering 33% deemed deduction for the value of the land.

This one third deemed deduction on account of transfer of Land or Undivided Share of land is irrespective of the actual value of the land transferred. However, the said deemed deduction is not available when there is no transfer of land or undivided share of land.

The critical issue here is that in Metros, the value of the land exceeds the cost of construction. In such a scenario, only 1/3rd deemed deduction is not justified.

Suggestion: This provision requires amendment and the additional option to adopt for actual transfer value of land is to be allowed instead of 1/3rd deemed deduction.

D) Credit note within 6 months from end of Financial Year

Under GST regime, the taxpayer can adjust his tax liability if he declares the details of Credit Note in the Return filed latest by the month of September Return following the end of the Financial Year in which such supply was made, or the date of furnishing of the relevant Annual Return, whichever is earlier.

However, in Real Estate sector, construction service is a

‘continuous supply of service’ requiring 3 to 5 years for completion. Significantly, due to this stipulation of time limit of September Return, Developers’ get only six months after end of the Year to issue Credit Notes. The aforesaid provision remains a practical and unworkable challenge for Builders / Developers to avail the benefit of reduction of tax liability on account of Credit Note issued after 6 months from the end of Financial Year.

In view of the above, the GST paid on flat(s) cancelled is either required to be borne by the Developer or

the Buyer. Hence the time period stipulated needs to be liberalized /extended considering the peculiar nature

of this Industry / Sector.

- E) Developer transfers certain percentage of developed area to Land owner as a consideration against transfer of Development Rights. Developer is required to discharge tax at applicable rate i.e. either at effective rate of 1% (Affordable housing), 5% (Residential) or 12% (Commercial), depending upon the nature of the premises so transferred. However, tax is required to be discharged on total amount charged to Independent buyers for similar premises which is nearest to the date of transfer of TDR / FSI, after deduction of value of land i.e. 1/3rd of total consideration.

- F) The value of construction service provided by developer to the land owner should be either equal to the value of land or the construction cost incurred. Also, the value for individual flats to the buyer may not be compared with value of flats given in bulk to the land owner.

- G) In the case of a JDA, the Developer’s role is like a Works Contractor for the land owner and hence, GST, if any shall be leviable only on the cost of construction and not on the total amount charged to Independent buyers for similar premises which are nearest to the date of transfer. The provision in the GST Act is required to be amended.

- H) In case of Residential premises, due to liability on unsold premises after the cut-off date, it is imposing additional cost burden on the Developer, which is difficult to foresee at the time of commencement of construction. Further, no clarity has been provided as to whether the Developer is required to consider all unsold flats in a Project, (including those which have been transferred to Land owner) or only those unsold flats which belong to him. Though, logically Developer should be liable to pay Tax only on those unsold flats which remained unsold with him. This requires clarification from the Government to avoid possible future litigation.

14. FORMATION OF HIGHER APPELLATE FORUM

Looking at the pendency of the cases, it is urged and requested for effective formation of higher forum to settle the issues at the earliest.

15. GSTIN Portal

A separate columns to be provided in Form GSTR 1, Form GSTR 3B, etc.. to include the transactions relating to earlier years in subsequent year. These transaction reporting are allowed as per the provisions of the GST Acts. It will make

ease of submissions during the scrutiny and review of Annual accounts by the authorities and avoid difference in turnover and tax figures in two different years.

16. THIS IS REFERENCE TO THE AMENDMENTS FOR GST RATE CHANGE RELATING TO WORKS CONTRACT SERVICES.

The following are the increase in the GST rates due amendments mentioned.

NOTIFICATION NO.	SUPPLY TO	EFFECTIVE FROM	FROM	TO
15/2021-Central tax (Rate) dated 18th November, 2021	Governmental Authority, Government Entity	01st January, 2022	12%	18%
16/2021-Central tax (Rate) dated 18th November, 2021	Governmental Authority, Government Entity	01st January, 2022	5%	12%
03/2022 -Central tax (Rate) dated 13th July, 2022	Central Government, State Government, Union Territory and a local authority	18th July, 2022	5%/ 12%	12%/ 18%

ISSUES:

- The impact will be on number of work contracts in relation to construction of Hospitals, Educational Institutions, Non Commercial buildings, etc to the above categories of recipients who were taxed GST @ 12% are increased 18% .
- Works contract services involving predominantly earth work is increased from 5% to 12% due to the above amendment.
- GST rate of change for services are to be paid by the clients on the agreed terms basis. Works contract is mainly in relation to Immovable Property and understanding the nature of complexity of works contract mechanism needs special attention.
- This amendment have significant impact on the existing and ongoing constructions contracts** which were entered into before the date of this amendment.

REQUEST:

Many of our members are not able to get the upper revision of rate tax from various departments. BAI sincerely prays that:

- Instruct all the departments to pay GST to contractors as per the provisions of GST Acts for the work completed upto 17th July, 2022 within a specified cut off date.
- Issuance of clarification of list of recipients and the applicability of rate of tax relating to the above amendment dates** for the various existing contracts entered viz, inclusive of tax, etc., to avoid litigation between the contractors and their clients to come out of the practical issues, faced by the contractors for the erstwhile amend made.

- The Ministry should also issue a clarification overriding all the contracts, that any increase in rates of tax will be duly passed on to the contractor by the client** irrespective of the clause in agreement and if required a supplementary agreement should be entered into.
- Thus the tax should be paid to the contractors on submission of bill basis and need not be a reimbursement which will lock the working capital of the contractors for unreasonable period.
- Work Contract services are treated as supply of services in GST regime. It is submitted that amendment to be made for contract services are **eligible to get refund of additional input tax credit** treating it as Inverted Duty Structure.

We look forward to the above-mentioned changes as otherwise our construction industry would go deeper financial crisis and the economic growth of the country would suffer thus impacting the generation of the revenue and also impacting the dream of Honorable Prime Minster to make India as the "Business Capital" of the World.

JUSTIFICATION:

A. CLARIFICATION FOR EXISTING INCLUSIVE OF TAX RATE CONTRACTS:

- Before the amendment there are number of contracts, which were covered under reduced rate of 12% or 5% as the case may be. It is to specifically mention that now a days majority of the **contract agreements are entered inclusive of GST rate basis**. When there is sudden increase of tax rates by 6% for a category of contractors, it will be very difficult to negotiate the rates with the clients. Any upward revision in taxes and that too by 6% will impact the profitability

and sustainability of the various contracts or arrangements already entered by the contractors in light of the provisions before amendment.

- The increase in tax rates will again pop up the most settled agreement disputes on account of GST. The agreements which are entered into GST regime treating it as inclusive of taxes, will face the heat and renegotiation will be required for change in tax rates.
- In some of the cases with specifically State Governments, and PSU's in past, any increase in rates of tax was not given to the contractor or still in dispute because of the absence of relevant clause about change in rate of tax. However any reduction in rate of tax in July 2017 to January 2018 was accordingly considered by PSU's in view of section 171 of The Central Goods and Service Tax Act 2017.
- For claim / reimbursement of GST Paid in time, the contractors have to undergo a lengthy process and in many cases legal proceedings may be warranted.
- The agreements which were entered prior to GST regime and have settled anti profiteering calculations too, will again pop up and increase in rates of tax needs to be paid/ reimbursed even on settled cases as per the GST Law and Conditions of Agreement.

B. EXAMPLES FOR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES:

Work executed for Local Authority and certain Government Departments

- This amendment is covering Local authorities also. Majority of the work allotted are based on the limited budget provisions. Even, if the authorities are ready to provide the additional 6% of tax, they may not get that 6% from the higher Body due to budget restrictions and pass on to the contractors. These kind of issues are also prevailing in various Government Departments which are executing their infrastructure needs with limited resource exposure.
- Certain Government Departments are not at all having any budget provision to allocate the additional levy of 6% tax. It is very difficult time for the contractors who are executing works for the above referred authorities to get the additional burden of this GST 6%. The projects commenced/ allotted in the erstwhile tax regime:
- The projects/concessionaire agreement entered into the erstwhile tax regime i.e. (Service tax and VAT) had already faced lot of difficulties during the course of transition in the GST regime. It is

observed that such agreements usually had change in law clause wherein the contractors were thus required to claim the GST after taking into account the provisions of Anti Profiteering. Thus though the tax rate applicable was at

12%, the claim usually of the contractor was in the range of 2.5 to 7%. With the change in applicable rate from 12% to 18%, the entire exercise is required to be re-done for the work done prior to 18.07.2022 and for work done post 18.07.2022. Further this shall lead to blockage in working capital as the approval process generally takes 6-10 months.

The projects commenced/ allotted in the GST regime prior to the amendment date of 18.07.2022.

- It is observed that such concessionaire agreements especially in case of NHAI and metro projects were allotted on PRICE INCLUSIVE OF TAX. Though change of provisions of law still form part of the concessionaire agreement, clarification must be brought for projects commenced in the GST regime, the change of provisions of law will include change in tax rate as well. Accordingly the concessionaire agreement bid project cost is required to be increased by 5.36% ($100 \times 118 / 112$) to account for the change in tax rate.
- In GST during construction period the Authority is making payment of 40% on the work executed as per the provisions of GST Acts. The GST liability arises on completion of service work as per agreement. But Construction is a continuous service for 2 years. After that O & M Service will started to flow. As per GST norm if we raise GST invoice for the overall cost of the project, it will be huge GST liability on the part of Concessionaire. At the same time the O & M service is a part of Project Cost on Construction Service. As per GST norms if Concessionaire is raising complete bill during construction work, then at the time of O & M Service period the Concessionaire need not raise bill for the part payment, but the NHAI Authority is instructing to raise invoice for the part payment also. It will jeopardise the Concessionaire in double taxation. Hence, a detailed clarification may be issues.
- In case of Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) projects commenced/ allotted in the erstwhile tax regime: For the HAM commenced in the erstwhile regime and only annuity is received in current regime, the developers/ contractors have not availed any input tax credit as the said services were exempted then. Hence such projects for which COD is completed prior to GST regime should be exempted.
- In case of Hybrid Annuity Model projects commenced during the GST regime but prior to July, 2021:

In such projects under the concessionaire agreements it was clarified that the bid project cost shall be exclusive of GST. Hence clarification was given that GST on annuity shall provided separately. However with increase in rate from 12% to 18%, direction may be given to release GST at appropriate rates.

C. ADDITIONAL WORKING CAPITAL BURDEN:

- Increase in rate of tax seems to be shifting of money from one pocket to another pocket for the Government as a whole. The private construction contracts were already covered under 18% category, only government contracts are under 12% category (in case of Earth works). Increase of rate may result into increase the burden on respective Ministries in some cases.
- Each and every work is executed with underlying contract documents. There are numerous examples of agreements with of Centre or State Government, where works are entered on all inclusive basis. In some of the contracts change in tax rate clause is either missing or in some cases it is categorically mentioned that no impact of change in rate of tax will be provided to the agreed rate. In the absence of such clauses or restriction, such contractors will have to bear the burden of increased rate of tax, which is far more unreasonable and will bring many of the contractors under bankruptcy owing to inability to perform works at such reduced rates of tax from client side.
- The construction industry is managing to come out the impact of waves of Covid which, as you are aware, has been much stronger and larger in various parts of the country. Further the construction contracts are long term contracts where the prices are locked and any untimely changes to taxes will further drag the various contractors into financial crunch, leaving unfavourable times for most of the contractors and ultimately leading to delay in executions of the majority of the projects. Further as you are also aware that the construction industry is seeing abnormal increase in the prices of cement and steel and the index being used for providing escalation to the contractors is not commensurate with this abnormal increase in the prices of cement and steel. Shortage and migration of labour also creating lot of practical difficulties which are tough to handle smoothly. Therefore, the financial position of the contractors is very grim.
- Most of the State Government works, bill payments are getting delayed normally by 2 months to 9 months. This additional liability of 6% tax, will also be an additional working capital burden. Since, the Governments are not taking credit of input tax, the 180 days norms for non payment of consideration prescribed for reversal of ITC under section 16(2)(d) of the CGST Act, 2017 and Rule 37 of CGST Rules, 2017 are not at all support the contractors.

D) SUBMISSION:

- The effect of amendment has created a lot of

uncertainty in industry about the rates of tax on various contracts, status of existing contracts, reimbursement of increase in rates of tax, etc.

- During this post hectic Covid pandemic situation, the working capital will be locked on account of additional payment of GST within the due date and also an additional burden to the industry.
- It is requested to direct to settle all amounts due from Government and its departments in respect of increase in rate of tax.

17. NEW TAXATION IMMUNITY SCHEME TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Keeping the enormous practical difficulties during transition to GST mechanism in to consideration, new taxation Immunity scheme will be announced suitably. The genuine regular tax payers should be convinced properly.

- It may be proposed an one time measure for suitably waiving interest, penalties for all returns including GSTR 9, 9A, 9B and 9C filed for FY 2017-18 to 2021-22.
- Also liberal view shall be taken for Time limit for taking input tax credit (ITC) pertaining to FY 17-18 to FY 2022-23 and additional time to be allowed for filing of the corresponding Additional Returns and Reports.
- Further time limit for amending transactions of 2017-18 to 2022-23 in GSTR 1 shall be allowed as it facilitates reflection of such amended details in GSTR 2A of the recipient.
- More clarity to be given for already assessment completed cases and the due share of benefit to be passed on to the genuine dealers who have already discharged the tax, interest and penalty in due care and respect.

Note: Details of BAI's Pre-Budget Memorandum 2024-25 - Direct Taxes can be availed by sending request to Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary by email:baihq.mumbai@gmail.com

Union Budget 2025-26 and BAI

As is done every year, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India Tax Research Unit vide their letter No. F. No. 334/1/2024-TRU dated 28th October, 2024 invited BAI for a Pre-Budget meeting for Union Budget 2025-26 to be held on 18th November, 2024 in North Block, New Delhi.

Apart from BAI other construction organisations invited were, National Highway Builders Federation, Construction Federation of India and Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India

BAI was requested to send a brief presentation before the meeting, which BAI did and the same is printed herein below.

The Meeting was chaired by the CBIC, Chairman, Shri Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, IRS, along with Senior Officials from the Union Finance Ministry.

On behalf of BAI, the delegation consisted of Shri Anand Gupta, Vice-President; Shri Rajiv Goel, Vice President; Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, National Hon. General Secretary, BAI; CA Tarun Ghia, Chairman, BAI's Direct Taxation Committee; CA M. Raveendaran, Chairman, BAI's Indirect Taxation Committee; and CA Sanjay Chaudhary, Head Government Communication & Coordination, BAI Delhi Office.

Ref: 733/N/2024-25 dated 11th November, 2024

Ms. Sanjala Sharma
Budget Officer, TRU,
Department of Revenue,
Ministry of Finance,
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Subject: BAI's Pre-Budget Proposal for Union Budget 2025-26.

Dear Madam,

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders, founded in 1941, it has more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 220 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all around improvements in the construction sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry. This involves making efforts to obtain from policy makers and authorities, the level of attention that the construction industry deserves in view of its tremendous contribution and importance to the economy.

We are thankful for your esteemed Office letter No.334/5/2024-TRU, Government of India, Ministry of Finance (Dept. of Revenue) dated 28th October

2024, inviting suggestions from the Industry and Trade Associations for Budget 2025-26 in respect of tax issues pertaining to different sectors. BAI really feel honoured for inviting suggestions and pleased to submit the proposals relating to the Construction Industry. It is a privilege to the BAI to submit the Pre-budget Memorandum 2025-26 on Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes to Government of India.

The Budget Memorandum on Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes are attached herewith for your kind perusal.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K. Viswanathan
President,
Builders' Association of India

Arbitration Matter

BAI draws attention of the Union Government on industry issues

Immediately after assuming office as President of BAI, Shri K. Viswanathan took up various issues confronting the Indian building and construction industry by sending memorandums to the concerned Union Ministers, Secretaries, etc.

Indian Industry Needs to Adopt to Fair and Equitable Treatment

India presently positions 100th out of 190 nations in the simplicity of working together record and 164th in the list for upholding contracts. The administration of India has started a few key changes that have contributed to this move-in perception, the latest of which is the Specific Relief (Amendment) Act, 2018 (SPECIAL RELIEF Amendment Act), which tries to revise the Specific Relief Act, 1963 (SPECIAL RELIEF Act) and rearrange the process of the requirement of contracts.

However the fact remains The Indian Contract Act, 1872, the key act regulating Indian contract laws is based on the principles of English Common Law as legacy of the British.

Modern concepts of regulation of contracts involved in infrastructure, and the complex contracts of the market economy, require a sound framework of law and enforcement and perhaps a revamp in the clause / conditions of the act is the need of the hour to provide a Fair and Equitable Treatment (FET) or Minimum Standard of Treatment (MST) such that each 'Party' shall at all times accord to covered investments fair and equitable treatment and full protection and security; and shall in no case accord treatment less favourable than that required by law.

Investment in infrastructure projects are of utmost importance; so is channelizing and supervising the investment and projects equally important. Thus there must be adequate laws, if need be modified / amended,

to ensure the proper growth of the country via infrastructural projects.

India through its economic liberalization is heading to achieve revolutionary growth.

Old laws tend to have clauses that are incompatible with modern India. As an example, there are 45 Central Acts which directly pertain to labour alone. Beyond this, there are other Acts which indirectly concern labour. Given this large body of law, many inconsistencies have crept in. Further there is a need for reducing over-legislation and state intervention along with increasing speed of dispute resolution for the betterment.

As of now there is huge scope of improvement in Contract laws for it needs simplifies neutral clause for arbitration, price variation reimbursements, budgetary allocation disclosure, funding support and many more alike.

Primarily we seek implementation of 'One Country and One Scheme', which should cover all such works where Public Money is involved including Public limited companies. As now Govt. is moving more and more towards privatization for Public works and this should be avoided.

Furthermore, we need standard Contract documents based on Indian legal system as many provisions of FIDIC are not in tune with Indian Laws. Moreover, by introduction of COPA huge ambiguity is created which is cause of disputes many a times and should be thus avoided. Arbitration in construction contract should be made compulsory before going to court.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Guidelines for Arbitration and Mediation in Contracts of Domestic Public Procurement - reg.

In recent decades, there has been an increasing resort to arbitration as a mean of alternative dispute resolution with a view to reducing litigation and achieving quick and efficient settlement of contractual disputes. Arbitration as a remedy is based on explicit provision in a contract and is not a judicial process. Arbitration can cover a whole range of contractual matters, including disputes between private sector parties where the Government or a public sector undertaking is not involved.

2. Arbitration is expected to provide several advantages compared to the process of litigation in the Courts:

- (i) **Speed:** It is expected to result in quicker resolution of disputes.
- (ii) **Convenience and Technical Expertise:** As it is not a judicial process, it provides greater convenience and less formality, enabling persons other than serving Judges (including technical experts) to act as Arbitrators. This may improve the quality of factual decision making, especially on technical issues.
- (iii) **Finality:** Under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, the decisions of the Arbitrators are final, and grounds for challenge in Courts are very limited. Hence, finality is an expected benefit of arbitration.

3. Recent developments, namely the enactment of the Mediation Act, 2023 and Court decisions, combined with the experience gained over many years have necessitated a re-examination of the Government's approach towards arbitration vis-à-vis other methods of dispute

resolution, such as mediation and litigation.

4. The Government (or a Government entity or agency) as a disputant has certain peculiarities:

- (i) The system of decision-making in Government involves accountability to Parliament. The law requires the Government to act fairly without arbitrariness. There are multiple levels of scrutiny before and after decisions are taken. Acceptance of an adverse award when judicial avenues are not exhausted is often perceived to be improper by various authorities, despite the 'finality' envisaged in theory.
- (ii) The necessity for fairness and non-arbitrariness makes it difficult to accept arbitration awards if they vary from the practice followed for other similarly placed contractors who are not involved in the arbitration.
- (iii) Officers in Government and its undertakings are transferrable and hence the personal knowledge of an officer involved in an arbitration matter may not be as deep as of the opposing private party. This handicaps the Government when presenting its case before arbitrators.

5. Notwithstanding the expected benefits of arbitration, the actual experience of arbitration in respect of contracts where the Government (or a Government entity or agency, such as a public sector enterprise) is a party have been, in many cases, unsatisfactory in meeting the expectations:

- (i) The process of arbitration itself takes a long

time and is not as quick as envisaged, besides being very expensive too.

- (ii) The reduced formality, combined with the binding nature of decisions, has often led to wrong decisions on facts and improper application of the law. The arbitral process being contractual and intended to be final with very limited further recourse, is also exposed, particularly in matters of high financial value, to perceptions of wrongdoing including collusion. It is noteworthy that arbitrators are not necessarily subject to the high standards of selection which are applied to the judiciary and to judicial conduct. Further, proceedings are conducted behind closed doors and not in open court. There have been judicial decisions regarding impropriety on the part of arbitrators and there is little accountability for such wrong decisions, if taken by arbitrators.
- (iii) The benefit of finality has also not been achieved. A large majority of arbitration decisions are being challenged in the Courts both by the Government (or its entity or agency) and by the opposite party, when the decision of the arbitrators is not to the satisfaction of either party. The expectation that challenge to arbitration award would be rare, has not been realised in practice. Therefore, instead of reducing litigation, it has become virtually an additional layer and source of more litigation, delaying final resolution. The objective of relieving the burden on Courts has generally not been achieved.
- (iv) The intended finality, though often not realised in practice, also has a bearing on possible civil and criminal actions, attendant to the subject matter of the disputes.
- (v) In many cases, a commercial and sensible practical approach if resorted to, may indeed amicably resolve the issues at the threshold, but the existence of an arbitration clause makes it easy for officers to avoid taking a decision by letting the dispute go to arbitration. Thereafter, in the adversarial process, realistic claims and counter-claims are often replaced by

inflated claims, counter-claims or cross-claims and arbitral process many a time ends in concluding resolutions which are in-between or extreme in nature, when in reality, the intrinsic actual claims are far smaller.

- 6. Adjudication by the courts is a remedy which always exists wherever there is no arbitration clause. However, another alternative to arbitration is mediation, which is a process whereby parties attempt to reach an amicable settlement of their dispute with the assistance of a third person (mediator) who does not have the authority to impose a settlement upon the parties to a dispute. There are successful models of mediation/ conciliation being practiced in certain Government entities, for example in the oil and gas sector. Section 48 of the Mediation Act, 2023 allows the Government or any Government entity or agency to frame schemes or guidelines for resolution of disputes through mediation or conciliation, and in such cases, a mediation or conciliation may be conducted in accordance with such schemes or guidelines.
- 7. Keeping all these factors in view, the following guidelines are issued for contracts of domestic procurement by the Government and by its entities and agencies (including Central Public Sector Enterprises [CPSEs], Public Sector Banks [PSBs] etc. and Government companies):
 - (i) Arbitration as a method of dispute resolution should not be routinely or automatically included in procurement contracts/ tenders, especially in large contracts.
 - (ii) As a norm, arbitration (if included in contracts) may be restricted to disputes with a value less than Rs. 10 crore. This figure is with reference to the value of the dispute (not the value of the contract, which may be much higher). It may be specifically mentioned in the bid conditions/conditions of contract that in all other cases, arbitration will not be a method of dispute resolution in the contract.
 - (iii) Inclusion of arbitration clauses covering disputes with a value exceeding the norm specified in sub-para (ii) above, should be

based on careful application of mind and recording of reasons and with the approval of:

- a. In respect of Government Ministries/ Departments, attached/subordinate offices and autonomous bodies, the Secretary concerned or an officer (not below the level of Joint Secretary), to whom authority is delegated by the Secretary.
 - b. In respect of CPSEs/ PSBs/ Financial Institutions etc., the Managing Director.
- (iv) In matters where arbitration is to be resorted to, institutional arbitration may be given preference (where appropriate, after considering reasonableness of the cost of arbitration relative to the value involved).
- (v) In matters covered by arbitration/ court decisions, the guidance contained in General Instructions on Procurement and Project Management dated 29.10.2021 should be kept in mind. In cases where there is a decision against the government/ public sector enterprise, the decision to challenge/ appeal should not be taken in a routine manner, but only when the case genuinely merits going for challenge/ appeal and there are high chances of winning in the court/ higher court.
- (vi) Government departments/ entities/ agencies should avoid and/ or amicably settle as many disputes as possible using mechanisms available in the contract. Decisions should be taken in a pragmatic manner in overall long-term public interest, keeping legal and practical realities in view, without shirking or avoiding responsibility or denying genuine claims of the other party.
- (vii) Government departments/ entities/ agencies are encouraged to adopt mediation under the Mediation Act, 2023 and/ or negotiated amicable settlements for resolution of disputes. Where necessary, e.g. matters of high value, they may proceed in the manner discussed below:

- a. Government departments/ undertakings may, where they consider appropriate e.g. in high value matters, constitute a High-Level Committee (HLC) for dispute resolution which may include.

- i. A retired judge.
- ii. A retired high-ranking officer and/ or technical expert.

This composition is purely indicative and not prescriptive.

- b. In cases where a HLC is constituted, the Government department/ entity/ agency may either

- i. negotiate directly with the other party and place a tentative proposed solution before the HLC; or
- ii. conduct mediation through a mediator and then place the tentative mediated agreement before the HLC; or
- iii. use the HLC itself as the mediator.

- c. This will enable decisions taken for resolving disputes in appropriate matters to be scrutinized by a high-ranking body at arms-length from the regular decision-making structure, thereby promoting fair and sound decisions in public interest, with probity.

- (viii) There may be rare situations in long duration works contracts where, due to unforeseen major events, public interest may be best served by a renegotiation of the terms. In such circumstances, the terms of the tentative re-negotiated contract may be placed before a suitably constituted High Level Committee before approval.

- (ix) Approval of the appropriate authority will need to be obtained for the final accepted solution. Section 49 of the Mediation Act, 2023 is also relevant in this regard.

- (x) Mediation agreements need not be routinely or automatically included in procurement contracts/ tenders. The

absence of a mediation agreement in the contract does not preclude pre-litigation mediation. Such a clause may be incorporated where it is consciously decided to do so.

- (xi) Disputes not covered in an arbitration clause and where the methods outlined above are not successful, should be adjudicated by the courts.

8. General or case-specific modification in the application of the above guidelines may be authorised by the Secretary concerned (or an

officer not below the level of Joint Secretary to whom the authority is delegated by him) in respect of Government Ministries/ Departments, attached/ subordinate offices and autonomous bodies, or the Managing Director in respect of Central Public Sector Enterprises including Banks and Financial Institutions etc.



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To,

1. Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India for information and necessary action. They are also requested to inform these provisions to all procuring entities under their administrative control.
2. Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises with a request to reiterate these instructions in respect of all Central Public Sector Enterprises.
3. Secretary, Department of Financial Services with a request to reiterate these instructions in respect of all Public Sector Financial Institutions.
4. Financial Advisers of All Ministries /Departments of Government of India for information and necessary action.
5. Chief Secretaries of State Governments for information.

Ref.: 206/J/2024-25 dated 7th June, 2024

To,

The All MCGC Members of Builders' Association of India

Dear Sirs,

Sub.: Guidelines for Arbitration and Mediation in Contracts of Domestic Public Procurement – reg.

With reference to the above, please find attached herewith, Office Memorandum No.F.1/2/2024-PPD dated 03.06.2024, issued by Shri Anil Kumar, Deputy Secretary (Procurement Policy) the Ministry of Finance, for kind information and record.

The spirit of the Guide line is really damaging to the industry, as it indirectly advocates for banning the Arbitration from all contracts. The following points may please be noted:

- The Circular is meant for all Government Agencies, Department, Entities and PSUs.
- The Circular has restricted the maximum value of disputed amount is less than Rs.10.00 Crores. (Point No. 7(ii) page No.3).

- The Circular doubts the competence of the Arbitrator and even directly alleges of collusion to manipulate the final outcome of the Arbitration Award. (Point No. 5(ii) page No.2.)

Even though there are a few other serious allegations against the entire Arbitration process, I personally feel, this circular could be an additional material for filing Writ on inclusion of Arbitration Clause in all contracts.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



RAJU JOHN

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Dear Sir,

Sub: Guidelines for Arbitration and Mediation in Contracts of Domestic Public Procurements- Reg.

Ref: Office Memorandum no. F.1/2/2024-PPD dated 03.06.2024

In reference to the above referred Office Memorandum no. F.1/2/2024-PPD dated 03.06.2024 (OM), at the outset, kindly accept our gratitude and high appreciation of the constant initiative taken by the Procurement Policy Division to improve the environment of public procurement in India and thus increasing the ease of doing business in India.

The Builders Association of India (BAI), which is the apex All-India body of engineering construction contractors and real estate companies founded in 1941 with more than 22,000 business entities as its members through nearly 215 chapters (Branches) across the country. The association is a registered body established with the objective of encouraging trade, industry and profession of construction works and all other ancillary and allied trades and industries amongst others. The construction Industry is the second largest employer of workers and employs more than 80 million people in the country. It contributes around 9% to the national GDP and accounts for around 60% of the total plan outlay of the government. Moreover the construction industry has forward and backward linkage to more than 400 allied industry.

Being a huge contributor to the national GDP, it is, thus, very important that the mechanism of the alternative dispute resolution is robust and reduces litigation and achieves quick and efficient settlement of contractual disputes.

Further as rightly pointed out in this subject Office Memorandum, arbitration is expected to provides several advantages compared to the process of litigation namely, **Speed, Convenience Technical Expertise and Finality.**

The subject OM, however stated that the actual experience of arbitration in respect of contracts where the Government (or a government entity or agency, such as a public sector enterprise) is a party have been, in many cases **unsatisfactory in meeting the expectation.**

The OM then list various actual experiences and hence due to this gap **between the expectation and the actual experience**, this subject Office Memorandum has issued guidelines for contracts of domestic procurement by the Government and its entities and agencies (Including CPSE, Public Sector Bank) and Government companies). These new guidelines states that **"arbitration as a method of**

dispute resolution should not be routinely or automatically included in procurement contracts/ tenders, especially on large contracts". Instead the guidelines states that **"mediation under the Mediation Act 2023 and / or negotiated amicable settlements for resolution of disputes are to be encouraged to be adopted by Government departments/ entities/ agencies and finally should be adjudicated by the Courts".**

As already stated this decision is supposedly based on the actual experience of the Procurement Policy Department. This OM has listed these various actual experiences. Before discussing these actual experiences. **BAI would like to place on record that Arbitration has several advantages over court litigation like:**

- **Speedy Resolution:** One of the key advantages of arbitration under the Act is the expeditious resolution of disputes. Court cases often suffer from significant delays due to heavy caseloads and procedural complexities. The Arbitration Act mandates a time-bound process, encouraging the speedy disposal of cases. As a result, arbitration offers a more time-efficient alternative, saving parties from protracted legal battles.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** litigation in traditional courts can be exorbitantly expensive, with legal fees, court charges, and prolonged hearings adding to the financial burden. the expedited timeline of arbitration ensures that the costs associated with lengthy litigation are significantly reduced.
- **Confidentiality:** Confidentiality is a critical aspect of arbitration under the Act. Unlike court proceedings, arbitration offers parties the opportunity to resolve their disputes privately, away from the public eye. This is particularly advantageous for businesses that wish to protect sensitive commercial information or maintain their reputation. The Act ensures that arbitration proceedings and awards remain confidential, enhancing the trust and confidence of the parties involved.
- **Enforceability of Arbitral Awards:** One of the key concerns of any dispute resolution mechanism is the enforceability of the final award. The Act recognizes and enforces both domestic and international

arbitration awards. The enforcement process is streamlined, allowing for quick execution of arbitral awards. This strengthens the credibility of arbitration as a reliable method of dispute resolution and promotes confidence among parties, both within India and internationally.

- **The Role of the Judiciary:** The judiciary plays a vital role in supporting and upholding the principles of arbitration under the Act. The courts act as facilitators in the arbitration process, ensuring that the proceedings are conducted fairly and in accordance with the law. The Act strikes a delicate balance between judicial intervention and non-interference, allowing courts to intervene only when necessary to protect the integrity of the arbitration process. This approach enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of arbitration and reduces the scope for unnecessary delays

Now coming back to the actual experiences as stated in this subject OM, BAI would like to comment that :-

- 1) **Time taken in Process of Arbitration:** The OM states that the process of arbitration takes a long time and is not as quick as envisaged and being very expensive too. THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION ACT, 1996 (The Act) prescribes a time limit the fees which the arbitrators can charge. The fees has an upper limit thus the cost are well known.

On the contrary it is very well known that the Indian Court are hugely burdened and there is no limit on either the cost or the time for the Process to reach its logical conclusion. The adjudication by the Indian Court is taking far more time than the process of arbitration and in some cases taking as long as ten years.

Therefore instead of just removing Arbitration as a method of dispute resolution in procurement contracts/ tenders, it would be better to tightly enforce the time and cost limit as given in The Act.

- 2) **Formality and threat of wrong doing:** The Supreme Court has, time and again, has appreciated the process of arbitration and the value addition it is rendering to the process of dispute resolution. The arbitrators are using the various judgements given by the apex court in coming to a conclusion thus bringing more objectivity to the process. The process of arbitration provides more privacy and helps small business protect their trade secrets or other intellectual property that may be foundational to their businesses. No third parties (including press or competitors) are allowed in the hearing.

The threat of collusion and wrong doing can be prevented by tighter process of empanelment having an arbitration tribunal for the disputes involving big cost, backlisting the arbitrators found to be guilty of wrong doing etc. Just because few stakeholders in

the process of arbitration are alleged to be involved in wrong doing cannot make the entire process tainted! The larger benefit the process of arbitration provides far outweigh the small anomalies which can be further reduced by tightly monitoring them.

Also, in the modern world of intellectual proprietary, closed door dispute resolution is very important because of the Privacy which the adjudication by the Courts cannot provide.

- 3) **Benefit of Finality:** It has been found that the Government is challenging the arbitral award as a routine just to pass on the responsibility. The procurement Policy Division has itself recorded in one of its circular that ***“Statistics have shown that in cases where the arbitration award is challenged, a large majority of cases are decided in favour of the contractor. In such cases, the amount becomes payable with interest, at a rate which is often far higher than the Government’s cost of funds. This results in huge financial losses to the Government”***. Therefore the blame of the non-achievement of benefit of finality, to a very large extent, is placed on the large shoulders of the Government. The process of challenging the arbitral award under section 34 of The Act should be made tighter and accountable to avoid challenging as routine to escape responsibilities. It also reduces the liability of the payment of further interest should the challenge of the arbitral award goes against the Government which is the case in the most of the challenges.
- 4) In most of the government department before the process of arbitration can be invoked they have the system of conciliation and mediation through a ***“Dispute Redressal Committee (DRC)”***. No dispute can be directly sent to arbitration before going thru the process of amicably resolving the issue. However this interim step is not followed in principle by the government department as no one is serious in taking a decision and also shirk from the responsibility lest a disciplinary action is taken in future against them. This needs to be stopped and the DRC should be made stronger and accountable.

The Mediation Act, 2023 is not bringing a finality to the process of dispute resolution as it is not obligatory for the parties to participate. Further no government officer would take a decision in awarding compensation to the contractors as it would point towards a wrong doing as had a correct decision been taken in time, it would have avoided this huge compensation. A mechanism similar to the Mediation Act 2023 is already existing in the shape of DRC which has failed to a large extent. The DRC should be made accountable in case the arbitral award goes against the government. This would make DRC be less perfunctory and would take more interest in the amicable settlement of the issues. The DRC should be made more strong and should be able to fix responsibilities to avoid repeat of similar disputes

Secondly the officers who were present during the creation of the dispute should be made responsible for the entire process of dispute resolution. This would bring more knowledge to the government during the process of arbitration/ Court adjudication. Also he or she should be made accountable as it would lead to less creation of dispute thus lessening the disputes which are being brought for resolution. In short the Engineer in Charge should be the same person right from the start of the project till the completion of the project and the dispute resolution should there be one.

Thirdly, the process of the procurement should be a uniform one to avoid ambiguity and also bringing familiarity. The process should be adapted based on the time tested and well researched processes being developed by organisations like CPWD who have dedicated departments constantly improving the processes.

It is an obvious fact that if a commercial relationship emerges, there are chances of having disputes between the parties. International commercial disputes can lead to major trade conflicts with serious political and economic repercussions. That is why it is essential that these disputes get resolved fairly, quickly and efficiently. **The arbitral awards have a higher degree of recognition as compared to a decision of foreign court.** The credit for such recognition goes to the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, also called "the New York Convention of 1958" and this Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards is the cornerstone of the international arbitration system. The New York Convention has made the enforcement of arbitral awards far easier than the enforcement of a court judgment. The New York Convention has been signed by over 169 countries; this means that most of the major countries have accepted the recognition of arbitral awards and its enforcement process. Thus, the enforceability of an arbitral award can be ensured due to the New York Convention.

To summarise, the process of arbitration is a robust one and only needs better monitoring. It just requires:

- a. The empanelment of the arbitrators should be made more strict.
- b. Large cost disputes should be handled only by an arbitration tribunal with arbitrators from different department to avoid threat of collusions. Also should a decision taken by the arbitrators found to be smack of arbitrariness and against to be principle of equality, strict disciplinary actions should be taken against them. It is also pertinent to note that most of the dispute only happen in large contract as they involves complexities, many stakeholders thus delay in decision making.

Encl.:- As above

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2) **The Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance**, for kind and urgent Intervention please.

- c. There should not be change in scope of the work to avoid dispute
- d. Payment schedules should be strictly adhered to so that the contractors does not face commercial hardship and hence is not forced to seek compensation from arbitration tribunal.
- e. The arbitration tribunal should be made to follow the strict time guidelines given in The Act for a quick resolution as envisaged in The Act.
- f. The arbitration tribunal should publish the award well in time and as per the time guidelines given in The Act.
- g. The Challenge to the arbitral award should be addressed urgently and a timelines to be fixed for the same which should be adhered to strictly.
- h. The system of EPC contracts especially in building works involving hundreds of items should be abolished and reverted back to item rate based contracts to avoid growing litigation as EPC contracts being large one and involving multi-dimensional services there is always tussle between the PMC/ Client and the contractors regarding the interpretation of the contract. With large number of EPC contracts taking the route of arbitration to resolve the commercial disputes and the client ultimately ending up paying the additional disputed amount, the envisaged fixed cost in EPC contracts is thus not achieved.

In short, arbitration is a preferred dispute resolution mechanism to achieve the objective of the disputes getting resolved fairly, quickly and efficiently as compared to the process of adjudication by court as the latter is taking too much longer time and has other disadvantages as mentioned above.

Therefore, the removal of the process of arbitration is not the solution but a tighter monitoring of the process of the arbitration is the solution.

Sir, it will be an honour for us to personally brief you the above matter, if you kindly give us an audience on any date and time at your office of your convenience.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K. Viswanathan
President
Builders' Association of India

BAI takes steps to file Writ Petitions for inclusion of Arbitration Clause in contracts

An online meeting of BAI's Legal & Arbitration Committee was held on 7th October, 2024. The meeting was attended by, Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI; Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice President, BAI; Shri Mohinder H. Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary, BAI; Dr. Dharmesh C. Awasthi, Chairman, BAI's Legal & Arbitration Committee; Adv. Dinkar Singh, Shri Swapnil Kaulgud, Dr. Rajiv B. Krishnani, Shri A.K. Ratheesh - all Co-Chairmen, BAI's Legal & Arbitration Committee and Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, BAI.

Initiating the discussion Dr. Awasthi the meeting was necessitated due to some additional valuable input shared by Shri Swapnil Kaulgud and Adv. Dinakar Singh, with regard to the representations to be submitted to Kerala and Maharashtra States, as a precursory before filing the Writ Petition.

Shri Swapnil Kaulgud informed that he along with Adv. Dinkar Singh did in-depth research for finalising the representation to be submitted to the Kerala and Mumbai State Authorities to include Arbitration clause in all contract documents. He added that after the research, they have even developed second thoughts of whether to file the Writ Petition, in Bombay High Court, as the State has been promoting institutional arbitration through Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA) for settlement of commercial disputes over Rupees Five Crores (Rs.5.00 Crores) between the State and private parties. Mumbai Municipal Corporation, PWD, CIDCO and other major State works authorities have arbitration clause in their General Conditions of Contract (GCC). He also informed members that, this practice is being followed by the State since 2016. He then expressed that, though major Works Authorities are in favour of Arbitration, most of the Government Departments are not including the same in the contract document and as such BAI should file Writ Petition in Bombay High Court too. He also observed that, many departments are not following the institutional arbitration clause for contracts above Rs. 5.00 Crore. He then given an example followed by the contract document introduced by RERA, wherein 6 clauses should be compulsorily included in any contract and this six clauses are really the essence of the real estate agreement, which ultimately takes care of the interest of the flat purchasers. He felt a similar contract

documents with minimum clauses to take care of the contractors' interest should also be compulsorily followed by all Works Authorities.

Shri Swapnil Kaulgud, stated that, he had orally taken up the filing of Writ Petition matter with Adv. Chetan with a fees of Rs.1.60 lakhs till admission. This fees was inclusive of Rs.25,000 for preparing the representation to be submitted to the works authorities and the representation is now being prepared by the Committee and as such this amount can be deducted making it a total payment of Rs.1.35 lakhs. The President approved the proposal of Shri Swapnil Kaulgud and requested him to go ahead and appoint Adv. Chetan with a payment of Rs.1.35 lakhs, which was agreed by all those present in the meeting.

Shri. Anand Gupta suggested that representation should be submitted to Governments of Kerala and Maharashtra as early as possible, and steps should be taken to circulate the draft representation to all State Chairman for submitting the same in the respective states.

Adv. Dinkar Singh said that High Courts are aware about the illegality of Departments not including the Arbitration Clause in the contract documents. He also felt BAI should submit the representations to the concerned authorities as early as possible and should also simultaneously do the ground work for preparing the Writ Petition within the time and preferably immediately after 17th November, 2024. He also informed the House that, he had done extensive research on the Kerala arbitration matter and is in the process of collecting the details from various tender documents. He then informed the house that, in Maharashtra, major Works Authorities like The Greater Municipal Corporation, PWD, CIDCO etc., has arbitration clauses in its contracts since 2016. He also observed that, these departments have well settled system of appointing institutional arbitrators to decide on the matters above Rs.5.00 Crores and it is functioning exceptionally well as the Government is not deviating from the arbitration clause. He also expressed that, MICA is a State policy, which is recommendatory in nature and not directive and as such is not compulsorily included in the tender conditions. He also stated that, it is legally advisable to submit representation before

filing the writ and requested the State Chairman of Kerala to submit it immediately. He also offered his services to appear on the matter to the courts throughout the country, whenever the opportunity demands.

Dr. D. C. Awasthi, appreciated each and every one who participated in the meeting and stated that, finally a decision on filing Writ Petitions at Kerala and Bombay High Courts have been taken after the

completion of the time line of submitting the representation to the respective state Government. He also felt the fee of Rs.1.35 lakhs fixed for Adv. Chetan is reasonable and expressed hope of contractors would get some relief through BAI's Writ Petition.

The letters submitted to Government of Maharashtra and Government of Kerala are printed herein below.

Ref.: 15-MH/O/2024-25 Dated 11th October 2024

To

Shri Devendra Fadnavis
The Honourable Minister for Law and Justice Dept.,
Government of Maharashtra
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Mumbai 400 032

Representation on behalf of the State Chairman, Builders Association of India (Maharashtra State), to issue necessary directions, to all the 'State Instrumentalities' of State of Maharashtra, to implement 'State Litigation Policy' of State of Maharashtra, in its letter and spirit, which emphasize to encourage, at every level, resort of arbitration, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious resolution of commercial disputes.

Respected Sir,

- Builders Association of India (BAI), founded in 1941, is over eight decades old, all India apex representative body of civil engineering construction companies. BAI, works with various stakeholders in the construction sector, including contractors, builders, and developers. BAI acts as a bridge between the industry and the government, advocating for policy reforms that enhance business efficiency and support sustainable development.
- The Government of Maharashtra (GoM), as recommended by the 13th Finance commission, vide CTA- 2016/Pr.kr.94/ka19, dated 27.08.2014, approved the 'State Litigation Policy' of the State of Maharashtra & published with Unique No 201408271723588212, on the official website of the GoM.
- As per the guidelines, for the effective implementation of the State Litigation Policy,

incorporated in the 'State Litigation policy' itself, the State Government, in Para No. 7 of the 'State Litigation Policy', dated 27.08.2014, has emphasized, that resort to arbitration, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, shall be encourage, at every level, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious resolution of commercial disputes.

- The Government of Maharashtra (GoM), pursuant to its 'State Litigation Policy, dated 27.08.2014 and pursuant to several other ease of doing business initiatives, undertaken in the state of Maharashtra, passed government resolution dated 13th October, 2016 (Resolution). The Resolution, dated 13th October, 2016, inter-alia, states that:

"It has been noticed in most of the government contracts, the arbitration clauses are in the realm of ad-hoc arbitration and there is no uniformity in either of the covenants of dispute resolution or the appointment of arbitrators. Now, the Government of Maharashtra,

therefore, proposes to formulate a policy to promote, propagate and patronize institutional arbitration as preferred mode of dispute resolution, a vital part of the ease of enforcement of contracts and reduce the litigation, and institutional arbitration as the game changer and thereby give a fillip to establishment of International Financial Centre at Mumbai."

The Resolution dated 13th Oct, 2016, inter-alia, states:

- The GoM proposes to promote institutional arbitration as a matter of its stated policy;
- All government contracts where the commercial value of the contract is INR 50,000,000 (Indian Rupees fifty million) and above shall have a recommended standard institutional arbitration clause to the effect that the dispute shall be referred to a recognized 'Indian Arbitration Institute';
- Existing government contracts may be suitably amended with the consent of both parties as regard the dispute resolution clause to provide that the dispute can be referred to the recognized 'Indian Arbitration Institutes', utilizing the recommended arbitration clause instead of the current clause;
- Even in cases where the arbitration has commenced or is about to commence, the parties shall have the option to move over to the proposed arbitration mechanism.

The Resolution, in addition to the above, also sets out a model clause which reads as follows:

"Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this contract, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration ("MCIA Rules"), which rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference in this clause. The seat of arbitration shall be _____. The Tribunal shall consist of [one/three] arbitrator(s). The language of the arbitration shall be English. The law of this arbitration agreement shall be _____. The Law Governing the contract shall be _____."

- The Department of Law and Judiciary of the Government of Maharashtra (GoM), with pious objective, to ensure that arbitration shall be the preferred means of dispute resolution for government entities and in an effort to portray Mumbai as a proposed hub for international

commercial arbitration, vide circular dated 28 February 2017, certified the Mumbai Centre for International Arbitration (MCIA), as recognized arbitral institute for the purposes of its 'Policy for Arbitration as a preferred mode of dispute resolution' that was released by a government resolution dated 13th October, 2016 (Resolution). Accordingly, the GoM, recognized MCIA, as arbitral institute for arbitrations involving GoM/its instrumentalities and other bodies.

- BAI, is dismayed, to submit this representation, to the August office of Honorable Minister of GoM, to register its protest against some of the State instrumentalities, which explicitly **prohibits the inclusion of arbitration clauses** in its tenders through a clause stating "Arbitration is not allowed". Few examples of the tenders issued by some of the state instrumentalities, are enclosed herewith this representation.
- Such deviation from the state policy, by the some of the state instrumentalities, stands in stark contrast to one of the prime objectives of the 'State Litigation Policy' of State of Maharashtra to encourage to resort to an arbitration, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, at every level, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious resolution of commercial disputes, read with the pious objective of the GoM, resolved vide Government Resolution dated 13th Oct, 2016 to promote institutional arbitration as a matter of its stated policy, to ensure that all government contracts where the commercial value of the contract is INR 50,000,000 (Indian Rupees fifty million) and above shall have a recommended standard institutional arbitration clause to the effect that the dispute shall be referred to a recognized 'Indian Arbitration Institute', to suitable amend all the existing government contracts with the consent of both parties as regard the dispute resolution clause to provide that the dispute can be referred to the recognized 'Indian Arbitration Institutes'.
- ADR mechanisms including arbitration and mediation are less adversarial and are capable of providing a better substitute to the conventional methods of resolving disputes. The use of ADR mechanisms is also expected to reduce the burden on the judiciary and

thereby enable timely justice dispensation to citizens of the country. Some of the major initiatives, take by the Central Government, over the years, in this regard include; the enactment of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, with a view to consolidate and amend the law relating to domestic arbitration, international commercial arbitration and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards as also to define the law relating to conciliation and for matters connected therewith. To keep pace with current developments in the arbitration landscape and to enable arbitration as a viable dispute resolution mechanism, the arbitration law has undergone significant changes in the years 2015, 2019 and 2021. The changes are enabled to signal a paradigm shift for ensuring timely conclusion of arbitration proceedings, minimizing judicial intervention in the arbitral process and enforcement of arbitral awards. The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015 provided for expeditious, fast track and time bound arbitral proceedings, neutrality of arbitrators and cost-effective delivery mechanism. This was followed by the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019 with the main objective of giving boost to institutional arbitration and to reduce the share of ad-hoc arbitration in the country. Further, Section 34 of the Act was amended vide the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2021, which provides for unconditional stay of enforcement of arbitral awards where the underlying arbitration agreement, contracts or making of the arbitral award are induced by fraud or corruption. A time line to conclude the ADR process has been prescribed in the respective Acts. The legislative reforms with respect to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, have facilitated the minimization of court-intervention in arbitration proceedings and efficacious settlement of commercial disputes.

- BAI, through this representation, urge to the August Office, to issue necessary directions, to all the 'state instrumentalities' of State of Maharashtra, not to deviate from the 'State Litigation Policy' of State of Maharashtra, but to implement in letter and spirit, which emphasize to encourage, at every level, resort of arbitration, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious resolution of

commercial disputes.

- The exclusion of arbitration clauses in the contracts, awarded by the instrumentalities of the state, contributes to extraordinarily delay in resolution of commercial disputes which ultimately affect the execution of state projects and casts a heavy burden on state agencies, with interest and litigation expenses. The commercial courts are overburdened by cases, contract disputes often remain unresolved for years, denying timely justice to the state as well as contracting parties. As the adage goes, "**Justice delayed is justice denied.**" The absence of arbitration clauses emboldens certain officials, as they feel their errors will go unchallenged due to the prolonged judicial process.
- Despite repeated representations to the relevant departments and ministries on this issue, corrective action has not yet been taken. We believe it is time for a comprehensive review of the beneficiaries of this anti-arbitration policy, which clearly conflicts with internationally accepted norms and best practices, including those of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC).
- The construction sector, in the State of Maharashtra, alone contributes over 15% to the state's GDP and is the largest employment generator in Maharashtra. However, the ease of doing business in the construction industry is deteriorating, largely due to deviation from the 'State Policy' by some of the instrumentalities of the State.
- In the light of the above, BAI, through the present representation, respectfully request the Hon'ble Minister to consider, reviewing the current policy of exclusion of arbitration clause and mandate the inclusion of arbitration clauses in all government contracts in Maharashtra, irrespective of the funding source. This would not only align Maharashtra with globally accepted standards but also strengthen its position as the most business-friendly state in India across all sectors.
- BAI, trust that your good office, will consider the above representation, in light of the current 'State Litigation Policy' of the State of Maharashtra, dated 27.08.2014, read with Government Resolution dated 13th Oct, 2016,

further read with Government Circular dated 28th February, 2017, to redress the grievances raised in the present representation, by the BAI, and to issue necessary directions, to all the 'state instrumentalities' of State of Maharashtra, not to deviate from the 'State Litigation Policy' of State of Maharashtra, but to implement in letter and spirit, the 'State Litigation Policy' of the State of Maharashtra, read with Government Resolution dated 13th Oct, 2016, further read with Government Circular dated 28th February, 2017, which emphasize to encourage, at every level, resort of arbitration, as an alternative

dispute resolution mechanism, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious resolution of commercial disputes.

With regards

Yours faithfully,



ANIL SONAWANE
State Chairman
BAI Maharashtra

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- Chief Secretary, Law and judiciary Department of Maharashtra.

Enclosures:*

- Litigation Policy for State of Maharashtra-2014
- Government Resolution dated 13th Oct, 2016, Institutional Arbitration Policy
- Government Circular dated 28th February, 2017, Mumbai Int Arbitration Centre
- Summary of Tender Documents issued by the State or its instrumentalities (8 Departments, 8 Tenders recent FY 2024-25).

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To

**The Hon'ble Minister Law, Industries and Coir,
Government of State of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.**

Respected Sir,

Representation by the Chairman, on behalf of Builders Association of India (Kerala unit), to issue necessary Orders, to all the 'State Instrumentalities' of State of Kerala, to implement 'State Litigation Policy' of State of Kerala, in its letter and spirit, which emphasizes to encourage, at every level, resort of arbitration in construction contracts, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious resolution of commercial disputes.

1. Builders Association of India (BAI), founded in 1941, is over eight decades old, all India apex representative body of civil engineering construction companies. BAI, works with various stakeholders in the construction sector, including contractors, builders, and developers. BAI acts as a bridge between the industry and the government, advocating for policy reforms that enhance business efficiency and support sustainable development.
2. The Government of State of Kerala, after the issue relating to the Kallada projects, explicitly **prohibits, settlement of commercial disputes, relating to** construction contracts, through the process of Arbitration. Recently, the Acting Chief of the Kerala High Court, while speaking at the inaugural function of the Arbitration Centre at the Kerala High Court, said that:

“ Kerala Government in policy has not keen in referring to Arbitration Centre after the issue

relating to the Kallada projects. Kerala government legislated to nullify the arbitration clauses entered in the contracts. Of course, there was a challenge against the legislations ultimately it went to the Supreme Court and the Supreme Court upheld the challenge holding it as unconstitutional. I hope that the Kerala Govt will show the interest to refer disputes to the Arbitration Center."

3. As recommended by the 13th Finance Commission, Government of State of Kerala, vide G.O. (P) No. 12/2011/Law/Dated 03.12.2011, approved 'State Litigation Policy', which has been in operation. As per the guidelines for the effective implementation of the State

Litigation Policy, incorporated in the 'State Litigation policy' itself, the State Government, in Para (v)(b) of the 'State Litigation Policy, dated 03.2.2011, has emphasized, that resort to arbitration, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, shall be encouraged, at every level, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious resolution of commercial disputes. We would like to draw attention of the Hon'ble Minister to Para V of the above order which reads as follows:

" V. Alternative Dispute Resolution and Arbitration

(B) The resort to arbitration as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism shall be encouraged at every level, but this entail the responsibility that such an arbitration will be cost effective, efficacious, expeditious and conducted with high rectitude."

The state litigation policy was subsequently amended by orders, G.O.(P)No. 10/2012/Law, G.O.(P). No. 11/2011/Law, both dated 12.06.2012 and G.O.(P)No. 22/2019/Law Dated 07.12.2019. But Para V quoted above was untouched and remains intact.

4. Thus, on a plain understanding of the 'State Litigation Policy' of the State of Kerala, it is mandatory on the part of the 'State and its instrumentalities' to encourage to resort to arbitration, as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism, at every level, to ensure effective, efficacious and expeditious

resolution of commercial disputes. The present policy of introducing an exclusion clause in the Contract agreements; "Arbitration is not allowed" is in violation of the accepted and approved 'State Litigation Policy' and any internal circular directing to include the arbitration exclusion clause is in violation of the fundamental rights of the stake holders and against public policy.

5. The exclusion of arbitration clauses in state contracts by Government of Kerala contributes to project delays and casts a heavy burden on state agencies with interest and litigation expenses. The commercial courts are overburdened by cases, contract disputes often remain unresolved for years, denying timely justice to the state as well as contracting parties. As the adage goes, **"Justice delayed is justice denied."** The absence of arbitration clauses emboldens certain officials, as they feel their errors will go unchallenged due to the prolonged judicial process.
6. ADR mechanisms including arbitration and mediation are less adversarial and are capable of providing a better substitute to the conventional methods of resolving disputes. The use of ADR mechanisms is also expected to reduce the burden on the judiciary and thereby enable timely justice dispensation to citizens of the country. Some of the major initiatives, take by the Central Government, over the years, in this regard include; the enactment of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, with a view to consolidate and amend the law relating to domestic arbitration, international commercial arbitration and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards as also to define the law relating to conciliation and for matters connected therewith. To keep pace with current developments in the arbitration landscape and to enable arbitration as a viable dispute resolution mechanism, the arbitration law has undergone significant changes in the years 2015, 2019 and 2021. The changes are enabled to signal a paradigm shift for ensuring timely conclusion of arbitration proceedings, minimizing judicial intervention in the arbitral process and enforcement of arbitral awards. The Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015

provided for expeditious, fast track and time bound arbitral proceedings, neutrality of arbitrators and cost-effective delivery mechanism. This was followed by the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2019 with the main objective of giving boost to institutional arbitration and to reduce the share of ad-hoc arbitration in the country. Further, Section 34 of the Act was amended vide the Arbitration and Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2021, which provides for unconditional stay of enforcement of arbitral awards where the underlying arbitration agreement, contracts or making of the arbitral award are induced by fraud or corruption. A time line to conclude the ADR process has been prescribed in the respective Acts. The legislative reforms with respect to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, have facilitated the minimization of court-intervention in arbitration proceedings and efficacious settlement of commercial disputes.

7. The Acting Chief of the Kerala High Court, while speaking at the inaugural function of the Arbitration Centre at the Kerala High Court, said that both the government as well as the contractors find it difficult to adjudicate their disputes in a formal system because of the nature of the dispute and the evidence involved in it. He thus expressed the hope that both the Central and State Governments will include arbitration clauses in their contracts and refer their disputes to arbitration.
8. The Arbitration Centre, established under the aegis of the Kerala High Court, would serve as a credible platform, instilling confidence in litigants to resolve their disputes through alternative dispute resolution methods instead of the formal justice system. Therefore, the Government of State of Kerala, pursuant to its existing 'State Litigation policy' shall promote, propagate and patronize institutional arbitration as preferred mode of dispute resolution, which is a vital part of the ease of enforcement of contracts and reduce the litigation.
9. Despite repeated representations to the relevant departments and ministries on this

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issue, no corrective action has been taken. We believe it is time for a comprehensive review of anti-arbitration policy, which clearly conflicts not only with State Litigation Policy but also with internationally accepted norms and best practices, including those of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC).

10. The State of Kerala recently achieved the proud distinction of being ranked the No. 1 industry-friendly state in India, under the eminent leadership of the Hon'ble Minister. The construction sector alone contributes over 15% to the state's GDP and is the largest employment generator in Kerala. However, the ease of doing business in the construction industry is deteriorating, largely due to the absence of efficient dispute resolution mechanisms like arbitration.
11. In the light of the above, BAI respectfully request the Hon'ble Minister, to promote, propagate and patronize institutional arbitration as preferred mode of dispute resolution, to discard the exclusion of arbitration clause in its commercial contract and to mandate the inclusion of arbitration clauses in all government contracts in Kerala, irrespective of the funding source. This would be in alignment with globally accepted standards to strengthen its position as the most business-friendly state in India across all sectors and in line with the approved State Litigation Policy. Necessary orders may be issued to include the arbitration clause in all the contracts involving construction activities so as to avoid the arbitrary discrimination clause in State Government Funded Projects and external agencies funded projects and ensure a fair and efficient contractual framework for the construction industry in Kerala.

With regards

Yours sincerely



P. N. Suresh
Chairman, Kerala State
Builders Association of India.

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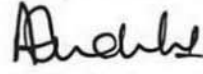
No. LAW-LAC/198/2024

Karnataka Government Secretariat
Vidhana Soudha,
Bengaluru, dated: 16.11.2024

CIRCULAR

Sub: Incorporation of 'Arbitration Clause' in the Government
Contract/tenders etc-reg.

In exercise of the power conferred under the Section 21 of the General
Clauses Act, 1897, the Circular No. LAW 273 LAC 2012(p), dated:
10.01.2014, regarding incorporation of 'Arbitration Clause' in the Government
contract/tenders etc. is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect.


(K.L.Ashok) 16/11/24

Principal Secretary to Government(I/c)
Law, Justice and Human Rights Department

Copy to :

1. Accountant General (A & E), Palace Road, Bengaluru.
2. Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
3. All Additional Chief Secretaries /Principal Secretaries /Secretaries, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
4. The Advocate General, Karnataka High Court Building, Bengaluru
5. Member Secretary, Karnataka State Legal Services Authority, Bengaluru.
6. All Regional Commissioners / All Deputy Commissioners.
7. All Heads of Departments.
8. P.S to the Hon'ble Minister of Law, Justice and Human Rights, Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation and Tourism, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
9. Special Secretary to the Hon'ble Governor, Raj Bhavan, Bengaluru.
10. P.S to the Chief Secretary to Government, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
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12. Joint Secretary to Government (Administration-1), Department of Law, Justice and Human Rights, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru.
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Date: 06/12/2024

To

The Principal Secretary,
Department of Law and Parliamentary Affairs,
Government of Karnataka,
Vidhana Soudha
Bangalore, Karnataka.



Subject: Urgent Request to Reconsider the Withdrawal of
Arbitration Clause in Government Contracts reg.

Dear Sir,

As the State Chairman of Karnataka Builders Association of India, I am writing to express our deep concern and seek reconsideration regarding the recent withdrawal of the arbitration clause in Government Contracts and Tenders, as per Circular No. LAW-LAC/198/2024, dated 16/11/2024.

The arbitration clause has historically been a cornerstone in government contracts, particularly within the construction sector. It serves as an efficient and cost-effective mechanism for resolving disputes that inevitably arise during the execution of large-scale projects. This clause has facilitated smoother project execution by expediting dispute resolution, reducing financial burdens through lower legal costs, ensuring expert judgment from arbitrators, and maintaining confidentiality in proceedings. These benefits have made arbitration an essential tool in resolving conflicts, which are inevitable in the construction industry.

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We understand that the decision to withdraw this clause was primarily influenced by concerns over the financial burden incurred by the government in arbitration cases. As stated by the Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, the government has faced financial losses and discomfort in negotiating compromises with private entities. The Minister mentioned that contractors have approached courts using the arbitration clause in several cases, leading to prolonged and costly litigation. Additionally, the recent decision to approach the Supreme Court in an arbitration case underscores the complexities and challenges of arbitration.

However, while addressing the financial aspect, this decision may inadvertently create significant challenges in the efficient execution of construction projects and hinder the timely completion of ongoing and future projects. The removal of the arbitration clause poses several important challenges:

1. **Prolonged Litigation:** Contractors will now be compelled to engage in lengthy and expensive court proceedings, leading to substantial delays in project timelines.
2. **Increased Costs:** Both the government and contractors will face higher financial burdens due to extended legal processes.
3. **Project Delays:** Delays in dispute resolution can lead to extended project timelines, affecting infrastructure development and public welfare.
4. **Erosion of Trust:** The absence of a reliable dispute resolution mechanism may erode trust between the government and contractors, hindering future collaborations.

Some disputes inevitably arise during construction. Therefore, the arbitration clause is crucial to any construction contract to resolve such disputes efficiently. For example, if the site handover to contractors is delayed, construction costs rise due to increased material and labour costs, leading to disputes. If the quantities of work items exceed the initial estimates, the contractor must be paid at market rates if they refuse to execute the work at quoted rates. Similarly, extra items not included in the original tender need to be compensated as per the rate analysis

submitted by the contractor, which the department can dispute. Delays in issuing construction drawings at various stages can cause delays, resulting in further disputes.

While we acknowledge the government's authority to withdraw notifications, the arbitration clause remains an essential safeguard to ensure the smooth execution of contracts. The clause not only provides a cost-effective solution to resolve disputes but also helps maintain the integrity of the construction process, ultimately benefiting both the government and the contractors.

To address the government's concerns while preserving the benefits of the arbitration clause, we propose the following measures:

1. **Refined Arbitration Agreements:** Collaborate with the Department of Law and Parliamentary Affairs to draft more precise arbitration agreements that prevent misuse and ensure arbitration is invoked only for substantial disputes. This can include clear definitions of what constitutes a significant dispute warranting arbitration.
2. **Selective Application:** Implement the arbitration clause selectively, reserving it for disputes that significantly impact project timelines or finances rather than minor disagreements. This approach ensures that arbitration remains a practical tool for major issues without overburdening the system with trivial matters.
3. **Financial Safeguards:** Introduce clauses that protect the government's economic interests during arbitration, such as caps on damages or penalties. This would mitigate potential financial losses and address the concerns highlighted by the Minister.
4. **Enhanced Clarity and Training:** Provide clear guidelines on the arbitration process to ensure both parties have a mutual understanding of its application. Additionally, offering training sessions for contractors and government officials on effective arbitration practices can reduce misunderstandings and promote smoother dispute resolutions.

The arbitration clause has been instrumental in maintaining the efficiency and integrity of government contracts. Its reinstatement ensures timely project completion, maintains financial prudence, and fosters stronger collaborative relationships between the government and contractors. Without this clause, reliance on court litigation will delay projects, increase operational costs, and strain the relationship between the government and its contractors.

We respectfully urge the government to reconsider the withdrawal of the arbitration clause in government contracts and tenders. Arbitration has proven to be a vital tool for resolving disputes expeditiously and cost-effectively. Removing this clause could lead to delays, financial losses, and unnecessary litigation, which would be detrimental to both the contractors and the government.

We are committed to working closely with your department to develop a balanced and effective arbitration framework that addresses the government's concerns while retaining a vital mechanism for dispute resolution. Your favourable consideration of this request will significantly contribute to the sustained growth and development of Karnataka's infrastructure and Development projects.

Yours sincerely,

SRINIVASAREDDY

State Chairman, Karnataka Builders Association

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1. The Hon'ble Chief Minister
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4. The Hon'ble RDPR Minister
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6. The Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LEGAL AND ARBITRATION COMMITTEE
HELD BY ONLINE ON MONDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2025, AT 5.00 P.M.**

The list of members present is attached herewith and marked as Annexure 'A'.

Dr. D.C. Awasthi, Chairman of Legal & Arbitration Committee, was in the Chair and welcomed all participants. He particularly welcomed the President and requested for his Presidential address.

The President Shri K. Viswanathan, at the outset appreciated the Legal and Arbitration Committee for its wonderful proactive steps in addressing various challenges faced by the contractors due to the one-sided contract documents. He also appreciated Dr. D.C. Awasthi for calling continuous meeting which resulted BAI in filing a Writ Petition at the Hon'ble Bombay High Court, challenging the Maharashtra State Government, for not implementing the State Litigation Policy of including the Arbitration Clause in all contracts, which exceeds Rs.5.00 Crores. He then requested Dr. D.C. Awasthi, to proceed with the agenda of the meeting.

Dr. D.C. Awasthi, once again thanked the President and informed members that, he specially invited Shri K. Subramani, Past Vice President and Shri Srinivasa Reddy, State Chairman, Karnataka, to understand more about the action taken by BAI Karnataka, against the notification of the state Government, banning Arbitration Clause from all Contract Documents.

As a response, Shri K. Subramani, Past Vice President, informed members that, the State Government has not yet responded to the representation submitted by BAI to reconsider and review the said notification. He felt, if the notification is not withdrawn, BAI have to approach the judiciary with a WP. He requested the

President to support BAI Karnataka State to file a Writ Petition on the matter in the Supreme Court. The President while appreciating the explanation stated that, BAI Karnataka should first approach Karnataka High Court challenging the notification and if the order received from the High Court is unfavourable, then BAI can approach the Supreme Court. Members endorsed the views of the President.

Dr. D.C. Awasthi, then requested Shri Swapnil Kaulgud, Co-Chairman of the committee to update members on the status of the WP filed at Bombay High Court.

Shri Swapnil Kaulgud, Co-Chairman of the committee, informed the House that, our Advocate have given the following information as an update of the WP of BAI.

Case Reference Number : WPL [Original] /301/2025

Matter : BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA - Vs THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH CHIEF

SECRETARY LAW AND JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT

Court : High Court of Bombay At Bombay

Next Hearing Date : 16-01-2025

Listing Date : 16-01-2025

[Listed : Sr. No. 13. COURT NO. 3 - C.R. No: 43]

Cause Type : Daily

**Coram : HON'BLE JUSTICE REVATI MOHITE
DERE, HON'BLE JUSTICE DR.**

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**Remark: REMARK : Filing Date: 04-01-2025 - Arbitration
and Conciliation Act 1996.**

He then informed the House that, the matter again come up in the Hon'ble Bombay High Court on 24th January, 2025, and the court issued notices to the Department in Maharashtra to respond to the question raised in the WP. He also informed the members that the matter is now kept for response from the Government side on 19th February, 2025.

Dr. D.C. Awasthi, Chairman of Legal & Arbitration Committee, then requested Shri Ashok Kumar Chandak, Vice President, to apprise members on the progress of filing the WP in Jharkhand High Court.

Shri Ashok Kumar Chandak, Vice President, informed the House that, as per the information given to him by BAI Ranchi Centre, it has already appointed Adv. Vidyarthi to check on the possibility of filing a Writ Petition at Jharkhand High Court. He also informed members that, he will update members in the progress of the same in future meetings.

Shri Anand Gupta, Vice President, while appreciating the Legal and Arbitration Committee for its good work felt, by this time, Kerala State should have also filed the WP challenging the non-inclusion of Arbitration Clause in the tender document, as there exists the same ground as in Maharashtra. He requested the Chairman to discuss with the seniors of BAI Kerala State.

Dr. D.C. Awasthi, finally brought to the attention of members on the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2019, passed by both the House of Parliament, which mainly has the following features;

- Arbitration Council of India: The Bill seeks to establish an independent body called the Arbitration Council of India (ACI) for the promotion of arbitration, mediation, conciliation and other

alternative dispute redressal mechanisms. Its functions include: (i) framing policies for grading arbitral institutions and accrediting arbitrators, (ii) making policies for the establishment, operation and maintenance of uniform professional standards for all alternate dispute redressal matters, and (iii) maintaining a depository of arbitral awards (judgments) made in India and abroad.

- **Composition of the ACI:** The ACI will consist of a Chairperson who is either: (i) a Judge of the Supreme Court; or (ii) a Judge of a High Court; or (iii) Chief Justice of a High Court; or (iv) an eminent person with expert knowledge in conduct of arbitration. Other members will include an eminent arbitration practitioner, an academician with experience in arbitration, and government appointees.
- **Appointment of arbitrators:** Under the 1996 Act, parties were free to appoint arbitrators. In case of disagreement on an appointment, the parties could request the Supreme Court, or the concerned High Court, or any person or institution designated by such Court, to appoint an arbitrator.
- **Under the Bill,** the Supreme Court and High Courts may now designate arbitral institutions, which parties can approach for the appointment of arbitrators. For international commercial arbitration, appointments will be made by the institution designated by the Supreme Court. For domestic arbitration, appointments will be made by the institution designated by the concerned High Court. In case there are no arbitral institutions available, the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court may maintain a panel of arbitrators to perform the functions of the arbitral institutions. An application for appointment of an arbitrator is required to be disposed of within 30 days.
- **Relaxation of time limits:** Under the Act, arbitral tribunals are required to make their award within a period of 12 months for all arbitration proceedings. The Bill seeks to remove this time restriction for international commercial arbitrations. It adds that tribunals must endeavour to dispose of international arbitration matters within 12 months.

- **Completion of written submissions:** Currently, there is no time limit to file written submissions before an arbitral tribunal. The Bill requires that the written claim and the defence to the claim in an arbitration proceeding, should be completed within six months of the appointment of the arbitrators.
- **Confidentiality of proceedings:** The Bill provides that all details of arbitration proceedings will be kept confidential except for the details of the arbitral award in certain circumstances. Disclosure of the arbitral award will only be made where it is necessary for implementing or enforcing the award.
- **Applicability of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 2015:** The Bill clarifies that the 2015 Act shall only apply to arbitral proceedings which started on or after October 23, 2015.

Dr. D. C. Awasthi then expressed that, it is abundantly clear from above that the Legislature intends to off load all arbitration disputes from jurisdiction of courts and entrust such contractual, commercial and other disputes to arbitration institutions, which shall be designated by Supreme Court of India or respective High Courts. Arbitrators shall be accredited by Arbitration Council of India. Arbitration Council of India (ACI) shall frame policies for grading arbitral institutions and accrediting arbitrators. As there is huge pendency of disputes, pending for conciliation and arbitration in courts and the courts are being relieved of these cases, there shall be huge demand for arbitration institutions and this is precisely right time and space to step in for BAI.

As requested by Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, Dr. D.C.Awasthi agreed to circulate a draft representation in this regard will be forwarded to BAI HQ for submitting to the Hon'ble Union Law Minister. He also requested Shri Swapnil Kaulgud to prepare a draft representation in this matter in consultation with Adv. Dinkar Singh.

As all participants have expressed their opinion and no more agenda points to be discussed the meeting was terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. D. C. Awasthi

Chairman, Legal & Arbitration Committee

Annexure – A

Attendance of the online meeting of Legal and Arbitration Committee held on 10th February, 2025.

Shri K. Viswanathan	-	President
Shri Anand Gupta	-	Vice President
Shri Ashok Chandak	-	Vice President
Dr. Dharmesh C. Awasthi	-	Chairman, Legal & Arbitration Committee
Shri K. Subramani	-	Past Vice President
Shri Srinivasa Reddy	-	State Chairman Karnataka
Shri Swapnil Kaulgud	-	Co-Chairman, Legal & Arbitration Committee
Shri Raju John	-	Executive Secretary

MSME Matter

MSME Act 2006 was intended to promote and enhance the competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises – both in the Manufacturing and Service Sectors. BAI appreciated the intention, purpose, approach and spirit of this act. This act and Justice and MSME benefits which are being denied to many on the ground that Works contract is not covered/ listed in MSME list of services. In this regards BAI submitted its representations to the MSME Ministry.

Ref: 1372/F/2023-24 dated 19th February, 2024

To,

**The Policy Division
Office of Development Commissioner (MSME)
Ministry of MSME,
Government of India**
Room No. 710, 7th Floor,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi -110011

Sub: BAI Comments on Amendments in Section 43B (h) of Income Tax Act-reg

Ref: Your notice dated 16.02.2024 for inviting view from Association.

Dear Sir,

First of all, Builders' Association of India (BAI) would like to thanks the Ministry of MSME, Policy of Division, Office of Development Commissioner (MSME), for inviting us to comments by the Association for the amendments in Section 43B(h) of Income Tax Act.

We Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Real Estate Companies with more than 21,000 business entities as members through its 210 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. Regional Associations affiliated to BAI form indirect membership of more than 1,00,000. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all round improvement to the construction sector while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry.

Please find enclosed herewith some views / comments for your kind consideration.

Sir, we have circulated the desired information amongst our members, but due to paucity of time, we have not received comments as expected. You will appreciate that, there is short notice for comments and the last two days, Saturday and Sunday being holiday. We request you to allow us to submit our detailed suggestions by the 4th March 2024.

We will appreciate, if you kindly grant us an opportunity to meet you, on any date and time convenient to you, at your office to explain more on the above matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



**Raju John
Executive Secretary,
Builders' Association of India**

Encl.:- As above.

BAI'S INPUTS REGARDING THE AMENDMENTS IN SECTION 43B (H) OF INCOME TAX ACT

S. No.	Whether Association Supports Amendment or Not	(In Case supported) What are the advantages for the industry by implementation of section 43B (h).	(In Case not supported) What are the disadvantages for the industry.	What are the suggestion that should be considered for the amendment by the Ministry.
1	NO	While it is laudable that Government thinks about MSMEs and the Amendment might encourage prioritisation of payments to MSMEs but it doesn't ensure with certainty that the payment is actually made to the MSME. Moreover, it doesn't ensure any compensation to the MSME for delay in payment. All it does is, make the defaulting debtor pay tax to Government. Hardly a solace to a beleaguered MSME! Another flaw with the provision is that it is applicable to all defaulting debtors irrespective of whether the defaulting debtor is a MSME or a larger entity. This would bring unnecessary and unjustified hardship to a MSME debtor. The cash flows of MSMEs are not as structured and planned as larger entities and MSMEs should not be penalised for something that is not within their control. The protection of law for the MSME is required against a larger entity and not against another MSME.	This section will unnecessary create a very genuine practical problem for various buyers (industry) because there is no Realtime database with the buyers regarding their various suppliers.	The ministry or department should make it mandatory for all the business entities engaged in manufacturing and service sectors to obtain and update their data on regular basis on the MSME portal / UDYAM Registration, so that their category can be easily available to various buyers.
2			This section may disturb the regular business relations of Micro and small enterprises with their regular buyers. It is because, in most of the cases there is an unwritten agreement between the buyers and suppliers regarding credit terms. In simple words most of the suppliers under this category are smoothly continuing their	The quoting of MSME / UDYAM Registration should be mandatory in all the Tax Invoices, Bill of Supply, Letter heads so that the buyers can easily maintain a Register regarding the category of various suppliers under MSME Act 2006.

			business activities with old and reputed buyers whose payment may be delayed but is always confirmed to continue the business.	
3			The section may also lead to a new trend in the market whereby a supplier may be compelled to create new enterprise, without UDYAM Registration to avoid the consequences of this section.	The Govt. or ministry should make it compulsory for various Industry both private and public to procure all the goods and services exclusively from Registered entity under MSMED or UDYAM Registration irrespective of their category.
4				Using Income Tax Act to enforce a commercial financial discipline is not a good idea. Instead of that, it should be made mandatory for large entities to make a provision for interest on delayed outstandings to MSMEs and the auditors of the entity should be made responsible for ensuring that provision for such interest HAS been made. In case the Government wants to retain the amendment in the Income Tax Act, the MSME debtors should be made exempt from the application of this provision.

To,

The All MCGC Members

Builders' Association of India

Sub: Request for comments / suggestions on Amendments in Section 43B (h) of

Income Tax Act-reg.

BAI HQ received notice in this regard from the Ministry on 16th February 2024 at 6.00 PM)

As known to you the Finance Act 2023, introduced a new clause has been added to Sec. 43B of the Income Tax Act and is made applicable from assessment year 2024-25. That is this provision will be applicable in the current financial year itself.

The amendment to Section 43B, specifically clause (h), reflects a significant shift in prioritizing timely payments to micro and small enterprises. It is crucial for businesses to navigate these changes carefully to optimize income tax liability and foster a conducive environment for growth.

In this regard, we kindly bring to your notice that, the Policy Division, Office of Development Commissioner (MSME), Ministry of MSME, Government of India, invites comments and suggestions from BAI on or before 19th February 2024 in below mentioned format. (Copy

attached).

Hence, Members are requested to send their suggestions / proposals to Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary at the earliest by Email: baihq.mumbai@gmail.com / raju_john_in@yahoo.co.uk or on WhatsApp No. 93251 90879.

Please treat the matter as most urgent and important.

Thanks and regards,

Yours faithfully,



Raju John
Executive Secretary
Builders' Association of India

Encl. As above.

Date: Fri, Feb 16, 2024, 17:49

Subject: Associations View on Amendments in Section 43B(h) of Income Tax Act-reg.

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Sir/Ma'am,

You are requested to kindly provide the inputs regarding the amendments in Section 43B(h) of Income Tax Act in the below mentioned format:-

S. No.	Whether Association Supports Amendment or Not	(In Case supported) What are the advantages for the industry by implementation of section 43B (h).	(In Case not supported) What are the disadvantages for the industry.	What are the suggestion that should be considered for the amendment by the Ministry.
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2. It is requested that the suggestions may be brief and restricted to the amendment only.

3. The inputs may kindly be sent latest by 19.02.2024 positively.

With regards,

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OFFICE OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER (MICRO,
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AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Item No.4(vii) - MSME Matters

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File No.: 5/2(6)/2022/E-P&G/Policy (E- 4020978)

Dated: 08.08.2024

To,

Shri K. Viswanathan
President
Builders' Association of India
G-1/G-20, 7th Floor, Commerce Centre,
J. Oadajee Road, Tardeo, Mumbai 400034
E-mail: baihq.mumbai@gmail.com

Subject: Representation of Builders' Association of India-reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 26.06.2024 and the meeting held with the AS&DC (MSME) on 03.07.2024 on the above cited subject.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that the Ministry of MSME issued a clarification regarding applicability of MSMED Act, 2006 on 'Works Contract', vide letter dated 04.01.2023 (copy enclosed).


3. It is hereby clarified again that the economic activities undertaken by an enterprise, as per National Industrial Classification, 2008 (NIC 2008), are included in the dropdown menu of Udyam Portal and can be selected by an enterprise. An enterprise is eligible for availing the benefits of schemes/ programmes of the Ministry of MSME, if the enterprise has Udyam Registration for a non-trading activity, and if it meets the criteria of the guidelines of the schemes/ programmes. The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 does not differentiate between "Manufacturing" and "Service" activities so far as benefits are concerned.

4. In so far as construction activities are concerned, they come under section F, Division 41, 42 and 43 under NIC 2008. Accordingly, any enterprise engaged in construction activity under Section F, Division 41, 42 and 43 of NIC 2008 is eligible for Udyam registration under Manufacturing and may avail of the benefits of Ministry of MSME's schemes, subject to fulfillment of other conditions. However, there is no activity named "Work Contract" under NIC code 2008.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,


(Amit Kumar Tamaria)
Joint Director (Policy)

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F. No. 5/2(6)/2022/E-P&G/Policy (E-4020978)

Dated: 04 January, 2023

To,

All Stakeholders/
Industry Associations/
Individual entrepreneurs/
Director/ Commissioner of Industries (State/UT)/
Director/ H.O.O. MSME-DFO.
(As per mailing list)

Subject: Applicability of MSMED Act, 2006 on 'Work Contracts'-regarding.

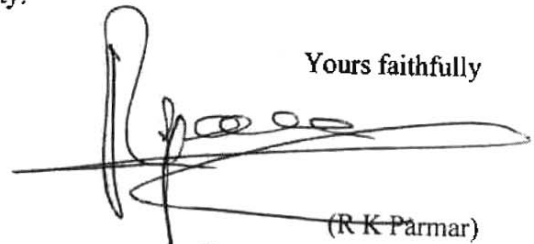
Madam/Sir,

This office has been receiving representations from Stakeholders like Industry Associations, Central Ministries/Departments/CPSEs and entrepreneurs regarding applicability of MSMED Act, 2006 on 'Work Contracts'.

2. In this regard, I am directed to clarify that this Ministry has created an online Udyam Registration Portal for registration of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) based on the composite criteria of investment in plant and machinery or equipment and turnover of MSMEs.
3. The Udyam Registration Portal is based on "Economic Activities" taken from NIC Code 2008. So far as Udyam Registration is concerned, for every activity in the dropdown menu of the portal, Udyam Registration can be done. There is no activity named "Work Contract" in NIC code 2008. Some activities on the portal are under major activity "manufacturing" while others come under "Services". An enterprise might be performing purely manufacturing activities or Services or a combination of both.
4. It is further clarified that if an enterprise has Udyam Registration, it can avail the benefit(s) of schemes/programmes of this Ministry subject to the prevailing Guidelines/ Circular/ Order/ Notification of that particular scheme/programme.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully



(R K Parmar)
Deputy Director (Policy)

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Dated: 08.08.2024

To,

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President
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E-mail: baihq.mumbai@gmail.com

Subject: Request for clarification by the Ministry of MSME-reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 26.06.2024 requesting for bringing retrospective changes and improvement in the functioning of MSEFCs.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that the Ministry of MSME launched Udyam Registration Portal w.e.f. 1.07.2020, which is a simple registration portal, based on self- declaration. An enterprise becomes eligible for availing of the benefits of schemes/ programmes of the Ministry of MSME, if the enterprise has Udyam Registration, subject to meeting the criteria defined in the Schemes Guidelines.

3. The validity of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM), which was the earlier registration process before Udyam was introduced, was extended from time to time, as can be seen from the attached Notifications. From 30th June 2022, UAM has ceased to exist. During discussions with stakeholders, including the Ministry of Law, reservations regarding bringing any retrospective amendment have been expressed and accordingly, it may not be possible to bring any retrospective changes.

4. The suggestion regarding taking measures for improvement in the functioning of Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (MSEFC) has been noted for further action.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

Amit Kumar Tamaria
8.8.24

(Amit Kumar Tamaria)
Joint Director (Policy)

No. 21(5)/2019- P&G/Policy (pt. IV)
Ministry of MSME
Office of the Development Commissioner(MSME)
Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
(MSME Policy Division)

Dated: 6th August, 2020
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification on existing Entrepreneurs Memorandum (EM) Part-II/ Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM)/ New Udyam Registration-regarding

This refers to Notification No. S.O. 2119(E) dated 26.06.2020 issued by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises(MSME) regarding criteria for classification of enterprises as Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and their registration in Udyam Portal. Thereafter, Government has received some representations seeking clarifications on certain issues necessitating the issuing of this Office Memorandum (O.M.).

2. Validity of EM Part II and UAMs as issued till 30th June, 2020:

- (i) There are representations whether the existing EM Part II and / or UAMs of the MSMEs are valid or not.
- (ii) It is to be clarified that at present they are valid. Para (3) of Clause 7 of the above Notification No. S.O. 2119 (E) dated 26.6.2020, reads as follows:
"The existing enterprises registered prior to 30th June, 2020, shall continue to be valid only for a period up to the 31st day of March, 2021".
- (iii) Therefore, it is clarified and emphasized that all the existing EM Part II and UAMs obtained till 30.06.2020 shall remain valid till 31.03.2021.

3. Editing /updating of the existing registration details:

There are also doubts whether existing UAM holders may edit or amend their details on the UAM portal. It is clarified that the same can be done till 31.3.2021. Those enterprises that have not entered their Aadhaar or PAN number so far in the UAM portal are hereby advised to obtain " Udyam Registration Number " well before 31.3.2021.



4. **Action to be taken before 31st March 2021 by Entrepreneurs:**

- (i) Since the existing registrations as EM Part II and /or UAMs **will not remain valid after 31st March, 2021** it is strongly recommended that their holders file fresh registration in the new Udyam Registration Portal (<https://udyamregistration.gov.in>).
- (ii) Attention is also drawn to Para (2) of Clause 7 of the above Notification No. S.O. 2119 (E) dated 26.6.2020 which reads as under:

“All enterprises registered till 30th June, 2020, shall be re-classified in accordance with this notification”.

- (iii) To make the re-classification proper and realistic, it is necessary that the latest details are entered by the MSMEs.
- (iv) It is preferable that the entrepreneur files new registration in the Udyam Registration Portal. Therefore, all enterprises with EM Part II and/or UAMs are advised to register themselves on the Udyam Registration well before 31.03.2021 in the Udyam Registration portal (www.udyamregistration.gov.in).

5. **Value of Plant and Machinery or Equipment:**

- (i) There are clarifications sought by the entrepreneurs regarding valuation of plant and machinery or equipments on cost or purchase price while filing the Udyam Registration.
- (ii) Para 3 of clause 4 Notification No. S.O. 2119(E) dated 26.6.2020 reads as follows:

“The expression plant and machinery or equipment of the enterprise, shall have the same meaning as assigned to the plant and machinery in the Income Tax Rules, 1962 framed under the Income Tax Act, 1961 and shall include all tangible assets (other than land and building, furniture and fittings)”.

- (iii) It is clarified that online Form for Udyam Registration captures depreciated cost as on 31st March each year of the relevant previous year. Therefore, the value of Plant and Machinery or Equipments for all purposes of the Notification No. S.O. 2119(E) dated 26.6.2020 and for all the enterprises shall mean the Written Down Value (WDV) as at the end of the Financial Year as defined in the Income Tax Act and not the cost of acquisition or original price, which was applicable in the context of the earlier classification criteria.


6. **RBI's Circular:**

In the light of the above, RBI is being requested to revisit their Circular No.RBI/2020-2021/10/FIDD.MSME & NFS.BC.No.3/06.02.31/2020-21 dated 2.7.2020.

7. Miscellaneous:

Taking this opportunity, it is further reiterated that the entire registration process is free of cost. Also, it should be done only on and through the Government Portal as above.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.


6.8.2020
(D. K. Singh)

Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner (MSME)

To

1. All the Banks, Industries & MSME Associations,
2. UAM Holder MSMEs by e-mail
3. MSME Ministry's website,
4. DCMSME's website,

Copy for information to:

- 1) PS to Hon'ble Union Minister (MSME)
- 2) PS to Hon'ble Minister of State for MSME

**NOTES ON JUDGEMENT OF THE HON. SUPREME COURT DT. 01.08.2024
ON MSME LOANS.**

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA Copy of Judgement

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CIVIL APPEAL NO OF 2024
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO. 7898 OF 2024)**

M/S. PRO KNITS

APPELLANT(S)

Vs

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CANARA BANK & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

**CIVIL APPEAL NO OF 2024
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO. 3801 OF 2024)**

MR. ZUHAIR MOHAMEDALI MERCHANT

APPELLANT(S)

Vs

IDFC BANK & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

**CIVIL APPEAL NO OF 2024
(SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO. OF 2024 (@
DIARY NO. 16667 OF 2024**

NILESH SHAH	Vs	APPELLANT(S)
BANK OF BARODA & ORS.		RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

**CIVIL APPEAL NO OF 2024
(@ SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO. 9594 OF 2024)**

SADHANA BHARAT RAI	Vs	APPELLANT(S)
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK & ORS.		RESPONDENT(S)

**CIVIL APPEAL NO OF 2024
(SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO. OF 2024 (@
DIARY NO. 19108 OF 2024)**

M/S. A. NAVINCHANDRA STEELS PVT. LTD. & ANR.	Vs	APPELLANT(S)
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.		RESPONDENT(S)

AND

**CIVIL APPEAL NO OF 2024
(SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (C) NO. OF 2024 (@
DIARY NO. 19341 OF 2024)**

M/S. SHREE SHANTINATH STEELS & ANR.	Vs	APPELLANT(S)
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.		RESPONDENT(S)

From the reading of the Judgement of the Supreme Court, I could understand the following points:

1. The Supreme court has categorically held that the actions under SARFAESI Act can be initiated only after ascertaining the status of the credit as per the Framework issued by the RBI.
2. The notification of the GOI as amended by the RBI are valid and binding on all Banks.
3. Even if the Banks have erred in following the procedure, unless the victim MSMEs do not notify the same in time, they cannot get the protection. (Para 16& 17) (But in this case, both the Banks and MSMEs are at fault. Hence it is question yet to be decided when both the parties are at fault, is it fair for only one party suffer the consequences).
4. The Supreme Court made it very clear that the findings of Mumbai High Court are erroneous and

hence the said Order itself has been set aside and hence the subject Banks cannot take any actions against the parties without following the guidelines in the Framework notifications. (Para 18 & 19).

5. As per the wordings in last Para, I think the MSMEs can try their luck again in the High Courts in cases where the SARFAESI Act has been invoked without observing the guidelines as per the RBI & GOI notifications.
6. In the Judgement, there is no reference regarding the constitution of the committee. I think it may be there in the said notifications, I am not sure since I don't have the notification with me.

**B. Chandra Mohanan,
Former State Chairman (Kerala) and
Chairman, BAI Legal Cell- Kerala.**

Note: Members who are desirous of having the full copy of the Judgement can collect the same from BAI HQ by sending a mail to Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, on mail id baihq.mumbai@gmail.com / raju_john_in@yahoo.co.uk.

Ref. No.810/F/2024-25 dated 6th February, 2025

To,

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Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
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Ms. Shobha Karandlaji
Honourable Minister of State
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Subject: Congratulation for achievement.

Respected Sir / Madam,
The Builders Association of India (BAI) is the apex body of the construction and infrastructure industry in India. Founded in 1941, BAI has over 22,000 direct members and 1,50,000 indirect members with 250 centres (branches) across the country.

We are writing to express our heartfelt gratitude for your decision to increase the investment and turnover limits for classification of all MSMEs. This move will undoubtedly provide a significant boost to the growth and development of MSMEs across the country.

The revised limits, which enhance the investment limits to 2.5 and 2 times respectively, will enable MSMEs to expand their operations, increase their competitiveness, and contribute more significantly to the country's economic growth.¹ We appreciate your government's commitment to supporting the MSME sector, which is the backbone of our economy.

Your efforts to simplify the registration process and provide easy access to credit will also go a long way in promoting entrepreneurship and job creation. The introduction of customized credit cards with a limit of 5 lakhs for micro enterprises registered on the Udyam portal is a welcome move.

Once again, we thank you for your vision and leadership in supporting the MSME sector. We look forward to continuing to work with your government to promote the growth and development of MSMEs.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



K. Viswanathan
President
Builders' Association of India

Ref. No.801/F/2024-25 dated 5th February, 2025

To,

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Subject: Request for Intervention in Banks' Unilateral Action of Declaring "NPA" and Initiating Recovery/Possession Proceedings without Formulating the Statutory Committee for Corrective Action Plan (CAP).

Respected Sir / Madam,

The Builders Association of India (BAI) is the apex body of the construction and infrastructure industry in India. Founded in 1941, BAI has over 22,000 direct members and 1,50,000 indirect members with 250 centres (branches) across the country.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Union Government for its commitment to empowering Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). We acknowledge and commend the government's roadmap, which includes financial, policy, and structural reforms aimed at fostering sustainable growth within the sector.

Recognizing MSMEs as the backbone of the Indian economy, the government has taken significant steps to improve credit accessibility, streamline payments, and enhance operational efficiency. We are also grateful for considering our request to enhance the investment and turnover limits for MSME classification in the current budget. Despite these commendable initiatives, MSMEs continue to face significant financial challenges. Many of our members, who have executed major infrastructure and other projects across India, are experiencing severe financial distress due to factors such as delayed payment of bills and fund shortages. This situation has resulted in financial institutions classifying their accounts as Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and initiating recovery/possession proceedings under the SARFAESI Act.

As per the Central Government's notification dated 29th May 2015, titled "Framework for Revival and Rehabilitation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)," banks are required to establish a committee to formulate a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) before declaring an account as NPA. This was further reinforced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines (No. RBI/2015-16/338) issued on 17th March 2016, mandating banks to adhere to this framework.

However, despite these clear directives, many financial institutions are failing to comply with the stipulated guidelines. Instead, they are bypassing the prescribed procedures and directly initiating possession and asset attachment under the SARFAESI Act, without forming the requisite committee for the CAP. Such actions not only violate regulatory guidelines but also adversely impact infrastructure development, delay government projects, and hinder economic growth.

One of the fundamental objectives of the MSME Act is to protect MSMEs from defaulting purchasers who delay payments for completed projects. Unfortunately, non-payment of dues and delays in settlement of work bills continue to threaten the financial viability of our members, leading to unwarranted classification of their accounts as NPAs and subsequent recovery proceedings.

In light of these concerns, and to ensure the effective implementation of the new initiatives introduced in the current Union Budget, we kindly request your intervention in this matter. We urge you to direct the relevant departments and agencies to ensure strict compliance with the existing notifications and guidelines. Furthermore, we request that necessary instructions be issued to the concerned authorities to establish the mandated committee for the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to address the challenges faced by MSME entrepreneurs.

We sincerely hope for your esteemed support in safeguarding the interests of MSMEs and ensuring a conducive environment for their sustained growth.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



K. Viswanathan
President

Builders' Association of India

Ref. No.795/F/2024-25 dated 5th February, 2025

Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi
Hon'ble Minister for Micro, Small and
Medium Enterprises (MSME)
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Shri S.C.L.Das
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Respected Sir / Madam,

Subject: Request to Enhance the Registration Limit for MSMEs under Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

Ms. Shobha Karandlaji
Honourable Minister of State
Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
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The Development Commissioner
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The Builders Association of India (BAI) is the apex body of the construction and infrastructure industry in India. Founded in 1941, BAI has over 22,000 direct members and 1,50,000 indirect members with 250 centres (branches) across the country.

BAI is also grateful for considering our request to enhance the investment and turnover limits for MSME classification in the current Union Budget 2025-26.

However, we wish to bring to your attention a serious issues faced by our members in MSMEs operating within the Real Estate sector, particularly in relation to the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA) of 2016. While RERA was introduced with the noble intention of protecting buyer interests, it has inadvertently created challenges for small builders, especially those involved in affordable housing, a segment essential for the welfare of the middle class. Small builders often struggle to meet the compliance costs imposed by the Act, including registration fees and penalties.

Under the current provisions, any project on land spanning 500 sq.m or involving 8 units must be registered with RERA. For villa projects, it is difficult to build more than three units on a 500 sq.m plot, even in urban areas. Therefore, a project consisting of 8 villas requires a minimum of approximately 50 cents (or 2023 sq.m) of land. This has led to the unfortunate closure of several small and medium-sized builders, particularly in the smaller sector, as evidenced in several of our recent studies.

In light of the above, we kindly request the Government to consider the following measures to support MSMEs in the Real Estate sector:

1. **Threshold Limit for Registration:** We propose an increase in the threshold for registration with RERA, specifically to exempt small projects involving up to 12 apartment units and villa projects covering up to 20 are (approximately 2023 sq.m) of land. Such an adjustment will provide much-needed flexibility for small builders, allowing them to cater to the middle-class segment more effectively.
2. **Developmental Role of RERA:** We suggest that RERA be empowered to perform a more developmental role, such as establishing help-desks for permits, municipal connections, and other project execution support.
3. **Accountability for Delays:** We recommend that RERA ensure that all stakeholders, including electricity boards, water authorities, and local self-governments, share responsibility for delays in project execution, which would ensure more efficient and timely project completions.

Please consider our request favourably. We look forward to your continued support in facilitating the growth and sustainability of MSMEs in the Real Estate sector.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



Builders' Association of India

Date: 11.03.2024

To,
The President,
Builders Association of India,
Mumbai.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Builders Association of India, Kerala State, to formally request authorization to file a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court regarding the long-time disputed matter of Works Contract under the MSMED Act.

Previously, the BAI had authorized Sri Najeeb Mannel from Kerala State to file an interlocutory application in the SLP filed by M/s Adke v/s Nashik Municipality in the Supreme Court. Unfortunately, despite the case being fully heard, the honourable Judge retired without pronouncing the judgment, and the case is now with a new bench. Regrettably, M/s Adke is not pressing the matter further due to the additional expenditure required to manage the case effectively.

Presently, another SLP of similar nature, namely Lustre Engineering Corporation v/s Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. & Anr., is pending in the

Supreme Court. After thorough discussions with a couple of leading advocates, it has been advised that a separate SLP be filed for the Works Contract under the MSMED Act, highlighting the similarities with the ongoing cases in the Supreme Court.

We hereby assure you that all legal expenses related to this matter shall be borne by the BAI Kerala State. The authorization form is attached herewith for your reference and necessary action.

Thanking you,

Er. Jolly Varghese,

State Chairman, BAI Kerala

State Office 38/1870A, Builders Chamber (Next to SIDCO), Gandhinagar, Kochi -682020, Kerala,

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To,

Shri Jolly Varghese
38/1870 A,
Builders Chamber
Gandhi Nagar
KOCHI – 682 020

Dear Shri Jolly Varghese

Sub.: Request for filing New Special Leave Petition (SLP) at the Supreme Court on the MSME Matter.

We are in receipt of your letter No.51/BAI/K/2023-24 dated 11th March 2024 regarding request for authorisation to file a Special Leave Petition (SLP) in the Supreme Court regarding the long-time disputed matter of Works Contract under the MSMED Act.

This is for your kind information and record.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully

In this regard, we wish to inform you to proceed with the legal course, if you feel it is a solution to the issues mentioned, at your cost and consequences as stated in your letter.

S. N. REDDY
PRESIDENT
BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

Further to our letter No. 1810/M/2023-24 dated 13th March 2024 and the SLP Lustre Engineering Corporation verses Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd. and the similar case in Honorable Supreme Court of India, we hereby authorise Builders Association of India, Kerala State Chairman Shri Jolly Varghese to proceed with intervening application/ legal proceedings at Honorable Supreme Court of India on the works contract matter of MSME.

In this regard the authority will be subject to contents of our above

MSME/ works contract matter.

S. N. REDDY
PRESIDENT
BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Ref.: 651/S/2024-25 dated 9th September, 2024

To

The Additional Development Commissioner
Ministry of MSME,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub. : MSMED Act 2006– denial of legitimate rights of Contractors under MSME Act – request for clarification by the Ministry of MSME – reg.

Ref. : 1. Circular F. No. 5/2(6)/2022/E-P&G/ Policy (E-4020978) dated 06.06.2022.
2. Circular F. No. 5/2(6)/2022/E-P&G/Policy(E-4020978) dated 4th January, 2023 from the Development Commissioner, MSME, New Delhi.

The Builders' Association of India (BAI) is the apex All-India body of engineering construction contractors and real estate companies founded in the year 1941 with more than 1,00,000 business entities

as its members through 215 plus Centres (branches) spread across the country and is acting as a bridge between the Government authorities and segments construction fraternity with a view to mitigate the

issues faced by the industry.

This is to bring your kind attention to the para 3 of the Circular referred 1st above. As per the clarification in para state that the Udyam Registration portal is based on "Economic Activates" taken from the NIC Code 2008. So far as the Udyam Registration is concerned, for every activity in the dropdown menu of the Portal, Udyam Registration can be done. An enterprise might be performing purely manufacturing activates or services or a combination of both.

In para 4, it is further clarified that if an enterprise has Udyam Registration, it can avail the benefits of the schemes/programmes of the MSME ministry subject to the prevailing guidelines/circulars/orders/ notifications of that particular scheme/ programme.

The activates mentioned under Divisions 41 to 43 (39 Sub classes) of the Code describes all type of the Building and Civil Contract Works done under any works contract. But some of the States /Departments are blocking those benefits to the contractors through their tender documents, circulars and referring some high court judgments.

Since the MSMED Act is meant for "Manufacturers" and "service providers" while works contracts are a combination of "supply and service," some High Court judgments interpret that there is no specific clause in the MSME Act stating that "works contracts" are not covered under the MSMED Act.

Works Contract is nothing but a group of activities involving supply of goods as well as service (labour charges). The term "works contract" in India was introduced to address a group of activities in contracts involving a combination of services and supply of goods. This concept has evolved primarily through the legal frameworks – 46th Constitutional Amendment to governing taxation in contractual agreements in the construction and other services sectors.

In a works contract, when an activity of service comprises a transfer of goods, then it is that separate category of services that are differently taxable under VAT and Service Tax. But in the NIC code, all the Construction activities under Works Contract are grouped under Section F: "Construction," and other works contracts under different sections.

Central Statistical Organization of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation,

Government of India prepares NIC-2008 – National Industrial Classification, which classifies economic activities that economic units undertake.

At the same Time no departments are issuing licence or works named "Works Contract" in India.

Udyam, GST, ROC, and all other registration systems in India use the NIC code for registration purposes. In General, a Works contract is a general Classification of a group of activities used for taxation Purposes.

The circular referred 2nd above also clarifies the same principles as stated in the above 2 paras. But, as mentioned in the circular referred 1st above, the term "works contract" is not given in the NIC Code 2008 even though the activates mentioned under Divisions 41 to 43 (39 Sub classes) of the Code describes all the Civil Contract Works done under any works contract.

Please note that some of the MSEFCs and Courts are not admitting the cases seeking reliefs on account of the lack of clarification in the matter. As a result, many of our members are becoming bankrupt or in dire financial situations.

Denial of eligibility to approach the MSEFCs for an Udyam Registered member engaged in construction activities by interpreting the term "works contract" is a denial of natural justice to an enterprise from the construction sector, which contributes 10% of India's GDP.

It is, therefore, requested with all humility to kindly issue a "Clarificatory Notification with retrospective effect," making it abundantly clear that all construction activities mentioned under Divisions 41 to 43 (39 Sub classes) of the MSME Registration portal / NIC Code come under the MSME Act.

Sir, it will be an honour for us to personally brief you the construction industry issue as well as the above said matter, if you kindly give us an audience at your office, at any time of your convenience.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K. VISWANATHAN

PRESIDENT

BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

BAI at UDYAMI BHARAT, New Delhi

Union Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in collaboration with Union Ministry of Law & Justice & National Law University Delhi organized the conference 'UDYAMI BHARAT' on the theme 'Legal reforms in the MSME Ecosystem' on 27th June 2024 at Bhim Auditorium, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. Keynote address was delivered by Hon'ble Union Minister of MSME Shri Jitan Ram Manjhi that focused on dedicated efforts towards strengthening the Micro Sector and 6 pillars of growth for the MSMEs including, formalisation of the informal enterprises, aiding MSMEs in reaching the markets, adopting E-commerce platforms, using modern techniques to boost productivity, skill-building and digitization of the service sector.

The event was made auspicious with the presence

of Hon'ble Union Minister of Law & Justice Shri. Arjun Ram Meghwal who highlighted the role of legal forms undertaken by the Government and Hon'ble Union Minister of State (MSME) Ms. Shobha Karandlaje empowering the MSME Sector to drive India towards becoming the 3rd Largest Economy in the World.

Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI; CA M. Raveendran, Chairman, BAI's Indirect Taxes Committee; Shri Sabu Thomas, Co-Chairman, BAI's MSME Committee; Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, BAI and Shri Sanjay Chaudhary, Head Government Communications, BAI attended the conference. Conference was also attended by very large number of members from others association and departments.

Ministry of MSME hosts event on legal reforms, emphasizes industry 4.0 and alternate dispute resolution

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises held a day-long event today on 'Legal Reforms in the MSME Ecosystem' as part of the Udyami Bharat - MSME Day celebration. Union Minister of State for Law & Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal spoke on three key points.

He highlighted the transition to Industry 4.0, emphasizing the impact of modern technologies like Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, 3D printing, and robotics on legal reforms in the MSME sector.

He stressed the importance of Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) and mediation for resolving disputes, suggesting that Public Sector Enterprises could also benefit from such methods. Thirdly, he reinforced Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of making the 21st century India's, noting that India has the potential to become a hub for Arbitration.

Dr. Rajiv Mani, Secretary of the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, also spoke at the event. He pointed out that institutional arbitration offers faster and more efficient resolution of legal issues compared to the traditional legal system. He emphasized that the MSME sector is the backbone of the economy and could benefit from using ADR and mediation to avoid lengthy disputes.

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Jitan Ram Manjhi, presided over the event. The Minister of State for MSME, Shobha Karandlaje, and other dignitaries also highlighted the crucial role of micro, small, and medium enterprises in economic growth.

Source: Press Information Bureau, New Delhi, 27th June, 2024

RAILWAYS MATTERS

BAI President, K. Vishwanathan took up issues confronting the Indian Construction Sectors, specially for the Railways contractors to Shri **Ashwini Vaishnawji**, Hon'ble Minister of Railways

Ref: 188/M/2024-25 dated 18th May 2024

To,
Smt. Jaya Varma Sinha Ji
Chairman & CEO,
Railway Board
256-A, Raisina Road,
Rajpath Area, Central Secretariat,
New Delhi, Delhi 110001

Respected Madam,

Sub: - Request Not to Deduct TDS on Arbitral Award as per Court Judgment.

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Real Estate Companies founded in 1941, with more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 214 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all round improvements in the construction sector, which constitutes infrastructure and housing sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry. This involves making efforts to obtain from policy makers and authorities, the level of attention that the construction industry deserves in view of its tremendous contribution and importance to the economy.

Madam, In connection with the applicability of TDS on Arbitral Award amount, we wish to bring the following few lines for the kind information and consideration of concerned authorities.

Wrong Applicability of TDS on Arbitral Award

- a) In terms of the applicability of TDS on certain transactions done by Railways, a Board Notice No.2005/ AC-II/1/5(Pt.) dt.05.03.2008 was issued to all the Divisions of Indian Railways. Wherein, it had been mentioned that the applicability of TDS on Arbitral Award amount would be @ 10% under Section-194 A of the Income Tax, which had been enunciated under Sl.No.18 of the referred Board Notice.
- b) In consonance with this Board Notification saying 194A, the Railway is deducting 10% of the Arbitral Award Amount as TDS, but remitting the same to Income Tax Department under Section-194J.
- c) It has to be noted that both sections of Income Tax are different and also not relevant to the payment of Arbitral Award which had been extracted hereunder from the details available at the IT Portal.
 - Section-194-A ;V 10% -TDS on interest by banks/ post offices on deposits and interest

from any securities

- Section-194-J ;V10% - TDS for Payment towards fees on professional services

No TDS on Arbitral Award as per Court Judgment

- d) In terms of the above deduction of TDS @ 10% on the award amount which is being followed from the Year-2008, recently the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta made its verdict on 10.07.2023 in the case of M/s.Neo Built Corporation Vs Union Of India in Case No.EC-272 of 2022, in the Para-10 & 11 such that :

Para-10- The decisions following All India Reporter hold that the decretal amount is a "Judgment Debt" and must be paid in its entirety to the decree holder. No amount can be deducted as tax at source from the decretal sum and that the judgment debtor is not entitled to pay only the balance amount to the decree holder. This is the position in law.

Para-11- The action of the award debtor Metro Railway in deducting 10% from the awarded amount of Rs.3.88 Crores as TDS and paying the balance amount of Rs.3.5 Crores to the petitioner/award holder is hence contrary to the settled position of law. The award debtor's reliance on the Notification dt.05th March 2008 is also contrary to the law and the award debtor cannot seek recourse to the same for depriving the petitioner of the balance amount of approximately Rs.38 Lakhs.

- e) In relevant to the foregoing, the Railway being the Judgment Debtor for the decretal amount (i.e)Arbitral Award amount, ought to pay the award amount in its entirety to the decree holder without deducting the TDS.

Under the above circumstance, we the (BAI) on behalf of the contractors of Southern Railway request the Railway Board to modify the TDS applicability of the Arbitral Award amount such that :

“No amount can be deducted as tax at source from the decretal sum(i.e) Arbitral Award”

Thanking you,

We herewith enclosed the relevant court judgment and the Railway Board notification for your ready reference.

Further, we would also request you to kindly grant us an audience at any place and time suiting to your goodself, to discuss with you about the above.

Yours sincerely,



K. Viswanathan
President
Builders' Association of India

Enclosures: 1) Copy of the Judgement
2) Copy of Railway Board Notification

Copy to: 1) The Finance Commissioner, Railway Board
2) The Member, Infrastructure, Railway Board
3) The Secretary, Railway Board

Note: Members who are desirous of having the full hardcopy of the Judgement can collect the same from BAI HQ by sending a mail to Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, on mail id baihq.mumbai@gmail.com / raju_john_in@yahoo.co.uk.

Ref.: 405/2024-25 dated 12th August, 2024

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
Hon'ble Minister of Railways
Ministry of Railways, Government of India
Rail Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Request / Prayer for solution of Railway traffic problems in Barak Valley, south Assam and adjacent states of Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur part.

Respected sir,

The Builders Association of India (BAI) is the apex All-India body of engineering construction contractors and real estate companies founded in the year 1941 with more than 22,000 business entities as its members through nearly 215 chapters across the country. The association is a registered body established with the objective of encouraging trade, industry and profession of construction works and all other ancillary and allied trades and industries amongst others.

With due respect and honour, we take the pleasure to welcome you as Minister of Railways second term and express our sincere appreciation for the remarkable work you have been doing in the development of Railway infrastructure across the country.

We, members of BAI, desire to represent the Railway Connectivity problems of Barak Valley in south Assam, which will be more problematic in coming time due to extension of Railway network in Mizoram and Manipur state.

Our Barak Valley zone is the only access to Railway network of south Assam, Tripura, Mizoram and Manipur slate and proceeded through HILL SECTION of NF Railway, Dima Hasao District of Assam.

Population using the Railway link through Barak Valley.

Barak Valley population	-	43 lakh.
Tripura population	-	42 lakh
Mizoram population	-	12 lakh
Manipur (Part) population	-	20 lakh

Approx Total **117 lakh**

The traveling by Railway of these population and goods transportation of these areas are through Barak Valley only.

Existing Railway link under N.F. Railway

The Railway network in this zone laid from Tripura via Barak Valley and proceed through Hill Section of NF Railway Dima Hasao districts Assam). The Single Line B.G. Conversion was completed in the year 2018.

Problems in Communication by Railway, Road and Air Connectivity

In every year there are landslides in prolong rainy season, disrupting the railway traffic in the Hill Section ,which effects the movement of people and goods transportation in rainy season of the entire zone.

That Sir, the Railway extension work in this zone is in the final stage of reaching Mizoram and Manipur state

Capitals. The inflow of travellers, and goods transportations will be increased in coming years. To cope up the load, the frequency of rain movements will be increased. The entire traffic load will be moved through Barak Valley via Hill Section only.

We express our gratitude to you for initiation of new project alignments from Chandranathpur to Lanka will be an alternative track to link Silchar to Guwahati in short distance, to handle the traffic problems of this remote part of our country.

The Dream movement of Viskhit Bharat will get its full rhythm in our troubled zone with the improvement of the communication infrastructures to overcome instability.

Our road connectivity is also not smooth, regular disruption of road link in rainy season put to suffering of the population of this zone.

The AIR connectivity from Silchar is not sufficient to provide space for the needy people to go outside. Air fare is very high, not affordable for the common class of people.

Our Proposal for resolving the problems

- i) We request your kind self to convert Hill Station into a Double line project.
- ii) The south Assam zone is a rain prone area, 8(Eight) months of the year there is rain, the track in Hill Section need to be analysed on the ground reality of Soil starta and rainfall data to provide adequate drainage and bridges to discharge rain water and

build-up tunnels to retain land sliding areas and also provide Flyovers in places.

- iii) It is our earnest request to yourself to expedite the new Railway project execution plan for new alignment from Chandranathpur to Lanka. The project is required to be implemented as Double line project to mitigate the upcoming pressure of transportation of this zone.
- iv) The Silchar Railway station is in congested area of the City. Due to road traffic the passengers cannot be comfortable to avail the journey. It is our prayer to shift the station to nearby area of Silchar to Dudpatil Village side for easy communications.

Sir, it is our earnest prayer to you to look into our communication problems and provide new concept of infrastructures, so that the growth and development of this backward zone can be achieved at the earliest.

Sir, to apprise the matter to you in person, we request you to kindly grant us an audience with your good self at any time, date and venue of your convenience.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K. Viswanathan
President

Builders' Association of India

Standard National Bidding Documents for EPC contracts

A BAI delegation led by Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI, met with Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, on December 19, 2024, in Delhi.

Others in the BAI delegation were Shri Niimesh Paatel, Past President, BAI; Shri M. Raveendran, Chairman, BAI Indirect Tax Committee; Shri Hitesh Patel (*Rajubhai*), associate of Shri Niimesh Paatel; Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, BAI and CA Sanjay Chaudhary, Head Government Communication & Coordination, BAI Delhi Office.

The main Agenda of the meeting was to request the Hon. Minister to issue a necessary communication to NITI Aayog to circulate the Standard Contract Documents submitted to it in the year 2018, to all Works Authorities for implementation, as it is prepared under the direction of NITI Aayog.

The Hon. Minister, after referring the voluminous documents felt, it is outdated and requested BAI

to submit an updated model standard contract documents. He also assured the support of the Ministry to adopt the same through NITI Aayog.

BAI also took up the issue of high steel price inspite of the raw materials being available at cheaper rates.

The Minister was also briefed about the depreciation issues, Surety Bond by way of Insurance Policy instead of Bank Guarantee, delayed payment, difficulty of getting various Government clearance etc.

The minister also agreed to form a committee with BAI as one of its members to understand about the challenges of construction industry so that the same could be addressed.

The Hon. Minister, assured BAI to have an audience at the earliest to discuss the issue in detail.

The representations given to the Hon'ble Minister is printed herein below.

Ref: 719/O/2024-25 dated 18th October, 2024

Shri Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Room No. 501, VanijyaBhawan,
New Delhi -11001

Respected Sir,

Subject : Releasing of Standard National Bidding Documents for EPC Contractors.

Ref. : Letter No.3/33/2016-Tpt, Government of India, NITI Aayog (Infrastructure Connectivity) dated 28th March 2017.

With reference to the above, please find attached herewith your Office Memorandum No.3/33/2016-Tpt, Government of India, NITI Aayog (Infrastructure Connectivity) dated 28th March 2017 issued by Mr. Amit Bhardwaj, SRO (Transport).

Sir, Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Real Estate Companies founded in 1941, with more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 214 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. In response to the invitation extended by Construction Industry

Development Council (CIDC), on the captioned subject matter, BAI have actively participated and contributed to the preparation of the said document so that an 'Equitable Standard Contract Document for EPC contractors', could be brought out with the concurrence of all concerned in dealing with contracts documents. (Attached is the list of members participated for preparation of the Contract Document).

The said documents have been finalised by all sectors of the construction industry, particularly by various Government Departments and submitted the same to NITI Aayog's office on 13th

April 2018 for its assent and release.

Sir, BAI members were assured of its publication by mid of 2018 and as such it was following up the matter with CIDC. The Director General CIDC, Dr. P.R. Swarup, now directed BAI to contact you for releasing the said document.

Sir, BAI is excited to be part of the team that will build a new and resurgent India. To ensure that all the facets of our industry work smoothly and seamlessly towards reaching the desired goals, we request you to kindly initiate a mechanism that can create a platform for regular interactions between a core group of BAI members and NITI Aayog's officials to try and solve the issues confronting the Construction Industry on a real-

time basis. We are sure that such an initiative will be beneficial to all concerned.

In this regard, you are requested to kindly grant us an appointment at any time and date of your convenience.

We request you to kindly look into the matter and do the needful in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Niimesh Paatel

Niimesh D. Paatel
Past President
Builders' Association of India

Shri Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Room No. 501, Vanijya Bhawan,
New Delhi -110001

Ref.: 756/D/2024-25 dated 18th December, 2024

Sub: Impediments in the Availability of Steel for Infrastructure Projects.

Respected Sir,

Builders' Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders, founded in 1941, it has more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 215 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all around improvements in the construction sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry.

BAI act as a bridge between the Government and our members to enable the implementation of the policies of the Government smoothly, with all sectors of the industry.

Sir, it is heartening to note that the Government has put the growth of Infrastructure as the main driver for the growth of the economy as well as employment. In recent years, the growth of Infrastructure has been impressive in various segments, such as Rail (High-Speed Rail, DFCC, IR & Metro), Road network, Expansion of Airports, Development of new Airports, Various water supply project including Irrigation, Power Transmission and

Distribution Network across the country and similarly many other segments. However, the projects could have been executed faster and many projects could have become viable if input materials were made available to the construction contractors on time and at reasonable price.

We would like to bring to your kind notice the major challenges faced by construction and manufacturing industry regarding import, prices and availability of steel, which is the critical input for all the projects.

Major Challenges and Observations as given below:-

1. High Prices in the Domestic Market

- Domestic steel prices remain significantly higher than international benchmarks, despite a sharp decline in raw material costs.
- For example, from March 2022 to November 2024, the cost of raw materials (iron ore and coking coal) dropped by ₹30,445 per tonne, yet domestic steel prices only declined by ₹18,500 per tonne.

Table: Comparison of Raw Material and Steel Prices

Month	Coking Coal per MT in USD	Iron Ore Price per MT in USD	Raw material cost in INR	Steel - Rebar Price in INR
Mar'22	\$670/MT	\$ 163/MT	58,166	71,000
Nov'24	\$204/MT	\$ 103/MT	27,721	52,500
Reduction in Raw material Price per ton			30,445	18,500

Note: For manufacturing of 1 tonne steel, 1.6MT of Iron ore and 0.8MT of coking coal is considered for calculation purpose

Despite government measures such as the removal of customs duties on coking coal, scrap, ferro nickel and incentives like PLI schemes, Domestic manufacturers have not passed on the benefits of reduced raw material costs proportionally.

2. Limited Competition in Steel Supply

- Around 60-70% of India's steel production is concentrated among 5-6 manufacturers, limiting competition and creating supply constraints for certain grades of steel.
- Large-scale projects often qualify only 3-4 manufacturers for procurement, causing delays and cost escalations.

3. Mismatch Between Price Variation Clauses and Market Reality

- Government tenders often link steel price variations to the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), which moves slowly and inadequately reflects market price fluctuations.
- Construction companies lose ₹4,000-₹8,000 per tonne due to this mismatch, amounting to ₹30,000-₹60,000 crores annually in industry-wide losses.
- Price movement graph provided in the Annexure -1

4. Increased Costs Due to Safeguard Duties

- Imposing safeguard duties on steel, as seen during 2022, drives prices to record highs, impacting construction costs. Steel manufacturers enjoyed significant profit margins during this period without

substantial benefits to the broader economy.

- Government flagship projects like JalJeevan Mission, HarGharJal risk becoming unviable as when the prices of flat products go up, the prices of pipes also go up, which is the major requirement for drinking water & irrigation projects.

5. Barriers to Steel Imports

- Tariff and non-tariff barriers significantly restrict the ability of construction contractors to import steel:
- **Basic Customs Duty:** Steel imports already attract a 7.5% duty, which adds to costs.
- **BIS Certification:** Overseas manufacturers must obtain BIS certification, even for one-time supplies of specialized products.
- **Steel Import Monitoring System (SIMS):** Cumbersome processes delay import approvals.

6. Global Perspective on Steel Consumption

- India's per capita steel consumption is 83 kg per person, far below the global average. To achieve the target of 160 kg per person by 2030, steel availability must increase, not decrease.
- Steel-framed construction accounts for less than 10% of India's market compared to 80% in developed countries, highlighting the need for affordable steel to adopt advanced construction technologies.

7. Import Dependency to Meet Demand

- Domestic steel production is insufficient to meet the rising demand of 230 MnT by 2030, with current consumption

already over 136 MnT annually.

- Import data shows that without imports, India would face substantial deficits:

Year	Finished Steel Production (MnT)	Imports (MnT)	Exports (MnT)	Consumption (MnT)	Deficit Without Imports (MnT)
2023-24	138.83	8.32	7.49	136.25	-4.91
2022-23	123.2	6.02	6.72	119.89	-3.41

8. Limited Impact of Imports on Domestic Market:

- From April to October 2024, domestic consumption was 85.71 MnT, while imports accounted for only 5.71 MnT (less than 7%).
- This minimal import volume does not justify stringent restrictions like safeguard duties or mandatory BIS certification for all imports.

SUGGESTIONS:-

1. Ease Non-Tariff Barriers:

- Replace mandatory BIS certification for imports with accountability on importers for quality assurance.
- Remove anti-dumping duties and minimum import price for steel items that are essential but not adequately available domestically.

2. Revise Price Variation Mechanisms:

- Develop indices that accurately reflect real-time steel price movements, instead of relying on the WPI.

3. Promote Competition in Steel Supply:

- Allow a broader pool of manufacturers to qualify for infrastructure projects to prevent monopolistic practices and ensure timely material availability.

4. Streamline Import Monitoring:

- Simplify the Steel Import Monitoring System to expedite approval processes and enhance ease of doing business.

5. Facilitate Balanced Growth:

- Focus on policies that expand domestic steel production capacity while ensuring fair access to global markets to bridge supply gaps.

6. Implement Scheme like Advance Authorisation similar to MOOWR:

Goods manufactured in MOOWR are intended for physical exports and must comply with Indian Standards (IS) or international standards specified in the Quality Control Orders (QCO) increasing timelines & costs. However, units under the Advance Authorization (AA) scheme are exempt from BIS compliance for export orders, creating a disparity. To address this imbalance and promote exports, BIS compliance waiver licence for physical exports under MOOWR can be granted, aligning it with the AA scheme benefits and making it more attractive for manufacturers.

7. Exempt Special Government Contracts from Restrictions:

The Government-to-Government contracts such as JICA-funded projects where the contract necessitates the import of a certain percentage of the contract or certain specified items to be imported from Japan or Japanese origin companies. Such cases should be outside the purview of NOC/QCO/BIS procedures.

8. Support Construction Companies:

An impression is being created that because of the import of steel, the steel companies are incurring huge losses. However, all steel

manufacturers have been running positive margins for last so many years whereas some of the construction companies are showing negative margins. So, this necessitates the Govt. to also safeguard the interest of the construction companies to ensure their survival.

We are aware of the representations made by major steel producers advocating for more stringent import controls. However, restricting access to global steel markets would be detrimental to the construction and manufacturing industries.

Thank you for your attention to these critical issues. We look forward to your support in addressing these challenges for the betterment of our infrastructure and economy.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



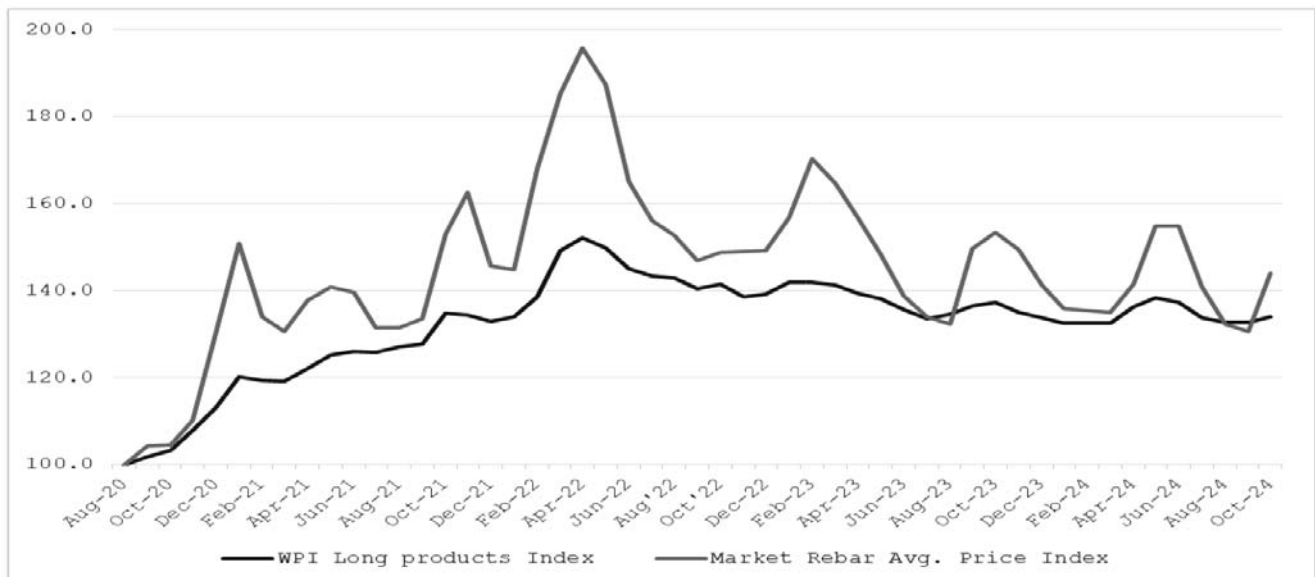
K.Viswanathan
President

Builders' Association of India

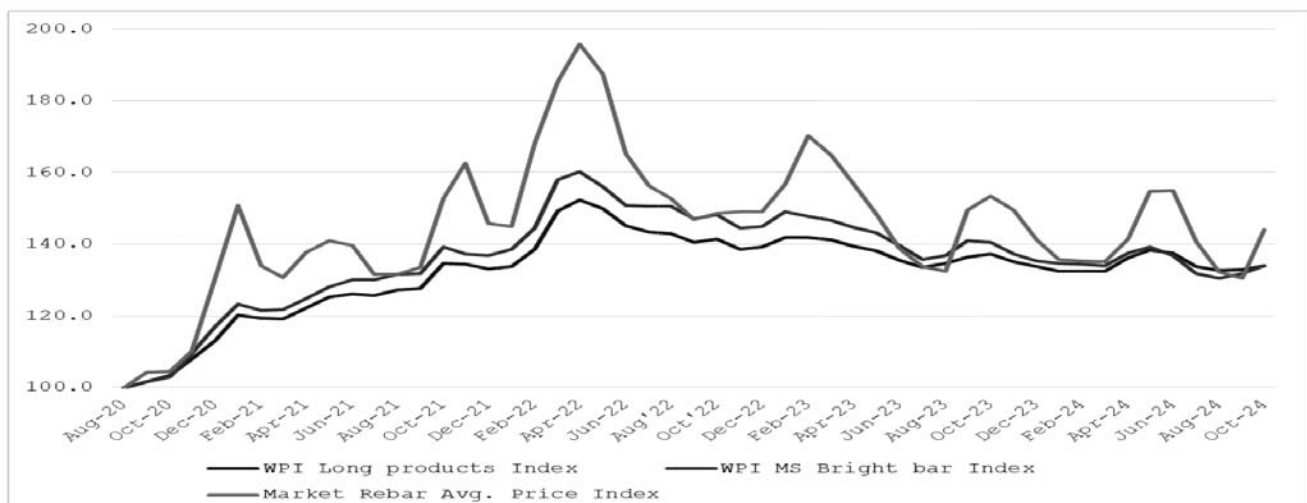
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Annexure -1

WPI Long Products vs Rebar Market Price movement:



WPI Long Products vs WPI MS Bright bar vs Rebar Market Price movement:



Shri. Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
RoomNo.501,VanijyaBhawan,
New Delhi -110001

Sub: Request for formation of high level committee to support the construction industry to doase of business in Nation Building and accelerate and support in line with the vision of the Government to achieve the five trillion economy.

Respected sir,

Builders 'Association of India (BAI) is an apex all India body of Engineering Construction Contractors and Builders, founded in 1941, it has more than 22,000 business entities as members through its 215 plus Centres (Branches) throughout the country. The fundamental aim of the Association is to bring about all around improvements in the construction sector, while striving towards resolution of operational as well as policy level problems faced by the construction industry.

As you are aware that the construction industry is the second largest employer of workers, next to agriculture, and employs more than 80 million people in the country. It contributes around 14% of the national GDP and accounts for around 60% of the total plan outlay of the Government. Moreover, the construction industry has forward and backward linkage to more than 400 allied industries and any upward movement in the construction industry would have a cascading effect on these industries and ultimately result in economic growth and revival for the entire country.

After adjusting for the Covid impacts on economy, the construction industry is gearing up the industrial economic condition.

BAI act as a bridge between the Government and our members to enable the implementation of the policies of the Government smoothly, with all sectors of the industry.

Sir, it is heartening to note that the Government has put the growth of Infrastructure as the main driver for the growth of the economy as well as employment. In recent years, the growth of Infrastructure has been impressive in various segments, such as

- Rail (High-Speed Rail, DFCC, IR & Metro),
- Road network,
- Expansion of Airports, Development of new Airports,
- Various water supply project including Irrigation,
- Power Transmission and Distribution Network across the country and
- similarly many other segments.

However, the projects could have been executed faster and many projects could have become viable if major plant and machinariesare made available to the construction contractors on time and at reasonable price.

We would like to bring to your kind notice the major challenges faced by construction compared with manufacturing industry regarding import, prices and availability of plant and machineries, which is the critical items to execute the projects in time with international standards.

UNIQUENESS OF OUR INDUSTRY

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	MANUFACTURING AND OTHER SECTORS
PLACE OF BUSINESS	PROJECT BASED AND NOT IN ONE PLACE. SWITCHING OVER OF PLACE TO PLACE FOR EACH PROJECT	PERMANENT

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY	MANUFACTURING AND OTHER SECTORS
EASE OF DOING BUSINESS	VOLATILE – EACH PROJECT IS TO BE COMPETITIVELY ACHEIVED.	THOUGH THE BUSINESS IS COMPETITIVE, DOING OF
	ALL THE PROJECTS ARE ON TENDER BASIS. IF NOT ABLE TO GET THE TENDER, BUSINESS BECOME STAND STILL.	REGULAR BUSINESS WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM

Construction Industry has to deploy heavy Plant and Machineries to meet the speed of the Government to achieve their projected milestones in all their projects. In this respect, we are expected to implement huge Plants and Machineries to achieve their time schedule and meet their expected standard in quality.

But the peculiarity of our construction Industry is to bid for each and every projects through competitive tenders. The assured continuous engagement and utilization of heavy machineries of their entire life cycle is not at all possible in construction industry.

In this background, we are forced to incorporate machineries for each work. But the cost of machineries are very high.

Major Challenges and Observations are given below:-

EXAMPLES:

1. USAGE OF CRANES:

- Cranes are used in various infrastructure projects of national importance and the requirements are very high. The domestic production available in India would not suffice the demand.
- It is imperative to import Cranes from other countries, else will lead to delay in timely completion of the infrastructure projects.
- Production capacity available in India is less and it is disproportionate to the actual requirement.
- ***Imposition of duty like anti dumping will not serve the purpose in respect of execution of work and its timely completion.***

2. IN RESPECT OF SURITY BONDS

We would like to bring to your kind attention

that, the Infra Structure Companies are relied on Non Non-fund-based limit to avail the Bank Guarantees for which 20-25 % of Fixed Deposits on BG value has to be deposited and incurring the cost of 3 % for processing fee and BG commission.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, through an amendment dated May 31, 2023, aligned with the amendments introduced by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure in the GFR, 2017 on February 2, 2022. These amendments allow for the inclusion of insurance surety bonds as an acceptable means for Bid Security and Performance Security in the relevant clauses of the standard documents (RFP and MCA) for EPC, HAM, and BOT projects.

Furthermore, the surety bonds are issued by the insurance companies like Bajaj Allianz, LIC, SBI General Insurance and others. The major hindrance which is currently faced by the infrastructure Companies is ***very few central government departments are accepting the surety bond for new and the existing projects, but the surety bond amendment clause is not included in the state government departments and some of the central funded projects.***

To get rid of this hindrance of non-acceptance cum non-implementation of surety bonds, ***the amendment clause has to be notified to all the state government departments and the central funded projects and if all the tender processed through an authorised tender website***, the implementation of surety bond will be in seamless process and the working capital shrinkages in fixed deposits and the cost incurring for the bank.

3. DEPRECIATION DISPROPRTIONATE TO USAGE:

The depreciation allowable under financial laws

for these kind of machineries are at par with other normal usage machineries.

Based on the risk element of time based projects and high use of machinery hours **need higher accelerated depreciation** for each kind of machineries as well as machineries used in the specific sectors which needs higher utilization of machinery.

Presently the time limit for of reversal Input Tax Credit at the time sale of machineries under GST Acts are at par with other industries but it also needs lesser period based on the nature of machinery and its usage period.

The above three are classic examples of the problems faced by our Construction Industry.

We are facing 'N' number of problems. It needs Government interruption which will support the Industry to do the business in such a way to benefit the execution of work smoothly.

❖ ***We request to form a high level committee headed by the Ministry officials which consists of our members and experts from our Construction Industry.***

❖ ***To study our issues and problems in consultation with our members and come out with a suggestion to the Ministry.***

❖ ***Based on the recommendations, the Ministry is requested to issue clarifications, notifications and necessary amendments in the relevant statutes which will lead to do the ease of business by our Construction Industry.***

We also appreciate if your goodself direct to form the committee in consultation with our Association with a time frame to submit its recommendation which will surely support our Construction Industry to do ease of business and we also proudly take part in our Nation building.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K.VISWANATHAN
PRESIDENT

BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

PRAYER FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF:

IN THESE FEW EXAMPLES BASED BACKGROUND, OUR HUMBLE SUBMISSION BEFORE THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Arising out of the meeting with the Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, BAI head office, has issued the following letter.

Ref: 771/J/2024-25 dated 2nd January, 2025

MOST URGENT AND IMPORTANT

To,

The All Members of Builders' Association of India

Dear Sirs,

Sub : Committee for preparing a model Equitable Standard Contract Document.

As known to you, BAI President Shri K. Viswanathan, visited the office of the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal on December 19, 2024, with a small delegation of BAI Seniors and apprised him about the issues faced by contractors, due to the implementation of one sided contract documents by various Works Authorities.

During the meeting, BAI President, also impressed up on the Hon'ble Minister to issue a directive to NITI Aayog, to circulate the Standard Contract

Documents, prepared by various Works Authorities with BAI, under the aegis of NITI Aayog, which is pending before them since 2018.

The Minister after browsing the Model Contract Document submitted to him emphasised the need of an Equitable Standard Contract Document to be implemented by all Works Authorities at national level. He then expressed his disapproval of the Standard Contract Document submitted (Contract document attached for information) in the year 2018 to NITI Aayog as it is outdated and advised BAI

delegation to prepare an updated comprehensive Equitable Standard Contract Document, encompassing the contemporary requirement of construction industry, so that, the same could be taken up with the Works Authorities for its implementation at National Level. In this regard, he assures all support and coordination from his office.

To facilitate this process, the President directed the undersigned to circulate the information so that, the present Standard Contract Committee headed by Shri R.N. Gupta, Past President, could be expanded with more members, who wish to be part of the same. The President also wish to announce the new Committee at the ensuing MC Meeting to be held at Coimbatore on 24th January, 2025.

Therefore, we invite members who wish to be part of this committee to send their consent along with suggestions on baihq.mumbai@gmail.com / baidelhi16@gmail.com for compiling an updated Model Standard Documents.

Your prompt response is highly appreciated.

Please treat this matter as MOST URGENT & IMPORTANT.

Thanks and Regards,

Yours faithfully,



Raju John
Executive Secretary
Builders' Association of India

BAI's Collaboration with International and National Exhibitions / Conventions

bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 – BAI Joint Organiser - Report

Redefining India's Infrastructure Vision with a Record-Breaking Edition – BAI Joint Organizer

- **135000 square metres of exhibition space** brimming with state-of-the-art solutions.
- **51,118 trade visitors** from across India and global markets.
- **6,298 buyer-seller meetings** fostering impactful collaborations.
- Introduction of **20,000+ groundbreaking products and solutions**

The 7th edition of **bauma CONEXPO INDIA** has set a transformative precedent for India's construction, mining, and infrastructure industries. Held from December 11 to 14, 2024, at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida, this year's edition has been a landmark in the nation's infrastructure journey.

As all earlier editions, this 7th edition was also jointly organized by the Builders Association of India (BAI) along with association partners Indian Construction Equipment Manufacturers' Association (ICEMA). Leading industry associations that supported **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024**.

The 7th edition of **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024** Exhibition inaugurated by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road and Transport as 'Chief Guest' along with Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI; Shri Bhupinder Singh, CEO, M/s Messe Muenchen India; Shri Dimitrov Krishnan, Chairman, **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024** & Managing Director, M/s Volvo Construction Equipment and Shri V. Vivekanand, President, ICEMA & Managing Director, M/s Caterpillar India on 11th December at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida.

After the inauguration of 'bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024', a photo op was arranged, wherein senior office-bearers of all the supporting organisations were invited. Some of whom joined were, Prof. Arnold Dix, President, International Tunneling and Underground Space Association and Shri M. Thirusangu, President & Shri V. Venkatesan, Secretary - Tamil Nadu Highway Contractors Federation.

Spanning over 135,000 square metres of exhibition space, **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024** showcased groundbreaking innovations that drew more than **51,118 trade visitors from 83 countries**. The trade fair facilitated **6,298 impactful buyer-seller meetings and unveiled more than 20,000 cutting-edge products** and solutions, driving transformative advancements in India's infrastructure landscape. Bringing together **984 exhibitors**,

the trade fair created a dynamic platform for innovation, collaboration, and sustainable growth, cementing its stature as the **largest construction trade fair in North India**. These numbers underscore the event's critical role in powering India's infrastructure ambitions, aligning with the nation's aspirations to become a **\$5 trillion economy**.

Delivering his inaugural address **Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Government of India** stated that, "*India is rapidly transforming into a global infrastructure powerhouse with large-scale projects worth ¹ 70 lakh crore already underway. To sustain this momentum, we must prioritize technological innovation, invest in research & development, and adopt sustainable fuels. The construction equipment industry, being the world's third largest, has immense potential to expand exports and strengthen India's manufacturing capabilities. I urge industry leaders to focus on advanced technologies and global partnerships to ensure long-term growth and a greener, more competitive future.*"

K. Viswanathan, All India President, Builders Association of India (BAI)

"bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 has been a critical trade fair for the construction sector. It provided a platform where industry leaders, contractors, and manufacturers could come together to explore advanced technologies and solutions. Such engagements are essential for driving India's infrastructure growth and ensuring industry-wide progress."

Bhupinder Singh, CEO, Messe Muenchen India:

"bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 has firmly established itself as a platform that bridges India's unique needs with global expertise, playing its part in shaping the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat.' The strong participation this year highlights India's growing prominence as a hub for innovation and progress in infrastructure. From live demonstrations of advanced machinery to focused discussions on sustainability, emerging technologies, and project execution, this edition showcased practical steps the industry is taking to meet India's ambitious infrastructure goals. It reflects the industry's collective drive to harness innovation and collaboration as key tools to build a resilient, sustainable future for the nation."

Stefan Rummel, CEO, Messe München GmbH:

"bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 has become a trusted platform for the global construction machinery community, where ideas are exchanged, partnerships are formed, and the groundwork for future growth is laid. This year's edition has further strengthened international collaborations and created

opportunities that will contribute to the long-term progress of the industry. It's great to see the collective effort and innovation driving this transformation."

Demtech India 2024 debuted as a collocated show, bringing a dedicated focus to the latest trends and advancements in demolition technology, further enriching the event's offerings. The **NASSCOM Pavilion** drew significant attention by spotlighting transformative innovations in construction technology and digital solutions. Meanwhile, the **Finance Zone** served as a vibrant networking hub, fostering valuable connections between industry stakeholders and leading financial institutions. Adding a global dimension, **International Pavilions** from countries like **Germany, Italy, China, and South Korea**, and many others showcased groundbreaking technologies, offering attendees an unparalleled opportunity to explore diverse innovations.

Voices That Matter: Insights from Leaders

Dimitrov Krishnan, Chairman, bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 and Managing Director, Volvo Construction Equipment:

"This edition of bauma CONEXPO INDIA underscored the industry's role as a driver of change, emphasizing smarter, more resilient infrastructure solutions. By championing cutting-edge technologies, skill development, and sustainability, the trade fair has provided a powerful blueprint for the future. It reflects a unified effort to not only meet current demands but to shape a more sustainable and globally competitive ecosystem."

V. Vivekanand, President, ICEMA & Managing Director, Caterpillar India Pvt. Ltd.

"bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 continues to serve as the cornerstone trade fair for the construction equipment industry. It creates an unmatched environment for industry stakeholders to collaborate, showcase innovations, and strengthen India's position as a global manufacturing hub. The knowledge-sharing and business opportunities here are critical for the sector's future."

Partner View:

Vinayak Pai, MD & CEO, Tata Projects Ltd. and President, Construction Federation of India stated, "bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 has been an impactful platform and provides opportunity to explore practical, innovative solutions that align seamlessly with infrastructure and construction project needs. Engaging directly with equipment manufacturers to discuss customized solutions has been a significant value addition, reinforcing our commitment to driving excellence in project execution."

The trade fair's strategic influence resonates far beyond

its exhibition halls, creating ripple effects across the industry. By showcasing solutions tailored for large-scale infrastructure projects, the event supports India's economic aspirations, accelerating the construction of smart cities, highways, and industrial corridors.

With participation from international exhibitors and buyers, the trade fair positioned India as a global hub for construction innovation, inviting foreign investments and fostering cross-border collaborations. Through partnerships with organizations like **ICEMA** and **CRRI**, the event emphasized skilling initiatives, preparing the workforce for the demands of digital transformation and next-gen machinery. By connecting exhibitors, buyers, policymakers, and thought leaders, **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024** has catalysed partnerships that will steer the sector toward greater resilience and innovation.

This edition was jointly organised by the Builders Association of India (BAI) along with the association partners Indian Construction Equipment Manufacturers' Association (ICEMA). Leading industry associations that supported bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 were Construction Equipment Rental Association (CERA), Committee for European Construction Equipment (CECE), Spanish Manufacturers Association of Construction and Mining Equipment (ANMOPYC), German Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers Association (VDMA), Cranes Owners Association of India (COAOI), Construction Federation of India (CFI) and many more.

Banayenge Viksit Bharat: A Vision in Action

This edition's theme, **Banayenge Viksit Bharat**, was woven into every aspect of the event. Showcasing technologies that prioritize efficiency, sustainability, and resilience, **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024** became a rallying point for industry stakeholders striving to shape India's infrastructure future.

Knowledge at the Core: Conferences Driving Change

With 30+ knowledge-sharing sessions, bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 went beyond an exhibition. Organized by **BAI, ICEMA, CRRI, TAI, and CFI**, key conferences included:

- **Charting India's Infrastructure Growth Journey for Viksit Bharat**
- **Innovative Techniques in Demolition & Recycling**
- **Use of Waste Materials in Road Construction**

These sessions offered actionable insights, addressing key challenges in sustainability, skill development, and digital transformation.

BAI's National Meet – Report

- Panel Discussion on Modern Construction Technologies
Concurrent to 'bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024'

Builders Association of India (BAI) successfully organized its National Meet, featuring a panel discussion on 'Modern Construction Technologies', alongside the 'bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024' exhibition. The event took place on December 12, 2024, at Crystal Chamber Hall, India Expo Centre & Mart, Exposition Mart Ltd.

The event was graced by Shri Kenneth Loo, President of IFAWPCA as Chief Guest and Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI presided over the event. Shri Ranjeet More, Past Vice President, BAI, was the convenor and moderator, ensuring the smooth execution of the event.

The event was formally inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri Kenneth Loo, President of IFAWPCA, in the presence of Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI; Past Presidents – Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Shri S. K. Basu, Shri B. Seenaiiah, Shri Bhagwan J. Deokar & Shri Lal Chand Sharma and Shri Ranjeet More.

Panel Discussion

India is undertaking an ambitious journey to become a developed nation by 2047, with the construction sector playing a pivotal role in this transformation. The adoption of modern construction technologies is at the forefront of this shift, enabling efficient, sustainable, and scalable infrastructure solutions. The sector is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by technologies that promise greater efficiency, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness. With this in mind BAI had organised the Panel Discussion, which brought together experts to explore the critical role of these technologies in shaping India's infrastructure. The discussion featured insights from leaders across various sectors, who shared their perspectives on how innovation

and collaboration can help India meet its ambitious development goals. Presented below is an overview of their insights on the impact of modern technologies, the challenges faced, and the opportunities ahead.

The panel discussion brought together esteemed industry stalwarts, including:

- **Shri K. Viswanathan**, President, BAI
- **Shri B. Seenaiiah**, Past President, BAI, and MD, M/s B. Seenaiiah & Company (Projects) Ltd.
- **Shri Anand Gupta**, Vice President, BAI, and MD, M/s AYG Realty Ltd.
- **Shri Sandeep Singh**, MD, M/s Tata Hitachi Construction Machinery
- **Shri V. G. Shaktikumar**, CMD, M/s SCHWING Stetter (India) Pvt. Ltd.
- **Shri Dimitrov Krishnan**, MD, M/s Volvo Construction Equipment
- **Shri S. A. Faridi**, Chief Editor, NBM&CW
- **Shri B. K. R. Prasad**, General Manager – Marketing, M/s Tata Hitachi Construction Machinery

These industry experts shared invaluable insights, enriching the event and providing a platform for knowledge sharing and networking.

The discussion focused on the latest construction techniques, executing projects on an international level, differences between international and Indian construction sectors, and expectations from equipment manufacturers regarding technological advancements.



47th IFAWPCA Convention, Singapore



Mr Kenneth Loo, President, International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) personally invited BAI members to attend 47th IFAWPCA 2025 Convention to be held in Singapore from 7-11 April at the Marina Bay Sands Convention Centre, when he participated in the National Meet on Construction industry organised by BAI at Delhi along with bauma Conexpo India Trade Show.

The theme of the convention was "Embracing Construction of Tomorrow," this prestigious event will convene member associations, industry leaders, innovators, and experts from across the region. The convention will include discussions addressing critical topics such as sustainability, digital transformation, and urban resilience. There will also be B2B forum and networking opportunities to foster collaboration among regional and international participants. Accompanying the Convention will be an exhibition showcase featuring innovative solutions and technologies shaping the construction landscape.

During the 3rd Managing Committee at Coimbatore, the Managing committee members has unanimously nominated Shri K. Viswanathan as the Chief Delegate for 47th IFAWPCA Convention to be held at Singapore, between 7 to 11th April, 2025.

Shri H.N.Vijaya Raghva Reddy, Past President, BAI has also been nominated as Executive Board Member to the next IFAWPCA Convention.

BAI is a member of IFAWPCA - International Federation of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors' Association <https://www.ifawpca.com/> - a 50 year old organisation. Its aims and objectives are reconstruction of Asia and West Pacific RIM countries, cementing bonds of friendship, international cooperation through construction research, construction of a better society towards a new era and construction for global prosperity. It is also associated with International funding Institutions like the World Bank, Asian Development Board and World Trade Organisations.

The Singapore Contractors Association Limited (SCAL) is hosting the 47th IFAWPCA Convention, taking place in Singapore from 7-11 April 2025 at the Sands Expo & Convention Centre.

The International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA) unites the fraternity of builders from 17 member countries and regions across Asia and the Western Pacific. Apart from India, other member countries of IFAWPCA are Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Guam, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Maldives, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Thailand.

As a dynamic international organisation, IFAWPCA plays a pivotal role in fostering international fellowship and cooperation, cultivating beneficial relationships between governments and contractors in the region, and facilitating collaborative efforts in civil and building construction projects.

Under the theme of 'Embracing Construction of Tomorrow', the convention serves as a remarkable platform for global collaboration, knowledge sharing, and networking among industry pioneers. Highlights include a business forum featuring a diverse range of topics, panel discussions, and an exhibition showcase aimed at exploring emerging trends, fostering partnerships, and promoting sustainable practices within the construction sector.

Wayanad Tragedy - BAI's outreach

MOST URGENT

Ref.: 304/J/2024-25 dated August 1st 2024

To:

All Managing Committee and General Council Members of BAI
Chairmen of all BAI Centres.

My Dear Fellow Builders,

Sub.: Natures Fury / Natural Disaster occurred in Kerala - Wayanad District.

I am sure, by this time, you all are in the know of the horrendous natural calamity happened in the city of Wayanad of Kerala State due to the unprecedented whole downpour, which created landslide resulting nearly hundred percent of villages sunk under the land. The flood and subsequent heavy flow of water have washed away many homes with its inhabitants.

The situation as per the media report, is pathetic and people are living in constant fear of further flood. They not only lost their dear ones, but also lost their valuables and even the place where the house was situated. It was reported that, the land itself is washed away at many low lying places.

Friends, I feel this is the time for BAI members to show their large heart and stand united, at the national level, to support and uphold the affected people of Kerala, not only to rehabilitate them by providing shelter, but also should provide them with food, clothings and medical facilities.

I, therefore request each Centre to collect donations from members and send the maximum contribution to BAI Headquarter, so that a consolidated Cheque could be issued to the State Government of Kerala or to any other Authorities as per the direction of the State Chairman of BAI, Kerala. You are requested to kindly send the Cheque in favour of "BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA" or make NEFT / RTGS

payment to the following Bank Account Number of BAI, with a letter mentioning the amount is sent for 'Kerala Flood Relief Fund' :-

A/c. Holder Name : BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Name of Bank & : STATE BANK OF INDIA

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Your earliest action in the matter is earnestly requested.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



K. Viswanathan
PRESIDENT

BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

IMPORTANT NOTE

As per BAI's Income Tax Consultant, it is advisable to route the contribution through one Bank Account only (i.e. from HQ), so that the donator will get Income Tax benefits under Section 80G.

The contributing BAI Centre or individual can also post copy of the covering letter to the National WhatsApp Group on such contributions.

A milestone achieved . . .

20 New Milestones on Our Journey Forward *- Strengthening the BAI*

The year 2024–25 was a landmark year for BAI as it has opened Twenty (20) new Centres to BAI family at various parts of the country, especially at places, where BAI has no presence or negligible presence. This expansion reflects not just growth in numbers, but growth in impact, inclusivity, and vision of BAI growing at the length and breadth of the country.

Each new Centre serves as a hub for innovation, dialogue, and development contributing to BAI's broader goal of building a strong and united professional ecosystem across India.

New Centres opened in 2024–25:

Jammu & Kashmir : Anantnag, Jammu, Srinagar

Himachal Pradesh : Shimla, Dharamshala

Andhra Pradesh : Amaravathi Capital, Amaravathi Rural, Anakapalle, Kakinada, Kavali, Vaddeswaram (SABCA)

Telangana : Kokapet, L B Nagar

Karnataka : Udupi

Kerala : Adoor, Malappuram, Palakkad, Perumbavoor

Tamil Nadu : Hosur, Rajapalayam

With these additions, BAI continues to broaden its reach, ensuring that quality engagement, guidance, and opportunities are accessible to members at all corners of the country.

First BAI Centre in Jammu & Kashmir opened – Anantnag

BAI celebrated the grand opening of its new Centre at Anantnag (Jammu & Kashmir) in Hotel Radisson, Phalgam, Jammu & Kashmir on 27th April, 2024, with great enthusiasm and optimism. The ceremony served as a momentous occasion for industry professionals to come together, strengthen networks, and pledge commitment towards the development of the region.

The event was graced by the presence of BAI Office Bearers, Shri S.N. Reddy, Imm. Past President; Shri R.N. Gupta, Past President; Shri Rajiv Goel, Vice President; Shri Amit Pasricha, Chairman, Delhi Centre; Shri Ram Avtar, Senior Member, Delhi Centre; Shri VedKhurana, Senior Member, Delhi Centre; Mr. Mohammad Aslam, GC Member East Delhi Centre; top contractors from Jammu & Kashmir State and local office staff and Ms. Lata Vaid, Executive Assistant, Delhi Office BAI. The programme was covered by local J&K media too.

The ceremony commenced with Welcome address by Shri Subzar Ahmed Roy, newly appointed Chairman, BAI Anantnag Centre, who emphasized the significance of expanding the association's footprint into Kashmir valley.

After that, one by one, all office bearers, Shri R.N. Gupta, Shri Rajiv Goel, Shri Ram Avtar, Shri Ved Khurana, Shri Amit Pasricha and Shri Aslam from Delhi Centre congratulated all the members through their motivational speeches. During this programme, Shri S.N.Reddy, Imm. Past President, BAI congratulated all the members and briefed them about BAI. He also said that now we all can proudly say that BAI centres exist from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

After that Shri Sabzar Roy was declared as Chairman of New Centre Anantnag and he was presented flower bouquet and garlands, which was welcomed by all members present there with clapping. Simultaneously, all members were welcomed into the BAI by presenting them with their BAI Patron Membership certificate.

The opening of new BAI Centre was also marked by the unveiling of the stone to be fixed in the new office of BAI at Anantnag, signifying a new chapter in the association's journey. The moment was filled with pride and optimism as members and guests gathered to witness the symbolic gesture.

The opening of the new BAI Centre symbolised a

commitment to support local contractors and promote infrastructural growth in the region.

The inauguration provided a platform for contractors, engineers, architects, and other stakeholders to network and exchange ideas. Discussions revolved around upcoming projects, challenges being faced by the industry, and opportunities for collaboration to drive sustainable development in Kashmir.

Some members even expressed their problems being faced by them during execution of the projects which almost all the contractors in J&K are facing and requested all the members who came from Delhi to solve them. Keeping their feelings in mind, Shri Ram Avtaargave full assurance that whatever they could do, they would definitely do it for J&Ks' contractors. Throughout the ceremony, members reaffirmed their dedication to delivering high-quality infrastructure projects that meet the needs of the community while adhering to ethical practices.

BAI's Orientation Programme

for Office-Bearers and Key Functionaries of BAI Centres
- first Orientation Programme conducted in Mumbai

At the instance of Shri Anand Gupta, Vice President, BAI (representing Western Region) an 'Orientation Programme of all Chairman and & Key Functionaries of BAI Centres in Western Region was conducted in the R. G. Gandhi Conference Hall of BAI, Mumbai, at Saturday 20th April, 2024. The programme started in the morning with fellowship and interaction over breakfast.

In his opening remarks, Shri Anand Gupta appreciated the effort of Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, BAI and Shri Swapnil Salekar, Head, Accounts & Taxation, BAI for their efforts in coming out with the small booklet called, 'ORIENTATION BOOK...The Manual of Procedure for Office Bearers of BAI Centres and Members'*. He also acknowledged the support and co-operation extended by Shri D. R. Sekar, Managing Committee Member, BAI Coimbatore Centre and Shri Aravinth Nepolian, Executive Committee Member, BAI Coimbatore Centre in bringing out the Manual of Orientation book with such rich inputs.

He also introduced the officials of BAI Secretariat at Mumbai and explained about the role of each official to the participants. He also apprised members about the facilities available to Members like, 2 Conference Hall for holding meetings, Arbitration hearing, etc. He added that overnight staying facility with Institute of Engineers, Maharashtra State Centre, Haji Ali, Mumbai (near BAI Secretariat) at economical rates is also available. He requested the participants to contact Shri Swapnil Salekar for any assistance required in this regard.

He also introduced Shri S. Madhusudan, Head communication, looking at his past vast experience in the field of organising various types of programs, he advised all Centress that they can take help from Shri S. Madhusudan, in case they want to organize any seminar or any webinar or any construction machinery exhibition or any construction material exhibition for respective Centre or State or if they wants to organize study-cum-pleasure tour they can take help from Shri S. Madhusudan, he added.

He also introduced a Shri Vilas Nagaonkar to all present members, for taking any help about queries of membership registration and data updation.

Shri Anand Gupta introduced Shri Swapnil Salekar, Head-Accounts & Taxation and requested members to contact him for any assistance on taxability of the receipts by the Centre or any GST, TDS and Income Tax related issues. He also pointed out that if Centre wants to book the BAI Meeting Room or the Conference Hall for their personal meeting, they should contact him. For staying overnight in Mumbai in the Institution of Engineers, Maharashtra State Centre Guest House also they should contact him.

In the meeting, other staff were also introduced and role of each were also explained.

He then invited Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary to explain members about the general aspects of BAI.

He introduced Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary and pointed out that he is the head of all staff in BAI, advised to all Centress to take his help, if they want to make any representation to Central Government, State Government or any Government authorities. BAI Centres if they want any help from them in BAI office, Centre supposed to contact him for implementation, he added. He expressed that Shri Raju John is the best officer to prepare a presentation or legal document and send it to concern authority. If Centre wants any issue to be included in agenda, they are supposed to contact him, he is the authorised person to prepare and add any issue in agenda or any future planned program or meeting. If any centre wants any old record about court judgments or Government circulars, he is the best person to help and make it available to them.

Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary through a power point presentation explained in detail about BAI mainly with the following headings:

- About the Orientation Programme for the Office bearers of BAI Centres.
- Objective of the objectives of the Orientation Programme for the Office bearers of BAI Centres.
- About BAI Administrative Structure.
- Membership-BAI-Classification.
- Centre, State, Head quarter and its functions, Role of Office Bearers.

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- Geography of BAI.
 - Functions of General Council and managing Committee.
 - Dos and Don'ts for the Chairman and Office bearers of the Centre.
 - Rules of the BAI Constitution concerning to the conduct of BAI Elections.
 - Guide lines to be followed before nomination and after elections.

Second Speaker CA Kuldeep Sahasrabudhe, with the support of a power point presentation enlightened the members about the accounting procedures, in view of the recent amendments made by the Government in last three finance budgets pertaining to 'Charitable Trust'. He also informed members that while going through audited statement of accounts of Centres from last several years, it has been observed that many Centres were not following the strict norms for compliance under GST & Income Tax laws, sending of audited accounts statement to BAI Headquarter in the prescribed format. Hence, it becomes imperative to maintain proper accounting records and retain them over a period of time so that the same can be produced at the time of scrutiny by the Income Tax Department and the GST Department as BAI Headquarter is filing consolidated Income Tax Return at Mumbai and its accounts are under scrutiny from last

13 years and BAI is fighting against Income Tax

Departments. More thrust should be given on compliance of Income Tax and GST and other laws (like Donation and TDS).

Shri Raju John, informed that BAI are also having a few specialized honorary consultants specifically for GST matter, direct taxation, indirect taxation, labour matters. In any case if Centre want any help they can contact them freely for free advice will be available to Centress but in case if member wants to use this consultant for their personal company they may have to decide mutually about professional fees. This consultancy is free for the purpose of BAI Centres.

Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary; Shri Sunil Mundada, Imm. Past Vice President; Shri Anil Sonawane, State Chairman, BAI Maharashtra and Shri Sanjiv Shah, State Chairman, BAI Gujarat also addressed the participants and expressed appreciation on the overall presentation, as it will help the Office Bearers of the Centre to function well.

Then they were also conveyed that head office has a facility of Twitter account and Facebook account and if a Centre wants to publish their matter in electronic media, they can send the matter to BAI Secretariat to publish these on Twitter or Facebook. For this they can take help of Shri S. Madhusudan, Centres should also send to Secretariat, the matter or news published in local newspaper by them, which will be added in Indian Construction Journal.

Vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia, Chairman, BAI Mumbai Centre.

Orientation Book...

The Manual of Procedure for Office Bearers of BAI Centres and Members



“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Warm Greetings to all.

It gives me immense pleasure to communicate with you on the occasion of Release of BAI’s **“Orientation Book – The Manual of Procedure”** for the Office Bearers of BAI Centres pan India. I have personally gone through the contents of this book and it will go a long way in successfully conducting the day to day affairs of BAI Centres.

Bringing out this orientation manual is an need of hour, as its containing the important by laws of BAI, important statutory obligations, taxation, legal issues and the roles and responsibilities of the office bearers is very much useful not only for this year but also for the future years.

I request my team of office bearers and Centre’ office bearers to organise a training program and I am sure

that the office bearers who attend the orientation programme will be benefited and enrich their knowledge about our mighty organisation.

I wish to take the opportunity to congratulate and appreciate Shri D.R. Sekar, Managing Committee Member, BAI Coimbatore Centre, Shri S.Arvinth Nepolean, Executive Committee Member, BAI Coimbatore Centre and Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary, BAI for bringing out this wonderful manual. I wish all the best for them to come out with more and more such initiatives.

My best wishes to all.

K. Viswanathan
President
Builders’ Association of India



About the Orientation Program for the Office Bearers of the BAI Centres:

Any organization can be efficiently run only if the office bearers at various levels understand their roles and responsibilities. Also it is important to note that in organisations like BAI, which is a registered society, there are statutory obligations, taxation and legal issues involved for the centres and the Head Quarters. So it is important that the office bearers understand and perform fulfilling the statutory obligations. It has been consistently felt at BAI that the new office bearers need to be given an orientation on all these issues at the beginning of a term. BAI

would like to took it upon them to conduct this Orientation program for the office bearers of the various centers of BAI pan India.

Objectives of the Orientation Program for the Office Bearers of BAI Centres.

- To ensure that the office bearers at the BAI Centres understand their roles and responsibilities and to perform efficiently.
- To ensure that the Centres fulfill their statutory obligations.
- Centres to observe strict norms for compliance

under GST & Income Tax laws.

- Maintenance of Accounts & Records by BAI Centers.
- To conduct regular business meetings in an orderly manner maintaining protocol.
- To ensure that a strong network of centres is created so as to enable solving issues at the local, district, state, regional and national levels.
- To ensure that the Centres, conduct technical and other programs that are useful for the betterment of the construction industry in general and Builders' community in particular.
- To make each centre a strong and efficient unit.

About BAI – Administrative Structure.

Builders' Association of India (BAI) was formed in 1941 in Pune with guidance from Brigadier Jackson who was a British Military Officer. During last more than 83 years since its inception, BAI movement has grown in leaps and bounds and at present has 210 plus Centres spread over the length and breadth of the Country, with its headquarters at Mumbai. As of today BAI has a direct membership of 22,000 constructors and an indirect membership of 1,00,000 through regional affiliated associations. Out of the 22,000 direct members, 19,000 are firms and others are individual members. BAI is the only true spokesman of the Indian Construction Industry safeguarding its interests.

BAI is registered as an association under the Societies Registration Act 1860 as well as under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950. It is also registered as a charitable institution u/s 12A of the Income-Tax Act 1961 (the 'Act').

The BAI was formed with certain objectives. Among them the following are important objectives:

- Promoting and protecting the industry, trade and profession of construction and other ancillary and incidental work.
- Organising conferences, seminars and exhibitions to promote the industry, trade and profession of construction.
- Promotion and fostering the feeling of unity and co-operation and mutual help, elimination of unhealthy competition and unfair trade

practices among the contractors.

- Advising and assisting the members in technical and legal matters and encouraging adoption and promotion of correct business practices.
- Promoting the science of building and construction industry.
- Improving and elevating technical and general knowledge of persons engaged in the building industry (primarily through its monthly journal viz. 'Indian Construction').
- Promoting exports of building and construction industrial services.
- Promoting construction industry through training, awards and sponsorships etc.
- To encourage adoption and promotion of correct business practices according to ethical code of correct business practices as enumerated in Appendix C to the Rules and Regulations of the Association and maintain efficiency, dignity and integrity of the profession.

Membership –BAI – Classification:

"Members" shall mean and include, Individuals, Firms, Societies, Companies, Banks, Clubs, Associations, Corporations and any other incorporated body.

There shall be following classes of members, viz:

1. **Honorary Members**
2. **Patron Members**
3. **Annual Members**
4. **Affiliated Association members**
5. **Corporate Members**

Centre: (BAI Rule No.2.2, Appendix-B)

"The Centre" means a Centre opened or started by the Association in any part of the country for undertaking the activities with a view to fulfilling the objects of the Association and which is functioning and not closed. Office Bearers of the Centre" shall mean and include the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Joint. Secretary. When the membership of a Centre falls below 20 for a continuous period of two years, the Centre will stand automatically closed on the expiry of the said period of two years. It shall be the

duty of Zonal Vice President and/or State Chairman or Centre Chairman to report to the Headquarters whenever its membership falls below 20. The members of such defunct Centre shall be entitled and eligible to join any other Centre, contiguous to the territory of an adjacent Centre.

State:

A State Capital having more than 150 members shall be eligible to elect a Chairman who shall be ex-officio member of the Managing Committee until such time as defined in the para following. A State having 3 Centres in addition to the Capital Centre and a total minimum number of 250 members shall be eligible to have a State Chairman elected by the General Council members of the State. State Chairman among other things would co-ordinate the functioning of the Centres in his State. A State with two or more Centres can elect a State Co-Ordinator from the Capital Centre of the State. Qualification for becoming State Co Ordinator shall be the same as for the State Chairman. Once the State becomes eligible for electing a State Chairman, the post of State Co-Ordinator shall cease to exist thereafter. State Co-Ordinator among other things would coordinate the functioning of the Centres in his State. "Office Bearers of the State" shall mean and include the State Chairman. To become State Chairman, a member has to first become Centre Chairman. "Office Bearers of the State" shall include State Chairman, State Secretary and State Treasurer. (BAI Rule 2.9.1).

STATE OFFICE BEARERS AND ITS FUNCTIONS. (Rule No.31)

- (a). To co ordinate the activities of the centres in the state.
- (b). To supervise the working of the centres, study their problems and represent them before the concerned authorities.
- (c). To promote and implement the decisions and directions of the M.C & G.C.
- (d). To comply with any special assignments relating to the activities of the Association in respect of the state in accordance with the direction given by the President.
- (e). To undertake membership drive and opening of new centres

[Amended as on 06.11.2016 in the Special General Meeting held at Chennai].

Geography of the BAI.

Region:

Five geographical regions i.e. East, North, South –I, South –II and West Regions shall be constituted for the convenience of administration provided there are 3 Centres in that region. One Vice President shall be elected by the General Council members of such region. Functions of the region shall be supervised and co-ordinated by the Vice President belonging to that region in consultation with the State Chairman and Chairmen of other Centres concerned and his responsibilities shall be:

- (a) To co-ordinate the activities of the Centre.
- (b) To supervise working of Centres, study problems and represent them before concerned authorities.
- (c) Promote and implement the decisions and directions of the General Council and/or Managing Committee.
- (d) To comply with any special assignment relating to the activities of the Association in respect of the region in accordance with the directives given by the President.
- (e) To undertake membership drive and open new Centres.

"Region" means "Region-wise" division consisting of Centres of the Association for the time being specified as hereinafter mentioned. For successful implementation of the functions and programmes of the Association and for administrative convenience, the area of operation of the Association for the purpose of its activities shall be divided into five regions.

Each region shall come into force if there are minimum 3 effective Centres. If for any reason thereafter the number of effective Centres falls below the 3 minimum effective Centres then the region shall be considered dormant and the rights and privileges of a constituted region such as eligibility to elect a Vice President shall not exist.

Vice Presidents : There are 5 Vice Presidents viz North, East, South-I , South-II and West. The Vice Presidents shall be elected by the members of the General Council belonging to that particular region and they shall be members of the Managing Committee. Vice President is entitled to co-opt two members to assist him in his duties.

Note : The full set of Orientation Book uploaded on BAI's Website: www.baionline.in/publications.

Change of Guard @BAI

Team 'BAI 2024-25' hands over charge to 'Team BAI 2025-26'

'Trustees BAI 2025-27' take charge

BAI's Organisational Elections for 2025-26 culminated on Friday, 28th March, 2025, with Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI announcing the results in the BAI Secretariat in Mumbai.

The election process for electing Twelve (12) Trustees of Builders' Association of India for two (2) years term i.e. 2025-2027 also culminated on Friday, 28th March, 2025, with Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI announcing the results.

Earlier, Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary and Returning Officer, 'BAI Organisational Elections 2025-26' and 'BAI Trustees Elections 2025-27', handed over the results of both the elections to Shri Bhagwan Deokar, the senior most Scrutiniser, who in turn handed it Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI for declaring the results. The other scrutinisers were, and Shri S. N. Reddy, Imm. Past President, BAI and Shri N. S. Muralidhara, Past Vice-President, BAI.

Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh was unanimously elected as the President of BAI for 2025-26.

Except for the posts of three (3) Trustees of BAI representing Western Region, elections to all other posts in both the elections were unanimous. Shri Baburao Shakkarwar, Shri Rajkumaran Nair and Shri Ram Bhatia were elected as the Trustees of BAI representing

Western Region.

'Change of Guard' ceremony was held in the BAI Secretariat in Mumbai on Saturday 29th March, 2025. Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Past President & Past Trustee, BAI and Shri Lal Chand Sharma, Chairman, Board of Trustees & Past President, BAI did the honours of 'Installing Officer'.

Shri K. Vishwanathan, President, BAI (2024-25) adorned Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh with the 'BAI President Medallion'. Shri K. Vishwanathan, Shri R. Radhakrishnan and Shri Lal Chand Sharma, presented the 'BAI Key' to Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh symbolising handing over of charge.

Shri R. Radhakrishnan and Shri Lal Chand Sharma, also installed and felicitated the newly elected 'Team BAI 2025-26' and 'Trustees BAI 2025-27'.

Before handing over charge, Shri K. Viswanathan, briefed the members about the various activities and initiatives done by him during his tenure. As per BAI's tradition, Shri K. Viswanathan was felicitated by him with being adorned with the 'Imm. Past President Medallion' by Shri R. Radhakrishnan.

Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh also gave an acceptance speech after being installed.



President

Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh

Imm. Past President

Shri K. Viswanathan

Vice-Presidents

Shri Narendra Kumar
Shri D. V. N. Reddy

Shri Ram Avtar
Shri N. Raghunathan

Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao

Hon. General Secretary

Shri Mohinder Rijhwani

Hon. General Treasurer

Shri Aniruddha V. Nakhawa

State Chairmen

Andhra Pradesh
Shri P. Seshagiri Rao
Delhi

Chhattisgarh
Shri Rupesh Kumar Singhal
Gujarat

Shri Amit Pasricha
Haryana
 Shri Prem Khamsera
Karnataka
 Shri N. Subramanya
Maharashtra
 Shri Jagannath S. Jadhav
Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar
 Shri K. Venkatesan
Uttar Pradesh
 Shri Sanjay Tyagi

Shri Keval Parikh
Jharkhand
 Shri Surender Pal Singh
Kerala
 Shri K. A. Johnson
Rajasthan
 Shri Vikas Tijaria
Telangana
 Shri U. Surender
West Bengal
 Shri Uttam Kumar Jana

State Coordinator

Assam
 Shri Surjeet Ghosh

Bihar
 Shri Manikant

Madhya Pradesh
 Shri Sailesh Kumar Chourasiya

Members of the Managing Committee representing Centres

Shri A. N. Balaji	Shri Abhay N. Chokshi	Shri Chandrakant Raipat
Shri D. R. Sekar	Dr. Dharmesh Awasthi	Shri Dinesh Nanji Patel
Shri G. Divakar	Capt. George Thomas	Shri Gyanchand Madhani
Shri John Paul	Shri Jordy Abraham	Shri K. Devender Reddy
Shri K. Muruganandam	Shri M. Ramesh	Shri N. G. Lokanathan
Shri N. Mohamed Abdul Khader	Shri N. Ramalingam	Shri Najeeb Mannel
Shri P. P. John	Shri Pradeep Nagawekar	Shri Prakash Panjwani
Shri R. R. Sridhar	Shri Rajesh Nathan	Shri Ravidra Tyagi
Shri Srinivasa Reddy	Shri Sugunakar Rao	Shri T. V. Chandrasekharan
	Shri Tarro T. Manghnani	

Members of the Managing Committee representing Patron Members

Shri Arun Sahai	Shri B. Raghava Rao	Shri Basavaraj S. Totad
Shri C. G. Deochake	Shri G. Santosh Reddy	Shri K. Chandra Sheker Reddy
Shri K. Khalid	Shri K. Rajavel	Shri L. Shanthakumar
Shri N. S. Shetty	Shri O. K. Selvaraj	Shri S. Ramaprabhu
Shri P. N. Suresh	Shri P. Subramani	Shri Pankaj Reddy
Shri Prakash Menda	Shri Pratap Salunkhe	Shri Praveen Mathew
Shri R. Sivakumar	Shri Rajendra Athawale	Shri Ravindra Pradhan
Shri S. Ayyanathan	Shri S. Wilfred	Shri V. Rajagopal
	Shri Vilas Birari	

Members of the Managing Committee representing Affiliated Associations

Shri Arvind Patel
 Shri M. Jaishankar

Shri B. Ramesh
 Shri T. V. Ramakrishnan

Trustees BAI 2025-27

Shri Pradeep K. Chowdhury	Shri Prabir Kumar Mukherjee	Shri R.N. Gupta
Shri Lal Chand Sharma	Shri K. Subramani	Shri CH. Ramakotaiah
Shri V.S.K. Moorthy	Shri R. Muthukumar	Shri L. Venkatesan
Shri Baburao L. Shakkarwar	Shri K. Rajakumaran Nair	Shri Ram M. Bhatia

CSDCI Matter

Builders Association of India (BAI) signed MoU with Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI) on 20th June 2019 at New Delhi for the certification of 1,02,500 construction workers under RPL TYPE 4 ("Best in Class Employer"). As per the proposal sent to CSDCI, BAI was to assess 1,02,500 construction workers upto 31.3.2022 in seven trades.

BAI officially launched the process of certification of workers on 26th July 2019 by organizing first orientation session of Assessors at Patna - Bihar in association with CSDCI. 57 candidates attended the orientation programme on 26th July 2019 for assessing / certifying the construction

workers in various trades and out of 57 candidates, login-ID of more than 50 candidates were created in CSDCI / NSDC which is the first step for any candidate to become an Assessor and assess / certify the construction worker,

After completing the required formalities of creation of the Assessors login-id who attended the orientation programme and login-id of the construction sites where the construction workers to be assessed, the certification / assessment of construction workers started in the State of Bihar from October 2019. By the end of October 2019, 10 site locations were got approved from CSDCI / NSDC and assessment / certification.

Skill Development in Construction Industry

This sector is the need of the hour especially for our construction industry where most of the skilled migrant workers have returned to their native villages across India. The current generation lacks the necessary skills and there is a humongous gap between the skills existing in a person and the skills demanded by the industry.

In spite of the drawbacks, construction industry is growing rapidly in India. In this industry skills and knowledge are very important. With skills and knowledge the industry becomes more productive and innovative. Skill will allow workers to learn and to do their job in a better way.

The construction industry sells a service that is determined by its clients. So the builders should be more responsive and should have control over demands, technology, material, work place, finance and labour safety.

At present skill formation in construction trade is inadequate. The government is providing vocational training to the construction workers in our country. There

are several skills like carpentry, plumbing, masonry, plastering etc., in which labourers are to be trained. These courses are of one or two year duration. Workers who have high school level qualification can enroll for these courses. The national network of building centres also trains construction workers.

It is estimated that several lakhs of workers are engaged in construction sectors of which about 75% are unskilled. Several of them are seasonal construction workers. Only a few are regular workers.

Our government is taking initiative in providing skill development. There are several programmes.

BAI's 'Knowledge Disseminating Series video's on BAI's official YouTube Channel

Under the specific desire, instructions and guidance of BAI Past President Shri Mu. Moahan, that during the ongoing pandemic and lockdown, BAI should conduct 'online' events to keep BAI members and constituents of the Indian building and construction industry informed about latest developments, the office-bearers and the various functional committees of BAI organised 'online' events.

We have pleasure in informing you that such various events have been organised and the videos of all of these events have been uploaded on YouTube channel of BAI

i.e. 'Builders Association of India' ([https:// youtube.com/ user/baihqmumbai](https://youtube.com/user/baihqmumbai)).

Request you all to visit the YouTube channel of BAI, like & share the videos, subscribe to the channel and press the 'bell' icon to ensure you receive notifications of further uploads on the channel.

Details of the event's and the links to the specific event YouTube videos on the official BAI YouTube Channel ([https:// youtube.com/ user/baihqmumbai](https://youtube.com/user/baihqmumbai))

New Charitable Trust Registration and Rules

Charitable trust - amendments in the provisions as per Finance Budget 2023

The Finance budget 2023 has made few amendments

Treatment of donation to other trusts:

Donations made to other trusts out of income will qualify of 85% for application. The balance 15% will be disallowed and treated as income and will be liable for tax.

In case of BAI there have been instances in the past that certain centers have made donation to local trust in their city. Such donations will now be covered under this amendment.

EXIT TAX on voluntary winding up or merging of trust with any other non-charitable organization

In case where a trust wants to voluntary windup OR merge its activities with any other non-charitable organization then it will have to pay exit tax at the maximum marginal rate on the fair market value of the total assets minus total liabilities.

Time limit for furnishing of accumulation of income

Where a trust accumulates or set apart its income such trust is required to submit a statement in Form 10 on or before the due date of the filing of the return. The due date for filing of the return was 31st October.

Now this form is to be filed two months before the due

date of filing of the return. So now the form will have to be filed on or before 31st August 2025.

Thus in case of BAI the consolidated accounts should be ready by that date i.e 31st August 2025.

Registration under section 12A and 80G valid for 5 years.

Registration granted to a trust (under section 12A and 80G) will be valid for five years. Every trust will have to apply for re-registration at least six months before the end of five years of registration.

Further if a trust fails to apply for re-registration within the time provided under the income tax act then its registration will get cancelled and will be liable for tax.

Depositing back of Corpus and repayment of loans or borrowings

Depositing back any amount into the Corpus or repayment of loans or borrowing will not be treated as application of income in certain instances.

As in case of BAI there are no withdrawals from Corpus nor there are any loans and borrowings so presently this amendment is not applicable.

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Precaution while dealing with donation & Maintenance of Accounts & Records by BAI Centers

In view of the amendments made by the government in last three finance budgets pertaining to charitable trust we suggest the following important points for BAI Centers

1. Each center should prepare a **detailed set of accounts** at the end of the financial year comprising of the -
 - a. Balance sheet showing previous years figures,
 - b. Income & Expenditure Account showing previous years figures,
 - c. Receipt & Payment account,
 - d. schedules of fixed assets with addition / deletion details
 - e. Schedule of investments with details of type of investments.
 - f. Schedule of Corpus & other Funds – showing opening balance, addition, transfers and closing balance.
 - g. List of debtors and creditors
 - h. List of donations accepted, list of donations given, along with PAN Adhar mobile number email addresses

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- i. List of out-standing expenses
 - j. Details of loans & borrowings
 - k. Detailed account-wise break of current assets and current liabilities
 - l. Copies of TDS returns, challans along with working and other details
 - m. Copies of GST returns, challans along with working and other details
 - n. The set of accounts should be in a predetermined standard format so that it will help in consolidation of accounts at the year end.

The above statements should be audited by a chartered accountant followed by an audit report.

- 2. To prepare the above set of accounts the records should be maintained properly in a software, preferably in Tally.
- 3. To comply with TDS requirements of the Center by properly deducting TDS on expenses and filing quarterly TDS returns. These details should be forwarded to BAI HQ on a quarterly basis after filing of the TDS returns so that the same can be used for consolidation of accounts.
- 4. Center should avoid accepting donations as details records and compliance is required to be carried out for issuing 80G certificates and filing of returns for donation after the year end. Donations received at any center should be recorded at HQ.
- 5. Center should avoid expenditure (like donation to other charitable trust, advertisements, investments etc.) other than day to day admin expenses incurred for running the center.
- 6. Center should avoid giving donations as detailed disclosures are required to be provided to the income tax department. Further donation if any to be given should be routed thru the HQ.
- 7. Center should comply with GST law in respect of income other than subscription receipts. Further it should submit the GST returns and provide copies of the same along with detailed working to the BAI HQ. All records pertaining to GST should be properly kept and stored as required under the GST law.
- 8. Center should avoid cash expenditure.
- 9. Whenever any seminar, exhibition, or similar activities/events are carried out at the center then a separate income & expenditure account should be submitted to the HQ within 30 days of the close the event so that HQ will keep a record of the surplus/deficit incurred by the center.
- 10. Purchase and sale of assets should be informed to HQ on a regular basis.
- 11. Surplus funds with the center should be invested preferably in bank fixed deposits.
- 12. Proper records should be maintained in respect of loans taken. PAN, Aadhar, information should be obtained from the person providing the loan. Loans should not be accepted from NON Members.

CHANGE OF GUARD AT BAI 2024-25

BAI's Organisational Elections for 2024-25 culminated on Saturday, 30th March, 2024, with Shri S. N. Reddy, President, BAI announcing the results in the BAI Secretariat in Mumbai.

Earlier, Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary and Returning Officer, BAI's Organisational Elections for 2024-25 handed over the results to Shri Bhagwan Deokar, the senior most Scrutiniser, who in turn handed it Shri S. N. Reddy, President, BAI for declaring the results. The other scrutinisers were, and Shri K. Subramani, Past Vice-President, BAI and Shri D. V. N. Reddy, Past State Chairman, BAI Telangana.

Shri K. Viswanathan was unanimously elected as the President of BAI for 2024-25.

Except for the post of State Chairman, BAI Kerala, the elections to the other posts were unanimous. Shri P. N. Suresh from Thrissur Centre was elected as State Chairman, BAI Kerala for 2024-25.

Subsequent to the announcing of the results of 'BAI's Organisational Elections for 2024-25', the 'Change of Guard' ceremony was held in the BAI Secretariat in Mumbai. Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Past President & Past Trustee, BAI and Shri Lal Chand Sharma, Chairman, Board of Trustees & Past President, BAI did the honours of 'Installing Officer'.

Shri K. Viswanathan was installed as the President of BAI for 2024-25 by him being adorned with the 'BAI President Medallion'. Shri S. N. Reddy presented the 'BAI Key' to Shri K. Viswanathan symbolising handing over of charge.

Before handing over charge, Shri S. N. Reddy briefed the members about the various activities and initiatives done by him during his tenure. As per BAI's tradition, Shri S. N. Reddy was felicitated by him with being adorned with the 'Imm. Past President Medallion'.

Shri K. Viswanathan also gave an acceptance speech after being installed.

Thereafter Shri Ashok Kumar Chandak, Shri Rajiv Goel, Shri D. Pankaj Reddy, Shri R. Sivakumar and Shri Anand J. Gupta were installed as Vice-Presidents. Shri Mohinder Rijhwani and Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa were also installed as Hon. Gen. Secretary and Hon. Gen. Treasurer respectively.

Shri Sanjiv B. Shah, Shri Vijay Kumar, Shri P. N. Suresh, Shri Anil B. Sonawane, Shri B. Palanivel and

Shri U. Surender were also felicitated for on them being elected as State Chairman of Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Telangana States.

Subsequently, as per tradition, BAI Mumbai Centre felicitated the newly elected office-bearers and the office-bearers for 2023-24 who laid down their office.

BAI WEBSITE 'www.baionline.in'

BAI launched its new digital website 'www.baionline.in' at the Managing Committee Meeting at Ahmedabad on 6th June 2022. With the launch of www.baionline.in, BAI too aims at giving its members top-of-the-line service.

As of now www.baionline.in offers the following services:

All circulars meant for BAI Centres and senior functionaries will be hosted.

Important Judgements, Circulars and Notifications by Government(s) and /or Departments will be hosted.

Tender information.

Latest Price Index Numbers.

Construction industry related exhibition/trade fair information.

Information on all publication of BAI and its Centres.

Details of office-bearers of BAI.

Links to important websites i.e. like minded national & international organisations, Government

organisations concerning having dealings with construction industry, service providers, construction companies, etc.

BAI members / visitors can download :

BAI Constitution (BAI Rules & Regulations)

Membership Application Form

Membership Data Updation Form

BAI members can get their membership number through www.baionline.in.

Services to be introduced over a period, include :

Website based email service to BAI members.

'News & Discussion Board' - news concerning the construction industry will be hosted and members/visitors can air their opinion on the same.

'Meeting Room' - akin to the concept of 'chatting', senior functionaries can hold meetings via video conferencing.

Archives of 'Indian Construction' and other publications by BAI Centres.

Total detailed membership database of BAI.

'Wheeling & Dealing' - is a platform for BAI members and others for offering machinery to be given on hire or request machinery on hire / offer specialised service or request for specialised service, etc.

FINANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Headquarter, due to its better financial discipline, was generating surplus for the last 22 years and the current year also we have a surplus of Rs.1,31,01,675/-. This is a major achievement, though there was a marked decline in interest income. It is also a fact that, the Trustees are prompt and alert in keeping the Fixed Deposits with Banks which offers the highest return.

FUNCTIONS OF BAI HEADQUARTER OFFICE:

BAI Headquarter and BAI Delhi Office with a staff of 12 members functioning exceptionally well under the control of Executive Secretary, Mr. Raju John.

MEETINGS :

During the financial year 2024-25 under report, 4 (Four)

Managing Committee and 4 (Four) General Council Meetings were held at :

On 4th May 2024 at Chennai

On 21st September 2024 at Durgapur

On 24th January 2025 at Coimbatore

On 7th March 2025 at Tirupati

BAI MEMBERSHIP / AFFILIATIONS

Affiliated to International Federation of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA), Philippines.

Founder Member of Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC), New Delhi.

Member of IMC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mumbai.

Member of Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi.

Member of Employers' Federation of India, Mumbai.

Member of Indian Roads Congress.

Member of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, New Delhi.

Member and Promoter of Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI), New Delhi.

BAI's Cabinet Rendezvous in Mumbai

A BAI Headquarter Office Bearers Meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th October 2024 at R. G. Gandhi Conference Hall of BAI, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI and was attended by, Shri S. N. Reddy, Imm. Past President; Shri Anand Gupta, Vice-President; Shri R. Sivakumar, Vice-President; Shri D. Pankaj Reddy, Vice President; Shri Rajiv Goel, Vice-President; Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary; Shri Anirudhha Nakhwa, Hon. Gen. Treasurer; Shri U. Surrender, State Chairman, BAI Telangana State; Shri A. Nagamalleswara Rao, State Chairman, BAI Andhra Pradesh State; Shri Sanjiv Shah, State Chairman, Gujarat; Shri P. N. Suresh, State Chairman, BAI Kerala State ;Shri Pradeep Nagawekar, Trustee, BAI; Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary; Shri S. Madhusudan, Head-Communications; Shri Swapnil Salekar, Head-Accounts & Taxation and Shri Vilas Nagaonkar, Head- Membership Management System. Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia, Chairman, BAI Mumbai Centre

formally welcomed the 'President and other Office Bearers, before the commencement of the meeting.

The main important item on discussion was the process for Centres to obtain a separate PAN number enabling them to independently file their Income Tax and GST returns. The pros and cons and the methodology of doing this was discussed. CA Kuldeep V. Sahasrabudhe, Auditor of BAI briefed and guided the members on this topic during the meeting.

BAI Organisational matters i.e. General Service Conditions of Staff of BAI-HQ, Delhi Office and BAI's Future Collaboration with bauma CONEXPO Exhibition were also discussed among other issues.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President and office bearers for their active participation by Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary, BAI.

BAI's REPRESENTATIVES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI as Member, Board of Governors of National Institute of Construction Management & Research (NICMAR).

Shri K. Viswanathan,, President, BAI as Member, Board of Governors of Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC).

Shri K. Viswanathan,, President, BAI as Member, Board of Governors of National Academy of Construction (NAC).

Shri B. Seenaiiah, Member, Review Committee for Contract Management System formed by Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI).

Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI, as Member, National Council of Construction Federation of India (CFI).

Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI in the focus group formed for WTO.

Shri Sushanta Kumar Basu represent BAI on the Working Group of Construction constituted by Planning Commission for the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17).

Shri Niimesh Paatel, Past President, BAI, and Shri H N VijayaRaghava Reddy, Past President, BAI as Director, Construction Skill Development Council of India (CSDCI).

Shri S. Narsimha Reddy as Board Member on the Executive Board of IFAWPCA.

Shri Mahesh M. Mudda on the Expert Committee and Shri Neerav Parmar on the State Level Advisory Committee of Building & Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act 1996 for Government of Maharashtra.

Dr. Anand J. Gupta on Central Advisory Committee constituted by the Ministry of Labour, Government of India, under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act 1996.

Shri H.S. Pasricha, Member, Central Advisory Contract Labour Board, Ministry of Labour, Government of India.

Shri R.N. Gupta. Member, Central Public Works Department (CPWD) Technical Committee.

Shri R.N. Gupta & Shri Rajiv Goel, Member, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).

OFFICES OF BAI CENTRES

There has been a growing trend amongst BAI Centres to go in for their own office premises, with facilities for conducting meetings, training, etc. The premises owned by these Centres are registered under the name of "Trustees Builders' Association of India".

As on date, the Centres who have their own office premises are Andhra Pradesh (Hyderabad), Delhi, Eastern (Kolkata), Karnataka (Bangalore), Nanded, Nashik, Pune, Rajasthan (Jaipur), Sangli and Southern (Chennai).

INDIAN CONSTRUCTION' JOURNAL

Shri Ram Bhatia was the Chairman, Indian Construction Journal Committee for 2024-25. The printing of the magazine has been continued with a marked change and your journal is becoming more and more popular.

The journal has admittedly established a numero-uno position in construction related trade magazines as is evident from non-member subscribers, which includes, Engineering Institutes, Government Departments and Undertakings including many Works Authorities.

The Association is also sending around 1000 complimentary copies to like-minded organisations in the country and abroad, Government Authorities Engineering Colleges, Department Heads, Works Authorities etc. The rising paper, printing and postal costs coupled with low advertisement revenue forces BAI General Fund to cross subsidise the publication as it is not self sufficient.

BAI MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 2024-25

The subscription for various categories of membership with the Association were as follows:-

Annual Membership:		'INDIAN CONSTRUCTION'	
Annual Subscription	Rs. 2,904	GST	Rs. 4,500
Entrance Fee	Rs. 100	Total	Rs.29,700
'INDIAN CONSTRUCTION'	Rs. 200	Affiliated Association Membership	
GST	Rs. 541	Annual Subscription	Rs. 5,324
Total	Rs. 3,745	Entrance Fee	Rs. 500
Patron Membership		'INDIAN CONSTRUCTION'	Rs. 200
One time Subscription - Membership	Rs.25,000	GST	Rs. 1,048

Total	Rs.7,072	Corporate Membership	
Affiliated Association - Patron Membership		Membership (One time Subscription)	Rs.3,00,000
Membership (One time Subscription)	Rs.30,000	Annual Subscription	Rs. 10,000
'INDIAN CONSTRUCTION'	Rs. 200	Service Tax	Rs. 46,500
Service Tax	Rs. 4,500	Total	Rs.3,56,500
Total	Rs.34,550		

NEW CENTRES

For the year 2024-25, BAI opened 20 new Centres – Anantnag, Jammu and Srinagar in Jammu and Kashmir State; Shimla and Dharnashala in Himachal Pradesh; Amaravathi Capital, Amaravathi Rural, Anakapalle, Kakinada, Kavali and Vaddeswaram (SABCA) in Andhra Pradesh State; Kokapet and L B Nagar in Telengana State; Udupi in Karnataka State; Adoor, Malappuram, Palakkad and Perumbavoor in Kerala State; Hosur and Rajapalayam in Tamil Nadu State. 2024-25 was an eventful year for BAI as far as growth of the BAI movement is concerned.

About the theme

RESILIENT TODAY - SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

As a National Body, Builders Association of India (BAI) attempts to bring innovation, enterprise, technology and efficient management together, at the core recommends and helps all the Governments in the policy implementation and formulation.

"Resilient Today - Sustainable Tomorrow" is a theme that refers to the need to build resilience and take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming and it is a phrase that conveys a powerful message:

Resilient Today:

- 1) Ability to withstand challenges and adversity
- 2) Capacity to adapt to change and uncertainty
- 3) Strength to recover from setbacks and difficulties
- 4) Agility to respond to crises and disruptions
- 5) Robustness to handle pressures and stresses

Sustainable Tomorrow:

- 1) Ensuring a livable future for generations to come
- 2) Protecting the environment and natural resources
- 3) Promoting eco-friendly practices and technologies
- 4) Fostering social equity, justice, and inclusivity
- 5) Encouraging economic viability and stability

MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

As on 31st March 2025, the membership was 23,436 which included 20,941 Patron Members 2,495 Annual Members.

BUILDERS' DAY 2024

"Builders' Day" is celebrated by Builders' Association of India (BAI) every year during the last quarter to commemorate its founding in 1941. The Managing Committee of BAI decides on a theme for the year, on which all Centres of BAI celebrate "Builders' Day" of that year. For 2024 the Managing Committee of BAI in its Meeting held on 21st September 2024, at Durgapur, has decided 'Resilient Today - Sustainable Tomorrow' as the theme.

Together, the phrase emphasizes the importance of:

- 1) Building strength and capacity to navigate present-day challenges
- 2) Making conscious choices to ensure a healthy, thriving future
- 3) Connecting short-term resilience with long-term sustainability
- 4) Balancing current needs with future responsibilities
- 5) Creating a better tomorrow by acting today

This phrase can be applied to various contexts, including:

- 1) Environmental conservation
- 2) Disaster risk reduction
- 3) Business continuity planning
- 4) Community development
- 5) Personal growth and well-being

Key takeaways:

- 1) Be prepared for today's challenges.
- 2) Plan for a sustainable future.
- 3) Connect resilience with sustainability.
- 4) Act now for a better tomorrow.
- 5) Build strength for the long haul.

So, friends let us all come together take oath to work towards the theme for this Builders Day Celebration "Resilient Today - Sustainable Tomorrow".

BAI Awards 2023-24

Sr.No.	Name of Award	Recommended for 2023-24
1.	Overall Best BAI Centre (Below 200 Members)	Eastern (Kolkata) Centre Satara Centre Durgapur Centre
2.	Overall Best BAI Centre (Above 200 Members)	Mumbai Centre Mysore Centre Kochi (Cochin) Centre Tirunelveli Centre Southern (Chennai) Centre
3.	Image Building Activities by a Centre.	Pune Centre Dhule Centre Ghaziabad Centre
4.	Organising Best Training Programme or Seminar	Phaltan Centre Angamaly Centre Coimbatore Centre Kanchipuram Centre Tirunelveli Centre Kanyakumari Centre Dindigul Centre
5.	Maximum Membership Growth	Poonamallee Centre Tiruchirappaly Centre
6.	Best Efforts by any Centre for Quality Construction	Karnataka (Bangalore) Centre
7.	Best Builders' Day Celebrations.	Tiruchirappalli Centre Theni Centre Tirupur Centre Pudukkottai Centre
8.	Best publication by a BAI Centre	Southern (Chennai) Centre
9.	S. R. Kar Roy Memorial Award for Maximum Membership Retention	Greater Noida Centre
10.	Best performing Vice President	Shri Pradeep Kumar Chowdhury Shri Sunil Balakrishna Mundada Shri N. S. Muralidhara Shri K. John Paul Shri Ravindra Tyagi
11.	Best performing State Chairman.	Shri Sachin Sharadrao Deshmukh, <i>State Chairman, Maharashtra</i> Shri B. Raghava Rao, <i>State Chairman, Andhra Pradesh</i> Shri K. Devender Reddy, <i>State Chairman, Telangana</i> Shri Jolly Varghese, <i>State Chairman, Kerala</i> Shri M. Ayyappan, <i>State Chairman, Tamilnadu</i>
12.	Best performing Chairmen of BAI's functional Committees	Shri K. Venkatesan, <i>Chairman, Railway Committee</i> CA M. Raveendaran, <i>Chairman, Taxation - Indirect Tax Committee</i>
13.	For holding the best MCGC meeting in an organised manner	Coimbatore Centre Eastern (Kolkata) Centre
14.	For holding the best All India Builders Convention in an organised manner	Hyderabad Centre
15.	XXXI All India Builders' Convention Committee	Bishma Shri R. Radhakrishnan, <i>Convention Chairman</i> Shri B. Seeniah, <i>Organising Committee Chairman</i>



President

Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh

Imm. Past President

Shri K. Viswanathan

Vice-Presidents

Shri Narendra Kumar
Shri D. V. N. Reddy

Shri Ram Avtar
Shri N. Raghunathan

Shri K. Chandrasekhar Rao

Hon. General Secretary

Shri Mohinder Rijhwani

Hon. General Treasurer

Shri Aniruddha V. Nakhawa

State Chairmen

Andhra Pradesh

Shri P. Seshagiri Rao

Delhi

Shri Amit Pasricha

Haryana

Shri Prem Khamsera

Karnataka

Shri N. Subramanya

Maharashtra

Shri Jagannath S. Jadhav

Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar

Shri K. Venkatesan

Uttar Pradesh

Shri Sanjay Tyagi

Chhattisgarh

Shri Rupesh Kumar Singhal

Gujarat

Shri Keval Parikh

Jharkhand

Shri Surender Pal Singh

Kerala

Shri K. A. Johnson

Rajasthan

Shri Vikas Tijaria

Telangana

Shri U. Surender

West Bengal

Shri Uttam Kumar Jana

State Coordinator

Assam

Shri Surjeet Ghosh

Bihar

Shri Manikant

Madhya Pradesh

Shri Sailesh Kumar Chourasiya

Members of the Managing Committee representing Centres

Shri A. N. Balaji

Shri D. R. Sekar

Shri G. Divakar

Shri John Paul

Shri K. Muruganandam

Shri N. Mohamed Abdul Khader

Shri P. P. John

Shri R. R. Sridhar

Shri Srinivasa Reddy

Shri Abhay N. Chokshi

Dr. Dharmesh Awasthi

Capt. George Thomas

Shri Jordy Abraham

Shri M. Ramesh

Shri N. Ramalingam

Shri Pradeep Nagawekar

Shri Rajesh Nathan

Shri Sugunakar Rao

Shri Tarro T. Manghnani

Shri Chandrakant Raipat

Shri Dinesh Nanji Patel

Shri Gyanchand Madhani

Shri K. Devender Reddy

Shri N. G. Lokanathan

Shri Najeeb Mannel

Shri Prakash Panjwani

Shri Ravidra Tyagi

Shri T. V. Chandrasekharan

Members of the Managing Committee representing Patron Members

Shri Arun Sahai	Shri B. Raghava Rao	Shri Basavaraj S. Totad
Shri C. G. Deochake	Shri G. Santosh Reddy	Shri K. Chandra Sheker Reddy
Shri K. Khalid	Shri K. Rajavel	Shri L. Shanthakumar
Shri N. S. Shetty	Shri O. K. Selvaraj	Shri S. Ramaprabhu
Shri P. N. Suresh	Shri P. Subramani	Shri Pankaj Reddy
Shri Prakash Menda	Shri Pratap Salunkhe	Shri Praveen Mathew
Shri R. Sivakumar	Shri Rajendra Athawale	Shri Ravindra Pradhan
Shri S. Ayyanathan	Shri S. Wilfred	Shri V. Rajagopal
	Shri Vilas Birari	

Members of the Managing Committee representing Affiliated Associations

Shri Arvind Patel	Shri B. Ramesh
Shri M. Jaishankar	Shri T. V. Ramakrishnan

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Shri Pradeep K. Chowdhury	Shri Prabir Kumar Mukherjee	Shri R.N. Gupta
Shri Lal Chand Sharma	Shri K. Subramani	Shri CH. Ramakotaiah
Shri V.S.K. Moorthy	Shri R. Muthukumar	Shri L. Venkatesan
Shri Baburao L. Shakkarwar	Shri K. Rajakumaran Nair	Shri Ram M. Bhatia

A leading light of BAI fades away



Shri P. R. Mundle

Builders' Association of India lost a visionary, distinguished sports administrator, educationist and social activist, by sad demise of Shri P. R. Mundle, Past President of BAI, who left for his heavenly abode on 30th July 2024 at the age of 85 years.

Shri P. R. Mundle was the President of BAI during the year 2007-08. He was a senior Swayamsevak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and a distinguished figure in both the construction and sports communities and served as the Treasurer of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Shri P. R. Mundle was a Civil Engineer and was in the construction field for more than 45 years. His construction firm is registered with the Government of Maharashtra as a Class-1 contractor. His firm has carried out many prestigious projects, basically in the irrigation sector. He has an extended social life spanning across his profession, sports, education and social upliftment. He was the President of Vidarbha Cricket Association; Member of the Organising Committee of World Cup in 1996; Chairman, NagBhushan Award Foundation; Chairman, Tarun Bharat newspaper; Senate Member, Nagpur University and Chairman, Apex Body of Contractors Association of Vidarbha; President Dharampeth Education Society, which manages 3 colleges and 9 schools in Nagpur; President, Vanrai, Vidarbha; President, Mundle Education Trust; President, Blind Relief

Association and Vice-President, Deendayal Research Institute.

He was a Rotarian and a recipient of 'Nagpur Bhushan - Nagri Sanmanpatra'. He was life member of Indian Concrete Institute, Maharashtra Chapter of American Concrete Institute, Indian Water Resource Society and was a Patron of Bhonsala Military School, Nashik. He founded: Late R. S. Mundle College of Arts & Commerce; Late R. S. Mundle Academy of Commerce Research & Management; Late Smt. M. R. Mundle College of Architecture; Mundle Public School; Central India School of Fine Arts; Late R. S. Mundle English Medium School; Mundle English Medium School; Late Smt. M. R. Mundle Primary School, 'Sahar' Adventure Training Park, affiliated to International Adventure Association 'Outward Bound' and 'Pasaayadan Parisar' a spiritual education park

He compiled five (5) editions of 'Brian Vita' - a collection of jokes, funny anecdotes, punch lines, etc., extracts of which are still carried in BAI's 'Indian Construction' Journal. He also authored a book in Marathi - 'Aamhibi Gadalo'.

He was recipient of many awards for his contribution to the construction industry, education, sports and social welfare activities. He was been awarded with the 'Life Time Achievement Award' by the hands of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road and Transport, Government of India in Nagpur on 7th August, 2022.

OBITUARIES

The Association lost the following members who left for the heavenly abode. BAI in their death has lost sincere and hardworking members.

- ✓ Shri Pawan Kumar Lakhota left for his heavenly abode on 11th April, 2024. Shri Pawan Kumar Lakhota was Past Chairman of Durgapur BAI Centre.
- ✓ Smt. Shashiprabha Gulabrao Wagh left for heavenly abode on 13th April, 2024. Smt. Shashiprabha Gulabrao Wagh was mother of Shri Bharat Wagh, Past Chairman, BAI Dhule Centre.
- ✓ Shri Mohan Makhija left for his heavenly abode on 16th April, 2024. Shri Mohan Makhija was Founder Member and Past Chairman of BAI Ulhasnagar Centre.
- ✓ Shri Surendran Nair left for his heavenly abode on 1st May, 2024. Shri Surendran Nair was father of Shri Aneesh Surendran Nair, Past Chairman, Pathanamthitta Centre, Kerala.
- ✓ Shri Rajaram Bapusaheb Deshmukh left for his heavenly abode on 22nd May 2024. Shri Rajaram Bapusaheb Deshmukh was father of Shri Manoj Deshmukh, Past Chairman, BAI Pune Centre.
- ✓ Shri Manilalbhai Pradhanbhai Thacker (Baru) left for his heavenly abode on 4th June 2024. Shri Manilalbhai Pradhanbhai Thacker (Baru) was father of Shri Kirti Thacker, Past State Chairman, BAI Gujarat.
- ✓ Smt. Kamalabai Balkrishna Mundada left for her heavenly abode on 8th June 2024. Smt. Kamalabai Balkrishna Mundada was mother of Shri Sunil Mundada, Past Vice-President, BAI.
- ✓ Shri Rupen Patel left for his heavenly abode on 5th July, 2024. Shri Rupen Patel was Chairman & Managing Director of M/s Patel Engineering Ltd., Patron Members of BAI from Mumbai Centre.
- ✓ Shri A. B. Satyanarayana Garu left for his heavenly abode at the age of 100 years on 8th July, 2024. Shri A. B. Satyanarayana Garu was the father of Shri A. Nagamalleswara Rao Garu. State Chairman, BAI Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ Smt. Anitha Hari left for her heavenly abode on 19th July, 2024. Smt. Anitha Hari was wife of Shri S. Suresh Hari, Partner, M/s Vishal Promoters, Patron Members of BAI from Mysore Centre.
- ✓ Shri V. Chandrashekar left for his heavenly abode on 25th July, 2024. Shri V. Chandrashekar was Director of M/s Sheetal Engineering Associates, Patron Member of BAI from Mysore Centre.
- ✓ Shri T. T. Parwani left for his heavenly abode on 7th August, 2024. Shri T. T. Parwani was Past Chairman of BAI Ulhasnagar Centre.
- ✓ Shri K. K. Malpani left for his heavenly abode on 9th August, 2024. Shri K. K. Malpani was Chairman & Managing Director of M/s The Mysore Construction Co, Patron Member of BAI from Mysore Centre.
- ✓ Smt. Pushpalata Amrutlal Gandhi left for her her heavenly abode on 18th August, 2024. Smt. Pushpalata Amrutlal Gandhi was mother of Shri Pradip Amrutlal Gandhi, Secretary, BAI Western Region and Past Chairman, BAI Raigad Centre.
- ✓ Shri Naresh Painjane left for his heavenly abode on 31st August, 2024. Shri Naresh Painjane was Past Chairman, BAI Nanded Centre.
- ✓ Smt. Sheela Wadekar left for her heavenly abode on 27th August, 2024. Smt. Sheela Wadekar was younger sister of Dr. S. K. Manjrekar, Chairman, BAI's Construction Chemicals Committee.
- ✓ Shri Om Prakash Prahladka left for his heavenly abode on Thursday 5th September, 2024. Shri Om Prakash Prahladka was elder brother of Shri Surendra Kumar Prahladka, Past Chairman, BAI Andaman Nicobar Island Centre.
- ✓ Shri D. Kempanna left for his heavenly abode on Thursday 19th September, 2024. Shri D. Kempanna was President of Karnataka State Contractors Association and Past Chairman of BAI Karnataka (Bangalore) Centre.
- ✓ Shri T. Balasubramanian left for his heavenly abode on 29th September, 2024 at the age of 88. Shri T. Balasubramanian was the father of Shri B. Palanivel, State Chairman, BAI Tamil Nady, Pondicherry and Andaman Nicobar.
- ✓ Shri D. C. Kesarwani left for his heavenly abode on 30th September, 2024. Shri D. C. Kesarwani was a member of BAI Amravati (Maharashtra) Centre.
- ✓ Dr. Popatlalji Takhatmalji Gundeche, left for his heavenly abode on 6th November, 2024. Dr. Popatlalji Takhatmalji Gundeche was father of Shri Mahesh Gundeche, Past Chairman, BAI Ahmednagar Centre.
- ✓ Shri Vijay Chitale left for his heavenly abode on 16th November, 2024. Shri Vijay Chitale was elder brother of Shri Aurn Chitale, Senior most Executive Committee Member of BAI Mumbai Centre.

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- ✓ Shri Vijay Sahasrabudhe left for his heavenly abode on 16th November, 2024. Shri Vijay Sahasrabudhe was father of CA Kuldeep V. Sahasrabudhe, Auditor of BAI.
 - ✓ Smt. Surbhiben Parmar was mother of Shri Neerav Parmar, Co-Chairman, Constitutional Amendment Committee & Standard Contract Conditions Committee, BAI and Past Vice-President, BAI.
 - ✓ Shri Subrata Das left for his heavenly abode on 13th December, 2024. Shri Subrata Das was Chairman of BAI Eastern (Kolkata) Centre during 2017-19.
 - ✓ Smt. Kamlawati Sahai left for her heavenly abode on 18th December, 2024. Smt. Kamlawati Sahai was mother of Shri Arun Sahai, Past Vice-President, BAI.
 - ✓ Smt. Pushpaben Shantilal Shah left for heavenly abode on 29th December, 2024. Smt. Pushpaben Shantilal Shah was mother of Shri Harshad Shah, Imm. Past Chairman, BAI Mumbai Centre.
 - ✓ Shri Kanmal Jain left for his heavenly abode on 20th January, 2025. Shri Kanmal Jain was Past Chairman and General Council Member, BAI Kanker Centre (Chattisgarh).
 - ✓ Shri Annasaheb Dhande left for his heavenly abode on 26th January, 2025. Shri Annasaheb Dhande was father of Smt. Jyoti Chougule, Patron Member of BAI from Pune Centre; Member, RERA Committee, BAI Maharashtra and BAI's SRO Co-ordinator, MahaRERA.
 - ✓ Shri Kanmal Jain left for his heavenly abode on 20th January, 2025. Shri Kanmal Jain was Past Centre Chairman and General Council Member, BAI Kanker Centre (Chattisgarh) .
 - ✓ Shri Annasaheb Dhande left for his heavenly abode on 26th January, 2025. Shri Annasaheb Dhande was father of Smt. Jyoti Chougule, Member, RERA Committee, BAI Maharashtra and BAI's Co-ordinator, MahaRERA.
 - ✓ Shri M. S. K. Vasudeva Rao left for his heavenly abode on 16th February, 2025. Shri M. S. K. Vasudeva Rao was Past Chairman, BAI Southern (Chennai) Centre.
 - ✓ Shri Shrigopal Pittie left for his heavenly abode on 28th February, 2025. Shri Shrigopal Pittie was father of Shri Manikant, Past Vice-President, BAI.
 - ✓ Smt. Parvati Khimji Raipat left for his heavenly abode on 26th February, 2025. Smt. Parvati Khimji Raipat was Paternal Aunt of Shri Chandrakant Raipat, Past Vice-President, BAI.
 - ✓ Shri Jawahar Mutha left for his heavenly abode on 3rd March, 2025. Shri Jawahar Mutha was founder Chairman of BAI Ahmednagar Centre, Past State Chairman of BAI Maharashtra, Past Vice-President of BAI and Past Trustee of BAI.
 - ✓ Shri Tapas Kumar Panda left for his heavenly abode on 7th March, 2025. Shri Tapas Kumar Panda was a member of BAI Haldia Centre.
 - ✓ Shri Parasmal Pagariya left for his heavenly abode on 12th March, 2025. Shri Parasmal Pagariya was father of Shri Ujwal Pagariya, Patron Member of BAI Butibori (Nagpur) Centre.

**Attendance Sheet of MCGC Members Forming Part of Annual Report
For The Year 2024-25 Attendance (Out of Four Meetings)**

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Shri K. Viswanathan <i>President, BAI</i>	4	Shri Ashok Kumar Chandak, <i>Vice President, East</i>	4
Shri Rajiv Goel, <i>Vice President, North</i>	4	Shri D. Pankaj Reddy, <i>Vice President, South-I</i>	4
Shri R. Sivakumar, <i>Vice President, South-II</i>	4	Shri Anand J. Gupta, <i>Vice President, West</i>	3
Shri S.N. Reddy, <i>Imm. Past President</i>	4	Shri Mohinder H. Rijhwani, <i>Hon. Gen. Secretary</i>	4
Shri Aniruddha V. Nakhawa, <i>Hon. Gen. Treasurer</i>	4		
PAST PRESIDENT			
Shri B.N. Dixit	1	Shri B. Seenaiiah	2
Shri Cherian Varkey	1	Shri V. Ramachandran	0
Shri R. Radhakrishnan	4	Shri A. K. Yussouf	1
Shri Mu. Mohan	4	Shri AjitGulabchand	0
Shri S. A. Vichare	0	Shri Bhagwan J. Deokar	4
Shri LalitSangtani	0	Shri Sushanta Kumar Basu	4
Shri Avinash M. Patil	2	Shri H. N. VijayaRaghava Reddy	2
Shri A. Puhazhendi	3	Shri R. N. Gupta	1
Shri Niimesh D. Paatel	2	Shri Lal Chand Sharma	3
STATE CHAIRMEN / STATE CO-ORDINATORS*			
Shri A. Nagamalleswara Rao, <i>Andhra Pradesh</i>	4	ShriPinak Pani Nath, <i>Assam*</i>	3
Shri Manikant (Patna)* <i>Bihar</i>	1	Shri Kanwaljeet Singh Oberoi, <i>Chhattisgarh</i>	3
Shri Sanjeev Bansal, <i>Dellhi</i>	2	Shri Sanjiv B. Shah, <i>Gujarat</i>	3
Shri Vijay Kumar, <i>Haryana</i>	2	Shri Shiv Kumar Burman, <i>Jharkhand</i>	0
Shri Srinivasa Reddy, <i>Karnataka</i>	4	Shri P.N. Suresh, <i>Kerala</i>	4
Shri Ashin Shrivastava, <i>Madhya Pradesh*</i>	2	Shri Anil B. Sonawane, <i>Maharashtra</i>	2
Shri G. K. Gupta, <i>Rajasthan</i>	0	Shri B. Palanivel, <i>Tamil Nadu</i>	2
Shri U. Surender, <i>Telangana</i>	4	Shri Naresh Kumar Agarwal, <i>Uttar Pradesh</i>	3
Shri Sanjay Dasgupta, <i>West Bengal*</i>	4		
TRUSTEES			
Shri Pradeep G. Nagawekar	4	Shri Lal Chand Sharma	3
Shri N. Sachitanand Reddy	4	Shri Prakash Panjwani	4
Shri Mu. Mohan	4	Shri M.Thirusangu	2
ShriRajendra Singh Kamboh	4		
MEMBERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE - REPRESENTING CENTRES			
Dr. Tarro T. Manghnani	4	Shri N. Raghunathan	4
Dr. Dharmesh Awasthi	3	Shri Jolly Varghese	4
Shri K. Rajakumaran Nair	1	Shri K. Chinnaswamy	1
ShriB.R.Ravichandran	4	Shri Gyanchand Madhani	1
Shri K. John Paul	3	Shri Sabu Cherian	1
Shri P.P. John	3	Shri L. Shantha Kumar	4
Shri R.R. Shridhar	4	Shri A.N. Balaji	4
Shri R. Nimrode	4	Shri T.V. Chandrasekaran	4
Shri Ravindra Pradhan	2	Shri Prabir Kumar Mukherjee	2
Shri M. Ramesh	4	Shri M. Ayyappan	1

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Shri Basavaraj S. Totad	3	Shri Madan Mulraj Jagotta	0
Shri Neerav Parmar	1	Shri Abdul Faizy	1
Shri K. Khalid	1	Shri P. Subramani	3
Shri N. Mohamed Abdul Khader	2	Shri Rajesh G. Nathan	2
MEMBERS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE - REPRESENTING PATRON MEMBERS			
Shri Narendra Kumar	2	Shri Dhanwant Lal Gupta	3
Shri A. Kasivisweswara Rao	3	Shri K. Chandra Sheker Reddy	4
Shri Dinesh Nanji Patel	1	Shri K.N. Babu Reddy	3
Shri K.S. Someshwara Reddy	3	Shri G. Santosh Reddy	3
Shri P. Miju Lal	2	Shri R. Prakash	4
Shri C. Satishkumar	3	Shri P. Hari Kumar	3
Shri S. Ayyanathan	2	Shri O.K. Selvaraj	3
Shri K. Venkatesan	4	Shri L. Venkatesan	4
Shri S. Ramaprabhu	2	Shri V. Rajagopal	4
Shri D.R. Sekar	4	Shri Rajendra S. Athawale	2
Shri Prakash Panjwani	4	Shri Col. Sanjay Madhukar Adsar	3
Shri Sunil Balkrishna Mundada	1	Shri C. G. Deochake	1
ShriRam M. Bhatia	2		
REPRESENTATIVES OF AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION MEMBERS			
Shri B. Ramesh	2	Shri T.M.S. Sivakumar	1
Shri E. Manohar	2	Shri V. Balasubramanian	0
MEMBERS CO-OPTED TO MANAGING COMMITTEE			
Shri V. M. Fazal Ali	1	Shri J.R.Sethuramlingam	3
SPECIAL INVITEE			
Shri Ram Chandra Singh Chouhan	1	Shri Anup Mazumder	1
Shri D.P. Singh	1	Shri Rohit Agarwal	1
Shri Rameshwar D. Khandelwal	1	Shri Krishan Singh Rathore	1
Shri Nagaraj V. Bairy	1	Shri K. Venkata Nagi Reddy	1
Shri D. Ramachandra Prasad	0	Shri N. Rajesh Reddy	1
Shri K. Tata Reddy	1	Shri M. Anjaneya Reddy	0
Shri K.V.S.N. Prasad	1	Shri K. Hanumanth Rao	1
Shri Manda Illaiah	3	Shri M. Surender Rao	2
Shri P. Venkateshwar Reddy	3	Shri G. Jayasimha Reddy	1
Shri V. Srinivasa Murthy	1	Shri H.V. Nagesh	2
Shri K.J. Ravindra	0	Shri T. Bhaskara Rao	1
Shri K. Naresh Kumar Reddy	2	Shri M.N. Murthy	1
Shri N. Nageswara Rao	0	Shri K.V.S. Buchi Rayudu	3
Shri D. Praveen Kumar Reddy	1	Shri K. Mijoy Mamu	4
Shri K. Satheesh Kumar	3	Shri Paul T. Mathew	1
Shri Alex Perumalil Cyriac	0	Shri V. Santhosh Babu	1
Shri Manoj Itty	1	Shri K. Ramesh Babu	3
Shri K. Ramanujam	1	Shri P.K.P. Narayana Murthy	1
Shri M. Pasupathy	1	Shri S. Sanjay	1

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Shri R. Thiruvettai	1	Shri M. Uthiresan	0
Shri S. Rangaraj	1	Shri N.S.J. Jaikumar Madhourai	3
Shri S. Parthasarathi	3	ShriC. Kumaravelu	1
Shri P. Sivagnanam	1	Shri R. Murugesan	1
Shri D. Arulsamy	2	Shri M. Ramesh Kumar	1
Shri N. Ramadoss	2	Shri G. Arulalan	1
Shri K.G. Ravindran	1	Shri M. Rajendran	2
Shri M. Baaldwin Bruce	2	Shri J. Thomas Premkumar	2
Shri M. Ranganathan	0	Shri S. Natarajan	2
Shri R. Rajasekar	1	Shri P. Palani	2
Shri N. Karthikeyan	3	Shri K.B. Sarveswara Raja	0
Shri R.S. Raja Sekaran	1	Shri G. Muthu Govindan	1
Shri B. Ravikumar	2	Shri A. Balaji	2
Shri R.G. Babuji	0	Shri C. Mariappan	1
Shri M. Murugan	1	ShriM. Olaganathasankar	1
ShriT. Raja	1	Shri K. Subramanian	2
Shri S. Jayabalan	2	Shri K. Sundaramurthy	2
ShriN. Kumar	2	Shri R. K. Kumar	0
Shri S. Vaithiyanathan	0	Shri G. Ravichandran	1
ShriS. Wilson Raj	1	Shri V. Lava Kumar	1
Shri L. Joseph	1	Shri R. Ganesh Kumar	1
Shri K. Rajavel	1	Shri M. Saravanan	2
Shri K. Kesavan	0	Shri K. Robert Kennedy	2
Shri Raju Patel	1	Shri Ravindra Jayantilal Shah	1
Shri Pankaj N. Saraiya	1	Shri Paresh Vachhani	2
Shri Vijay R. Patel	2	Shri Ashok Gwalani	1
Shri Keval R Parikh	2	Shri Pradip A. Gandhi	2
Shri Milind Mhatardeo Waykar	1	Shri Kalyan Bhaskar Malwade	0
Shri Mallikarjun Baburao Kawale	1	Shri Ajay Rajesh Annaldas	1
Shri Hanamant Gangadhar Kulkarni	3	Shri Sanjay Laxman Patil	1
Shri Kunal Krushnakumar Sonar	1	Shri Shitalkumar Mohan Nawle	1
Shri Ramesh Marda	1	Shri Shrikant S. Laskar	1
Shri Shrenik Dadaso Magdum	0	Shri Rajaram Dattatray Todkar	2
Shri Youvraj Chumbalkar	1	Shri Anil Counto	0
Shri Niresh P. Naik	0	Shri Gaurav Naik Khaunte	0
Shri Pramay G.Sawant	0		

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES

Shri N. Raghunathan	4	Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa	4
Shri O.K. Selvaraj	2	Dr. S.K. Manjrekar	1
Shri Mahendra Kumar Sethi	2	Shri Ram Avtar	3
Shri Sudhir Dnyandeo Gharge	0	Shri K. Subramani	3
Shri R. Murugan	0	Shri K. Sriram	2
Shri L. Shantha Kumar	4	Shri S. Narasimha Reddy	2
Shri Ram M. Bhatia	2	Shri Arun Sahai	0

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Shri G. Ved Anand	2	Shri Ved Khurana	1
Dr. Dharmesh C. Awasthi	2	Shri Ravi Kumar Kheria	1
Shri Ranjeet More	2	Shri Surjit Ghosh	1
Shri Amit Pasricha	1	Shri B. Raghava Rao	0
Shri S. Ayyanathan	2	Shri V.G. Sakthikumar	0
Shri CH. Ramakotaiah	3	Shri N. Ramalingam	4
Shri V. Sivarajan	3	Shri K. Venkatesan	4
Shri Mahesh M. Mudda	2	Shri A.N. Balaji	4
Shri D.V.N. Reddy	4	Shri R.N. Gupta	1
Shri Tarun Ghia	1	CA M. Raveendaran	4
Shri Ravindra Tyagi	2		

CO – CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

Shri M.V. Antony	1	Shri Prem Khamesra	2
Shri S. Swaminathan	1	Dr. M. Kaarthik	4
Shri Sudip Kumar Dutta	1	Shri V. Satish Chowdary	1
Shri Neerav Parmar	1	Shri Sanjay Tyagi	2
Shri V. Unnikrishnan	1	Shri Mukesh Verma	0
Shri Sanjeev Bansal	2	Shri Alex Mathew Vellappally	1
Shri Mathew V. Jacob	1	Shri S. Ramaprabhu	2
Shri Rajendra S. Athawale	1	Shri M. Purnachandra Rao	1
Shri Randhir R. Bhoite	0	Shri Prince Joseph	2
Shri V. Bhaskar Reddy	2	Dr. Vandana Bhatt	0
Shri S. Arvinth Nepolean	1	Shri A. Kasi Visweswara Rao	3
Shri Abi Ponnat	1	Shri R. Prakash	4
Shri Nitin M. Shah	1	Shri Ashish Wig	0
Shri P. Hari Kumar	3	Shri Dinkar Singh	0
Shri Swapnil Kaulgud	3	Dr. Rajiv B. Krishnani	2
Shri A.K. Ratheesh	2	Shri Prakash H. Menda	2
Shri Dattatray Mule	2	Shri Kunal Jain	2
Shri M. Sitharthan	1	Shri K. Jyothikumar	2
Shri Bhupesh P. Shah	1	Shri Sushil Narayandas Agrawal	1
Shri Sundeep De	0	Shri Rajesh Kumar Madathil	1
Shri L. Venkatesan	4	Shri Sabu Thomas	4
Shri Ravi Kumar Bhattad	1	Shri R. Raghu	4
Shri Kirti M. Thacker	2	Shri D. Ramesh	1
Shri K. Devender Reddy	2	Shri Ramakrishnan	2
Shri R.R. Shridhar	4	Shri K.A. Johnson	3
Shri Jimish Sura	1	Shri Neerav Parmar	1
Shri S.D. Kannan	3	Shri Gaurav Goyal	0

NAME OF CENTRE CHAIRMEN

Shri Anup Kumar, <i>Patna Centre</i>	0	Shri Amlan Kumar Biswas, <i>Eastern (Kolkata) Centre</i>	3
Shri Amit Pasricha, <i>Delhi Centre</i>	1	Shri Alok Nayyar, <i>Chandigarh Centre</i>	0
Shri Ajeet Gaur, <i>Pink City Jaipur Centre</i>	0	Shri A. Ramakrishna Reddy, <i>Medachal Centre</i>	1
Shri A. Srinivas Goud, <i>Yadadri Centre</i>	0	Shri A.S. Yoganarasimha, <i>Mysore Centre</i>	1

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Shri Ajith Rajan, Aluva Centre	1	Shri A. Xavier, Hosur Centre	0
Shri A.R. Unoos, Kalpakkam Centre	4	Shri A. Seenivasan, Palani Centre	1
Shri A.S. Prabagar, Thiruporur Centre	2	ShriA. Balamurugan, Udumalpet Centre	4
ShriAmit S. Pendurkar , Sangli Centre	0	Shri Amit Chandnani, Ullhasnagar Centre	0
Shri Bijay Saraf,Guwahati (Assam) Centre	1	Shri B. Sudarshan Reddy, Greater Hyderabad Centre	0
Shri Bhoopinder Singh, Hyderabad Centre	4	Shri Bomma Sanjeeva Reddy, Siddipet Centre	0
Shri B.K. Gurumurthy, Chikmagalur Centre	0	Shri B. Arun Kumar Hegde, Udupi Centre	0
Shri Baby John , Changanacherry Centre	1	Shri B. Thanga Durai, Nagapattinam Centre	0
Shri Chiranmoy Paul, Silchar Centre	1	Shri C.VishnuVardhan Reddy, Medak Centre	0
Shri C. Lakshmanan, Coimbatore Centre	3	Shri C. Elangovan, Kumbakonam Centre	3
Shri Chirag R.Yadav, Gujarat (Ahmedabad) Centre	1	Shri Devender Sharma, Hapur Centre	0
Shri Dinesh Sharma, Sahibabad Centre	2	Shri D. Rajamannar, Thiruthuraiipoondi Centre	0
Shri Dharmendra Chopda, Kanker Centre	0	ShriDeepakRamchandraDare, Ahmednagar Centre	1
Shri E. Devender Reddy, Jangaon Centre	0	Shri Faiyaz K. Gaiban, Ichalkaranji Centre	2
Shri F. Mohammed Mujahith Ali, Tuticorin Centre	2	Shri G. Rajasekhar Reddy, Kavali Centre	1
Shri G. Govinda Rao, Rajahmundry Centre	2	Shri G. Hemanth Reddy, Tirupati Centre	1
Shri G. Madhusudan Rao, Kamareddy Centre	0	ShriGeorge Mathew Palal, Kochi (Cochin) Centre	4
Shri Geordy K. Abraham, Muvattupuzha Centre	2	Shri G. Shreedhar, Kodaikanal Centre	0
Shri G. Selladurai, Thiruvarur Centre	0	Shri Gaurang Vyas, Karnavati Centre	0
Shri Hemant Khanna, Bilaspur Centre	0	Shri Harish Malhotra, Durgapur Centre	2
Shri Hariom Sharma, Kanpur Centre	0	Shri Jaimon Mathew, Thripunithura Centre	2
Shri Jimish Sura, Baroda Centre	1	Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia, Mumbai Centre	4
Shri KrishanKumar,Delhi East Shahdara Centre	0	ShriKulbhushan Gupta, Delhi North Centre	0
Mrs. Kanta Gupta, Delhi South East Centre	1	Shri Kunal Jain, Karnal Centre	1
Ms. Khoobi Mehta, Mohali Centre	0	Shri Kishore Singh Parihar, Jaisalmer Centre	0
Shri K. Shekar Babu, Anakapalle Centre	2	ShriK.VenkataJagan Mohan Reddy, Anantapur Centre	1
Shri K. Ajay Kumar Ghosh, Ongole Centre	3	Shri K. Srinivasa Reddy, Vizag Steel City Centre	3
Shri K. Ramesh Reddy, Nizamabad Centre	0	Shri K.A. Cherian, Idukki Centre	1
Shri K.K. Joy , Thrissur Centre	2	Shri K.R. Saravanan, Chettinadu Centre	0
Shri K.S. Boopathy, Erode Centre	3	Shri K. Anburaj, Jayankondam Centre	0
Shri K. Selvakumar , Thanjavur Centre	3	Shri K.RaviShankar, Tiruvannamalai Centre	1
Shri K. Palani Kumar, Tiruchirappalli Centre	0	Shri Krishna Pratap Mishra, Durg-Bhilai Centre	0
Shri Kiran Tulashiram Dandile, Phaltan Centre	0	Shri Mahesh Pradhan, Dhanbad Centre	0
Shri Madan Lal, Kundli Centre	0	Shri Manvendra Singh Rathor, Greater Jaipur Centre	0
Shri Mukul Jain, Agra Cantt. Centre	0	Shri M. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, YSR Kadapa Centre	2
Shri M. Rama Rao, Adilabad Centre	2	Shri M. Bhanauprakash, Mahaboobnagar Centre	0
Shri M.K. Anantha Reddy, Chitradurga Centre	0	Shri M.R.RajendraPrasad, Shimoga Centre	3
Shri M.V. Madhu, Ettumanoor Centre	2	Shri M.M. Ravi, KallakurichiCentre	0
Shri M. Sivaraman, Mayiladuthurai Centre	4	Shri M. Elango, Pudukkottai Centre	2
Shri M. Pandiaraj, Theni Centre	1	Shri Madan Rajendra Bhandari, Kollhapur Centre	0
Shri M.R. Kale Patil, Parbhani, Centre	0	Shri Naresh Kumar, Panipat Centre	0
Shri Neeraj Gupta, Allahabad Centre	1	Shri Neeraj Gupta, Meerut Centre	1
Shri CH. Navneet, Visakhapatnam Centre	2	Shri N. Madhusudhan Reddy, Ranga Reddy Centre	0
Shri N.S. Saju, Pathanamthitta Centre	1	Shri N.M. Govindaraju, Nilgiri Centre	0

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Shri N.G. Lokanathan, Southern (Chennai) Centre	4	Shri Narendra P. Darpurkar, Amravati Centre	0
Shri Nitin B. Khivasarai, Dhule Centre	0	Smt. Nilima J. Patil, Malegaon Centre	2
Shri Pawan Garg, Delhi West Centre	0	Shri Prem Khamesra, Faridabad Centre	2
Shri Parag Mendiratta, Gurgaon Centre	0	Shri Pankaj Shrivastava, Jodhpur Centre	0
Shri Praveen Singh, Lucknow Centre	0	Shri P.V. Sampath Kumar, NTR Centre	2
Shri P. Jagan Mohan Rao, Secunderabad Centre	1	Shri P. Ayyappaswamy Reddy, Vikarabad Centre	0
Shri P. Srinivasa Reddy, Warangal Centre	1	Shri Peeru Muhammed, Kollam Centre	1
Shri Pradeepan S. Nair, Kottayam Centre	2	Shri P. Subramanian, Dharapuram Centre	1
Shri P. Satheesh Kumar, Maduranthagam Centre	0	Shri P. Kumaran, Ramanathapuram Centre	0
Shri P. Sivaperumal, Salem Centre	0	Shri P. Sulthan Syed Ibrahim, Tenkasi Centre	1
Shri Pradeep Tamot, Bhopal Centre	0	Shri Pramod Barai, Nagpur Centre	0
Shri Pralhad S. Patil, Shahada Centre	0	Shri Rabindra Jha, Adityapur Centre	0
Shri Ravi Raj Agrawal, Jharkhand (Ranchi) Centre	1	Shri Rajeev Khattar, Agra Centre	0
Shri Ravinder Nagar, Greater Noida Centre	0	Shri R.Krishnamoorthy, Chengai Centre	1
Shri R. Baskaran, Kanchipuram Centre	4	Shri R. Ramasamy, Karur Centre	2
Shri R. Subramaniam, Tirupur Centre	2	Shri R. Saravanan, Vellore Centre	3
Shri R. Prem Ananth, Puducherry Centre	2	Shri Rupesh Kumar Singhal, Raipur Centre	3
Shri Romil Patel, Gandhinagar Centre	1	Shri Ramesh Narayanrao Dhakne, Beed Centre	0
Shri Rajiv A. Sable, Raigad Centre	0	Shri Surjeet Ghosh, Tezpur Centre	0
Shri Shashi Ranjan, Danapur Centre	0	Shri Sundar Singh, Jamshedpur Centre	0
Shri Subhasis Ghosh, Siliguri Centre	1	Shri Sajjan Kumar Sureka, Bhubaneswar Centre	0
Shri Sandeep Kumar Jindal, Delhi South Centre	1	Md. Subzar Ahmad Roy, Anantnag Centre	1
Shri Sunil Garg, Gautam Budh Nagar Centre	0	Shri Satish Kasana, Ghaziabad Centre	1
Shri Sunil Saini, Meerut Cantt. Centre	2	Shri Sachin Sharma, Western UP Electrical Centre	2
Shri Sumit Jain, Dehradun Centre	0	Shri CH. Siva Prasad Naidu, Nellore Centre	4
Shri S. Surya Bhaskar Reddy, Ravulapalem Centre	2	Shri Sardar Balbeer Singh, Karimnagar Centre	0
Shri Samineni Venkateswara Rao, Khammam Centre	0	Shri Shaheen Pasha, Hassan Centre	1
Shri Shine Joseph, Alleppey Centre	0	Shri Saijan Kuriyakose, Angamaly Centre	2
Shri Subair Kolakkadan, Calicut Centre	1	Shri Sirajudheen Ellathodi, Malappuram Centre	0
Shri S. Navas, Thiruvalla Centre	2	Shri S. Paul Raj, Dindigul Centre	1
Shri S. Rajesh, Kanyakumari Centre	2	Shri S. Gunaseelan, Kovilpatti Centre	1
Shri S. Dharmaraj, Perambalur Centre	0	Shri S. Sunderasen, Ponneri Centre	1
Shri S. Wilfred, Poonamallee Centre	2	Shri S. Selvakumar, Tirunelveli Centre	2
Shri S. Ganapathi, Villupuram Centre	3	Shri Surendra Prahladka, Andaman & Nicobar Centre	1
Shri S. Ilambaridhy, Karaikal Centre	1	Shri Shiv Agrawal, Ambikapur Centre	0
Shri Shankar Lal Gupta, Jagdalpur Centre	2	Shri Samir Poddar, Rajnandgaon Centre	1
Shri Shaiv J. Sheth, Bharuch Centre	0	Shri Sandeep Nanavati, Surat Centre	0
Shri Sailesh Kumar Chourasiya, Jabalpur Centre	0	Shri Shamrao Mohan Raut, Baramati Centre	0
Shri Sunil Wamanrao Ulhe, Butibori (Nagpur) Centre	2	Shri Sanjay Shantaram Patil, Jalgaon Centre	0
Shri Suresh Ramrao Pensalwar, Latur Centre	0	Shri Sunil Joshi, Nanded Centre	1
Shri Subhash Purushttam Chaudhari, Nandurbar Centre	0	Shri Samadhan Vasant Kale, Pandharpur Centre	0
Shri Sunil G. Mate, Pune Centre	1	Shri Sudhir Vishwas Thoke, Satara Centre	0
Shri Santosh Dattatraya Kalkutgi, Solapur Centre	1	Shri Sunil Appaji Sankpal, Wai Centre	0
Shri T. Venkateswara Rao, Vijayawada Centre	1	Shri T. Bhaskar Reddy, Nalgonda Centre	3

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Shri T.S.Venkatesh Prasad, <i>Mandya Centre</i>	1	Shri T. Benjamin Rajan, <i>Tambaram Centre</i>	1
Shri T.R.S. Chandru <i>Thiruvallur Centre</i>	0	Shri Trivikram Prabhugaonkar, <i>Goa Centre</i>	1
Shri T. Panakala Rao, <i>Amaravati Centre</i>	2	Shri Uttam Kumar Jana, <i>Haldia Centre</i>	1
Shri Vikas Jain Tijaria, <i>Rajasthan (Jaipur) Centre</i>	1	Shri Vaibhav Bhardwaj, <i>Aligarh Centre</i>	3
Shri Vijay Bhaurao Baviskar, <i>Nashik Centre</i>	0	Shri Vipin Kumar Sirohi, <i>Bagpat Centre</i>	2
Shri Vikas Agarwal, <i>Kanpur – South Centre</i>	0	Shri Vipin Kumar, <i>Modi Nagar Centre</i>	1
Shri Vijay Kumar Bansal, <i>Muzaffarnagar Centre</i>	0	Shri Vasireddy Jayaram, <i>Guntur Centre</i>	1
Shri V. Satish Chowdary, <i>Tanuku Centre</i>	2	Shri V.L. Muniraja, <i>Karnataka (Bangalore) Centre</i>	3
Shri V. Madhav Das, <i>Raichur Centre</i>	0	Shri Varghese Mathew, <i>Kerala (Trivandrum) Centre</i>	2
Shri V.B. Shajahan, <i>Kodungallur Centre</i>	0	Shri V. Manoharan, <i>Avadi Centre</i>	0
Shri V. Murugesan, <i>Madurai Centre</i>	2	Dr. PST. V.S. Thennarasu, <i>Namakkal Centre</i>	1
Shri V. Mathialagan, <i>Neyveli Centre</i>	0	Shri Vipul Kabaria, <i>Ahmedabad West Centre</i>	1
Shri Vishal Desai, <i>Por-Ramangamdi Centre</i>	0	Shri Vinod Hassanandani, <i>Indore Centre</i>	0
Shri Yogender Singh, <i>Loni Centre</i>	2		

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CENTRES REPORT

AMARAVATI CENTRE

Monthly meetings were conducted by the Amaravati Centre, with all EC members in attendance. Discussions focused on membership strength, member issues in the construction sector, and welfare activities.

On 10th April 2024 installation ceremony was organised by the centre. National vice President Shri D.Pankaj Reddy and all centre Chairmen officially installed on the occasion.

Conducted South Zone -I MCGC meeting by Vice President Shri D.Pankaj Reddy.

For maintenance of BAI HQ contribution of Rs.1,00,000/- by each centre was received.

Eight MCGC Meetings of the centre were conducted during the year 2024-25.

Roads maintenance seminar was conducted at SRM University and Central Roads Research Institute, New Delhi.

Two press meetings were conducted in Vijayawada, where representatives discussed the pressing issue of payment problems in the industry. These meetings aimed to raise awareness for timely payments to contractors, ensuring the smooth execution of projects.

Our BAI Teams by Guntur, Tanuku, Ongole along with vice president Pankaj garu, State chairman, past vice president Shri Ramakotaiah, Shri Vallabhaneni Past President, Raghava Rao And Vice President And Secretariat met in Chief Secretary , Principal Secretary Finance, , Principal Secretary PR, Principal Secretary R&B, Finance minister, Shri Payyavulakesavgaru, R&b, Minister Shri, BC. Janardhan Reddyagru, Engineer-in-Chief, Chief Engineers, and all departments met several times. To solve our bills payments and other problems. we have succeeded to some exten by nearly Rs. 2000/- Crores.

The Centre sponsored Rs.60,000/- for Road seminar and Rs.20,000/- to poor student contributed by our leaders Shri Vallabhaneni garu, Shri Sheshagiri Garu, Shri Raghava Rao Garu na d myself.

Signed an M.O.U with the prestigious institute school of Planning and architecture, Vijayawada.

A deligation of senior members of the centre met Chief Minister Shri N. Chandra Babu Naidu and donated Rs. 1,00,10,116/- to the CM Relief fund for AP. This amount was contributed by our all Centre and Members.

The centre supported organising the 4th MCGC meeting at Tirupati alongwith Tirupati Centre, under the leadership of Vice President Pankaj Reddy and under the guidance of Shri Vallbhaneni Garu as organizing

committee chairmen and many more leaders and members were worked day night success of the meet. It was great success and renowned may applauds for all the leaders who allotted the meet nearly 800 members. Shri Pankaj Reddy Garu received many praises and appreciations s by the national leaders for his wonderful playing tribute to lord Venkateswara.

BAI-AP stood in first place in the year 2024-25, by extending five new centers, **1.Anakapalli, 2. Kaveli, 3. Amaravati capital, 4.Amaravti Rural, 5. Vaddeswaram SABCA.**

BAI Amaravati Centre published and released diary 2025 in the month of December 2024. With the help of the BAI Amaravti Centre members.

ANAKAPALLE CENTRE

The inauguration and installation of the first team of office-bearers of BAI Anakapalle Centre was held on 22nd November, 2024 at Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam. Shri D. Pankaj Reddy, National Vice President, BAI was the Chief Guest. Shri A. Nagamalleswara Rao, State Chairman, BAI Andhra Pradesh; Shri Ch. Ramakotaiah, Past National Vice President, BAI; Shri B. Raghava Rao, Chairman, Membership Development Committee, South Region-I; Shri N. Nageswara Rao, Vice Chairman, BAI AP; Shri A. Kasi Visweswara Rao and other members from BAI Andhra Pradesh attended the function.

ANANTNAG CENTRE

Builders' Association of India (BAI), celebrated grand opening of its new and first centre in Jammu & Kashmir at Anantnag with great enthusiasm and optimism. The ceremony served as a momentous occasion for industry professionals to come together, strengthen networks, and pledge commitment towards the development of the region.

The event was graced by the presence of BAI Office Bearers, Shri S.N. Reddy, Imm. Past President, Shri R.N. Gupta, Past President, Shri Rajiv Goel, Vice President, Shri Amit Pasricha, Chairman, Delhi Centre, Shri Ram Avtar, Senior Member, Delhi Centre, Shri Ved Khurana, Senior Member, Delhi Centre, Mr. Mohammad Aslam, GC Member East Delhi Centre, top contractors from Jammu & Kashmir state and local office staff & Ms. Lata Vaid, Executive Assistant, Delhi Office BAI. The programme was covered by local J&K media too.

The ceremony commenced with welcome address by Shri Subzar Ahmed Roy, newly appointed Chairman, Anantnag Centre of the Builders' Association of India, who emphasized the significance of expanding the association's footprint into Kashmir valley.

Centre chairman and other members attended Business Meet at Delhi on 7th September 2024 which is organized by Delhi centre. Attended 2 MCGC meetings during the year of 2024-25 by the Chairman.

ANGAMALY CENTRE

This year has been marked by remarkable achievements, growth, and unwavering commitment from our members. We have successfully conducted various initiatives, training programs, and welfare projects that have strengthened our association and its impact on the industry and society. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members, stakeholders, and well-wishers who have contributed to our success.

Activities & Programs : The centre organized a variety of tours and excursions, providing members with opportunities for networking, learning, and bonding such as family tours, industrial visits, and specialized trips for the Ladies Forum and Youth Wing in which maximum number of members participated.

Meetings & Gatherings : Conducted 11 Executive Meetings and 3 General Body meeting by the centre during 2024-25. Major issues and activities are discussed and decided in the meetings.

Participation in Major Events: Attended 4 GCMC meetings organised by HQ during the year of 2024-25. Our centre actively participated in Builders' Day programs hosted by the other BAI's centres. We also attended and contributed to key initiatives like Emerge and Statecon, organized by the Cochin Centre.

Key Initiatives & Contributions: The centre formed new committees and forums, including the B2B Committee, Ladies Forum, and Youth Wing, to promote professional engagement and development.

National & State-Level Involvement: The centre commemorated Independence Day and paid homage to those affected by the Wayanad tragedy. It also honored member achievements, championed their rights, and addressed industry challenges.

Achievements : The centre expanded its reach by establishing a new Perumbavoor Centre leadership of Agi Abraham and laying the groundwork for a Chalakudy Centre. Membership grew with 8 new inductions.

Awards & Recognitions : The centre garnered notable awards, including the Best Training Program Award at the national level and the Best Seminar Award at the state level, while also claiming the championship title in the BAI Sports League.

Educational & Training Initiatives: The centre hosted a prominent international seminar at FISAT and organized skill development programs at esteemed institutions, including Eldo Mar Basелиos College and FISAT

Engineering College.

Strikes & Advocacy: The centre participated in protests 3-day strike against traffic congestion in Angamaly and a workers' rights strike following an incident of member mistreatment at a worksite.

Social Responsibility & Projects: The centre support initiatives, including 6 cents land acquisition for 2 housing projects benefiting underprivileged families and a 14 lakh donation for Wayanad relief efforts. Apart of that centre sponsored drinking water supply at the KSRTC bus terminal and provided books and food for underprivileged school students.

The year 2024-25 has been a milestone year for BAI Angamaly Centre, and I am confident that with continued collaboration, we will achieve even greater success in the future.

BARODA CENTRE

On 28th April 2024 Baroda centre organised installation function of office bearers of the centre at Baroda. Shri Anand J.Gupta, Vice-President, BAI installed Shri Sanjiv Shah as State Chairman, BAI Gujarat for 2024-25 in Installation Function. Shri Avinash Patil, Past President, BAI; Shri Niimesh Paatel, Past President, BAI and Shri Arvind Patel, Chairman, GCA were the Chief Guests. Shri Mohinder H. Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary, BAI and Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa, Hon. Gen. Treasurer, BAI were the Guests of Honour. The function was jointly hosted by BAI Baroda & Por-Ramangamdi Centres. Shri Kalpesh Joshi, Imm. Past State Chairman, BAI Gujarat formally handed over charge to Shri Sanjiv Shah. On the occasion, Chairmen of all the BAI Centres in Gujarat were also installed viz. Shri Jimish Sura, Baroda; Shri Vishal Desai, Por-Ramangadi; Shri Sandeep Nanavati, Surat; Shri, Shaiv Sheth, Bharuch; Shri Chirag Yadav, Ahmedabad; Shri Vipul Kabaria, Ahmedabad (West); Shri Romil Patel, Gandhinagar; Shri Gaurang Vyas, Karnavati and Shri Ranmal Dasa, Rajkot. A Technical Lecture titled 'Constructing the Future (Transforming Construction with EPC Innovations)' was also there and Shri Ashish Parikh - Business Head Shiva Engineering Services was the key note speaker. An inspiring talk on 'Stress Management in Daily Life' was delivered by Pujya Dr. Gyanvatsal Swamiji, Life Coach & Eminent Speaker, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha. Installation ceremony and 1st Gujarat state meeting was sorted by Shiva engineering services Baroda.

'BAI Second Gujarat State Meeting' was held on Saturday 1st June, 2024. The meeting was jointly hosted by BAI Baroda and Por-Ramangadi Centres. Shri Sanjiv Shah, State Chairman, BAI Gujarat chaired the meeting. Concurrent to the meeting an 'Interactive Brainstorming Session on Financial Matters vis-à-vis Construction Industry' was organised along with Western India Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants

of India (WIRC-ICAI). The venue was ICAI Bhawan, Baroda. The session featured an insightful expert talk and panel discussion addressing critical issues faced by MSME's and contractors related to Income Tax, GST, Labour laws, and other relevant regulations.

Shri Anand Gupta, Vice-President, BAI was the Chief Guest and he shared invaluable insights about the future of the construction industry and shed light on various statutory laws governing the sector. The panel discussion, expertly coordinated by the ICAI Chairman Shri Rahul Agrawal of Vadodara, featured prominent speakers: CA Nayan Kothari (GST Specialist), addressed topics like GST, rate differences, input tax credit, and considerations for main and sub-contractors. Advocate Rajesh Shah (Labor Law Expert), covered critical aspects of labor laws, including PF, ESIC, licensing for central and state contracts, and precautions for ensuring compliance. CA Prashant Upadhyay (Income Tax Specialist), discussed Section 43(h) contra Window recognition, revenue recognition, and other income.

CHANGANACHERRY CENTRE

On 24th October 2024, Builders Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. A large number of members attended the meeting, which was graced by the BAI State Chairman as the Chief Guest.

Total twelve Monthly meeting and executive meeting regularly was conducted during the year by Changanacherry centre.

The Onam festival was celebrated by the centre members and a family get-together was organized, providing an opportunity for members and their families to bond and connect.

The centre actively participated in almost all events organized by BAI centres in Kerala, fostering collaboration and networking within the industry.

Attended MC/GC meetings organised by the HQ.

COCHIN CENTRE

BAI Kochi Centre was formed in 1987, as the 2nd Centre in Kerala with 31 members. Late P.K Ramachandran was the Founder Chairman and Shri Cherian Varkey as the Founder Secretary. Presently Cochin centre is the largest centre in Kerala with 270 Patron members. BAI Cochin centre has hosted the following trendsetting events.

Installation ceremony: The Cochin center conducted the installation ceremony of new office bearers at hotel Renai, Palarivattom on the 12th April, 2024. The chief guest was Shri Devan Ramachandran, Hon'ble Justice, High court of Kerala. State chairman Shri P.N Suresh was Guest of Honor. The event was attended by more than 200 members of BAI Cochin and 150 members from other BAI centers of Kerala.

Student Chapter : The BAI Cochin Centre inaugurated a new student chapter at AISAT, Kochi campus, on 21st August 2024. The chief guest for the function was Shri Cherian Varkey, Past National President BAI, who inaugurated the student chapter.

BAI Emerge 2024 & Builders Day Celebration 2024: BAI Cochin Centre conducted the Builders day celebration by promoting an event centered around the theme "Resilient Today – Sustainable Tomorrow". The Chief Guest for the event was Shri Anoop P. Ambika, CEO Kerala Start up Mission followed by an address by the BAI Kerala State chairman Shri P.N Suresh.

Executive Committee Meetings: Executive committee meetings are regularly conducted every 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm. Total 12 Executive Committee meetings were conducted during the period FY 2024-25. All EC meetings had 85% attendance.

MBA Guidance Master Class : Cochin Centre Conducted an MBA guidance mater class for the benefit of the next generation of its members. The guidance class was conducted at BAI chambers and was appreciated by the members.

Technical Sessions : Cochin Centre – Skill Development Programme (Season II) As part of its ongoing commitment to professional development and knowledge enhancement, the Builders' Association of India (BAI), Cochin Centre, organized a series of Skill Development Programme sessions under Season II (2024- 2025). These seminars aimed to provide engineers, supervisors, and fresh graduates with insights into modern construction technologies, materials, and best practices in the industry.

Wayanad Rehabilitation: Cochin center collected and remitted Rs 10,85,000 towards the Wayanad School Project. Moreover Past state chairman and member of Cochin Centre Shri K Lava donated Rs 500,000 for the project by way of CSR funding taking the total tally to Rs 15,85,000.

Annual General Body Meeting and Election of New Office bearers: The AGM and Election of New office bearers was held at BAI Chambers, Kadavanthara on 16th January 2025. Nomination Committee chairman Shri Prince Joseph Presided over the meeting and declared the New office bearers and executive committee members for the period 2025-26.

Youth Wing: The BAI youth wing is very vibrant and Enthusiastic and holds meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. The youth wing of Cochin center is very active. Apart from this, they participates in all the programmes organised by Cochin Centre.

Induction of New Members: 18 New Members were added during the year 2024-25. BAI Cochin Centre holds the highest membership strength of 270 patron members. BAI Cochin centre is having 100% Patron membership.

Other BAI's Meetings attended: Installation meetings and Builders Day Celebrations of other BAI centers were well attended by Cochin Centre chairman and members. All four MC/GC meetings during the year 2024-25 attended by the Centre chairman, MCGC members and special invitees. Apart of that attended State level meetings / installation programmes of other states too.

BAI Statecon 2025 Hosted By Thrissur Centre : BAI Cochin Centre registered 100 participants for BAI Kerala Statecon 2025 at Chakolas Pavillion on March 15th Hosted by Thrissur Centre.

BAI Statecon 2025 Awards Won By Cochin Centre : BAI Cochin Centre won 5 awards in BAI Statecon 2025- Best Chairman, Best Builders day, Best Builder (Both Categories) and Best Contractor and Special recognition for convenors of BSL and BAI Emerge 2025 hosted by Cochin Centre.

COIMBATORE CENTRE

On April 3rd 2024 BAI, CREDAI, CEBACA together with our Coimbatore District Parliamentary constituency candidates, Bharatiya Janata Party state president Mr. K. Annamalai, DMK honorable minister of industries of the, mr. T. R. B. Raja, And former minister of Coimbatore District, Mr. S. P. Velumani, a special interview meeting was also held with the ADMK Parliamentary constituency candidate, Mr. Singhai G. Ramachandran. Our Three Associations jointly presented a memorandum to him.

On April 8th 2024, the GC Meeting was held at the Indian Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Coimbatore. In this, ER.K. Viswanathan was congratulated and on his election as the National President.

On April 13th 2024 Chairman Er. C. Lakshmanan was felicitated by URC CEO at KPR Engineering College at the Industry Conference.

Our Installation was held on April 28th 2024 at Hotel Residency Towers, with our National President Er. K. Viswanathan as the Chief Guest. Former National President Bishma R. Radhakrishnan participated and administered to the office bearers. Mr. A.V Varadharajan of A.V Group of Company was the special guest and the State President Mr. Er. B. Palanivel was the guest of honor.

On 03rd & 04th May 2024 National First Managing Committee and General Committee Meeting was held at the Trade Centre in Chennai. This meeting was well conducted by our National President Er.K. Viswanathan. The former presidents of our centre, the management committee and the general committee members participated in it.

A Buildmat Meeting on Launch of Buildmat with ACE and IIIA was held at our BAI Office and Heritage Hotel on May 14th & 5th 2024.

On May 19th 2024 Coimbatore District All Civil Engineers Association Installation was held at Cherean and Cholan Hall Brook fields Coimbatore, in which President Er. C. Lakshmanan and Secretary Er K. Prasad Chakravarthy participated.

On June 11th 2024 the Office of Buildmat 2025 was Inaugurated by our National President Er. K. Viswanathan and the president of Buildmat 2019 Mr. P. Arun prasad. They jointly inaugurated the office. Mr. R. Karnaboopathi welcomed all those present at the function and highlighted the important features of buildmat. The office administrators of the three associations also participated and highlighted.

On June 30th 2024 on behalf of the Coimbatore centre, in order to protect the environment, a ceremony to plant about 200 saplings was held in the presence of chairman Er. C. Lakshmanan. Office bearers, past chairmen, as well as the corporation assistant engineer and ward councillor Kumar also participated.

On July 28th 2024, the Chennai Kongu Friends Association presented the "Kongu Industry Genius" award to our National President Mr. K. Viswanathan at the Kamaraj Arangam in Chennai.

On August 10th 2024 the 2nd State Managing Committee and General Committee members meeting was held in Namakkal with our National President Er.K. Viswanathan as the chief guest. He attended and delivered a special speech. Office administrators, former leaders, members of the management committee and general committee participated in this.

On September 11th 2024 Avinashi Athikadavu Irrigation Project Technology Visited and met with its officials to review its operations Our Office Bears, Past Chairmen, Executive committee members, and core members participated in this.

On September 15th 2024 Lecea cucina, modular kitchen and wardrobes A new branch was launched in Ganapathy. Our National President Er. K. Viswanathan and President Er. C. Lakshmanan were also present.

The inaugural ceremony of 'World of Concrete India 2024' was on 6th October 2024 held in Mumbai. Our National President Er. K. Viswanathan and Executive Committee Member Mr. K.M. Velumani participated.

On October 19th 2024 The Indian Institute of Architects 2024 World Architecture Day Celebrations were inaugurated at Kasthuri Srinivasan Auditorium. Our National President Er. K. Viswanathan and former President of the Centre Mr. R. Karnaboopathy were present.

On November 26th 2024, Coimbatore Centre, a ceremony to plant about 300 saplings was held at the Corporation Park to protect the environment. Our National President

Er. K. Viswanathan, office administrators, former leaders, and E2 Police Station Inspector Mr. Kandasamy also participated in this.

On December 9th 2024, our family festival, the Builder's Day, was held at the Sitra Auditorium, with our National President Er. K. Viswanathan as the chief guest, the guests of honour were the State President Mr. B. Palanivel and the Special Panel Speaker Mrs. Bharathi Bhaskar. Past Chairmen of the centre, members of the MCGC, EC and our centre members attended with their families.

On December 14th, 15th 2024 3rd State Managing Committee and GCMC of Mayiladuthurai Centre held in Mayiladuthurai Our National President Mr. K. Viswanathan was the chief guest and delivered a special speech. Office administrators, former presidents, management committee and general committee members participated in this.

On December 26th, 2024 Joint Action Committee Meeting was held at our BAI office to discuss the hike in M Sand, P Sand, and gravel prices. All the association office executives participated in this.

On Jan. 9th 2025 Dr. G.S. Venkatasubramani, a permanent member of our centre, was awarded the "Best Concrete Engineer" award from the Concrete Institute of India.

On January 13th 2025, our Chairman Mr. C. Lakshmanan, Past Chairman and Chairman of Buildmat Mr. R. Karna Boopathy and Vice Chairman Mr. L. Joseph met the Honorable Minister Mr. V. Senthil Balaji in person.

The mega building exhibition BuildMat 2025 was held at the PSG Convention Centre from 23rd 2025 to 26th January 2025 with the Chief Guest being the Honble Minister of Electricity and Excise Clearance, Mr. V. Senthil Balaji. He delivered a special address at the inauguration of the Build Mat 2025 building exhibition. The guests of honour were Dr. Jairam Varadharaj (Managing Director ELGI Equipments Limited) and former National President Mr. Bhishma R. Radhakrishnan. Our National President Er. K. Viswanathan (BAI), ACCE (I) National President Vijay Sanap and Ar. T.S Ramani Shankar Ramani Group of Companies were present as special invitees and delivered special speeches

January 23rd 2025 3rd All India MCGC, Meeting welcome Dinner was held at Jenneys Residency. And the 3rd All India MC, GC, Meeting was held at PSG Convention on January 24th 2025.

On January 27th 2025, our Past National Vice President Mr. K. Chinnaswamy participated as a special guest in the MSME - M.Sand Counseling Meeting held at PSG Tech College and delivered a special speech. Secretary Mr. K Prasad Chakravarthy and Executive Committee Member Mr. V Sathiyaraj and Member Mr. M Karthik participated in this consultation meeting held at PSG Engineering College.

February 02nd 2025 Association AGM was held at The Grand Regent. In which election result of the centre was declared

The 4th State MGGC meeting was held in Tiruppur on February 20th 2025 and 21.02.2025. Our National President Mr. K. Viswanathan was the chief guest and delivered a special speech. Office administrators, former presidents, management committee and general committee members participated in this.

The 4th National MGGC meeting was held in Tirupati on March 06th and 7th 2025. The former leaders of our centre, members of the MCGC participated in this.

A seminar on the use of chemicals in modern construction was held at the Cosmopolitan Club, Race Course on March 23rd 2025. The meeting was attended by office Bears, MC, GC, EC members, engineers, and students.

From April to March, Dinamalar daily newspaper featured articles by our office Bearers and Past Chairmen, EC Members, on the Dream House page, as well as excellent answers to reader questions.

Centre Annual audited account and election result were sent to the HQ on time.

DELHI CENTRE

BAI Delhi Centre was opened in 1950 under the leadership of Shri Uttam Singh Duggal. Delhi Centre leaped forward and progressed under the able leadership of fellowship and presently it is having its membership strength over 150 plus, comprising of Builders, Construction Contractors, Architects, Consultants, Manufacturers and Suppliers etc. The Delhi Centre is very active in all the activities of the BAI fraternity and also in state-level and national-level meetings. The Delhi Centre holds a very good relationship with all BAI Centres across the North Zone.

The Delhi Centre, Builders Association of India, proudly marks a significant milestone: In 2025, Delhi Centre completed its 75th glorious year. This achievement reflects the Centre's enduring commitment to the construction industry and its stakeholders.

SUPPORT IN OPENING NEW CENTRE IN VARIOUS STATES: In the year of 2024-25 the efforts of senior members from the Delhi Centre led to the opening of a new centre in Anantnag, Jammu and Srinagar centres in Jammu & Kashmir, Shimla, Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh symbolizing a major achievement. All centres established under the leadership of Delhi Centre's senior members boast 100% Patron Membership, showcasing the Centre's commitment to growth and excellence.

REGULAR MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: During the past year to sustain momentum and drive further expansion, senior members frequently

met with government officials to discuss about construction industry issues faced by the members. In this regard periodic emails were sent to members with relevant information, updates, and announcements, also important updates and news were also shared through WhatsApp posts to provide timely notifications and keep members up-to-date.

MEETINGS WITH CPWD AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:- Senior members of Delhi Centre had meeting with the Government officials in the various departments, associated with the construction, to discuss the issues confronted by the members in executing the projects as to get the solutions for the difficulties arising out the announcements made by the Government at the central/ state level. Members have been interacting with officials of CPWD and submitted the representation regarding **25-Year Affidavit Clause in CPWD Tendering Process**.

ORGANISED BUSINESS MEET ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2024:- The Builders Association of India, Delhi Centre, organized a successful Business Meet on September 7, 2024, at The Grandreams, New Delhi. The event brought together vendors and construction contractors to explore potential partnerships, discuss industry trends, and share best practices.

Key Highlights of the event are :

Panel Discussion: A panel discussion was held on business-related issues.

PPT / Networking Sessions: Delegates engaged in productive networking sessions.

Vendor Showcase: Vendors displayed their products and services, promoting potential collaborations.

Centre Opening Ceremony: The event also included the opening ceremony of two new centres in Jammu and Srinagar. Shri Twain Gupta was announced as the Chairman of Jammu Centre, and Md. Sheikh Javed Ahmad was announced as the Chairman of Srinagar Centre.

Felicitation of Shri Rajiv Goel, as Vice President (North):- The centre organized a felicitation program in honour of Vice President Shri Rajiv Goel, recognizing his dedication, leadership, and vision. Shri Kunal Jain delivered a keynote address highlighting Shri Rajiv Goel's contributions to the Association.

The Business Meet concluded with remarks, praising the members and staff for their contributions to the event's success. The evening featured a cultural program and dinner, with many delegates expressing appreciation for the hospitality and arrangements.

BUILDERS DAY CELEBRATION 2024:- The BAI Delhi Centre alongwith all centre in Delhi / HR / Punjab and

Chandigarh celebrated Builders day on the 30th November, 2024 with the Theme of **Resilient Today - Sustainable Tomorrow**. Programme attended by all Executive Committee / Office Bearers / MCGC Members, other centre chairman from Delhi / HR / CHD/ Dehradun and etc and other senior members from Uttar Pradesh.

BAUMA CONEXPO INDIA 2024: Members of the Delhi Centre attended the 7th edition of bauma Conexpo India 2024 held from December 11-14, 2024, at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida. The event was by BAI and ICEMA, and inaugurated by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road and Transport.

MCGC MEETING 2024-25: During the 2024-25 period, four MCGC meetings were held, which were attended by office bearers and special invitees from all centres in Delhi, as well as a significant number of members from other North Zone centres.

Partnerships And Collaborations: The Delhi Centre extended non-financial logo support to several prestigious events, including:

- Fan Expo and Conclave: Held on July 11-12, 2024, at Crown Plaza, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi, organized by Vaarta Trade Fairs India Pvt. Ltd.
- India Infra Transformation Summit: Held on June 27, 2024, at Taj Palace, New Delhi, organized by ET Edge - Times Strategic Solutions Ltd.
- International Hardware Fair India 2025: Scheduled to take place on December 11-13, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan), organized by Koelnmesse Pvt. Ltd.

Financial Report : The audited Balance Sheet for the year 2024-25 of the Centre is sent to BAI HQ in the prescribed time. Election process of the centres is held in the time bound manner and result forwarded to HQ for their necessary actions.

DHULE CENTRE

On 7th April 2024 Dhule Centre organised installation programme and Er, Nitin Khivasara was installed as the Chairman of BAI Dhule Centre. Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice President, BAI was the Chief Guest. Shri Anil Sonawane, State Chairman, BAI Maharashtra was the 'Installing Officer' and Shri Sunil B. Mundada was the Guest of Honour. Other office-bearers who were also installed are: Er. Aashish S. Agrawal as Vice Chairman, Er. Akshay P. Mundke as Hon. Secretary, Er. Milind P. Mudawadkar as Hon. Treasurer and Shri Deepak E. Shelar as Hon. Jt. Secretary. Before the 'Installation Function' an informal meeting of real estate builders, contractors and ancillary service providers was organised. The meeting was convened so that they can directly interact with Shri Anand J. Gupta and Shri Anil Sonawane on the problems they are facing. About 20 members consisting of real estate

builders, contractors and stone crushers plant owners attended the meeting. Their problems were heard along with the solutions suggested by them. Shri Anand J. Gupta and Shri Anil Sonawane requested for written notes on the issues so that they can draft letters and address it to concerned authorities. Around 200 persons, consisting of BAI members and their families attended the 'Installation Function'.

In the past year centre chairman and other office bearers attended All India MCGC meetings. And attended Maharashtra State level meetings as well as.

Sent annual account and result of the centre on prescribed time to HQ.

DINDIGUL CENTRE

On 13th May 2024 37th installation function organised by the Dindigul Centre, Shri S. Paul Raj, was installed as Chairman of Dindigul centre, Shri B. Elango as vice chairman and Shri K. Venkatesan as State Chairman, Tamilnadu, Pondicherry & Andaman. Other office bearers were also installed during the function. Dindigul Centre. The event attended by large number of members, their families, and friends, making it a memorable occasion.

1st General Board Meeting was conducted on 20th June 2024, featuring a comprehensive discussion with SAINT-GOBAIN (Weber Product Traders). The meeting brought together key stakeholders and members to explore business opportunities and strengthen partnerships.

On 25th July 2024 centre conducted 2nd General Board Meeting. Meeting was successfully convened with Astral Pipes. The meeting provided a platform for in-depth discussions, fostering collaboration and driving growth.

3rd General Board Meeting was conducted on 16th August 2024, collaboration with KAG Tiles, India's largest collection of tiles. The meeting brought together our members and KAG Tiles' representatives to discuss industry trends, explore business opportunities, and strengthen partnerships.

On 18th September 2024 centre 4th General Board Meeting was conducted, collaboration with Avthar Ceramics. During that day Dindigul Centre celebrated Engineers Day. Chairman and other office bearers of the centre co-ordinated organising of the event.

On 20th September 2024 a Special Medical Camp was successfully conducted with Dr. Ananth, providing essential healthcare services to the community. The camp offered medical consultations, screenings, and treatments, catering to the healthcare needs of attendees.

Dindigul Centre conducted three days Build Expo 2024 a large-scale exhibition showcasing the latest trends and innovations in the construction and building industry on 25th to 27th October 2024. Exhibition inaugurated by the

centre chairman and attended by the large number of the members and office bearer of the centre.

On 16th & 17th December 2024 Centre conducted Annual General Body meeting at Chinnakanal, Munnar. Meeting attended by the office bearers and senior members from the centre.

On 27th December 2024 centre conducted 5th General Board Meeting with JK CEMENTS. On that day also conducted the Dairy Release Function.

On 16th February 2025 conducted the Family Meet Function with Past Chairman, Office Bearers & members. The event fostered camaraderie, strengthened bonds, and provided a platform for socializing and networking.

DURGAPUR CENTRE

It gives me immense pride and satisfaction to present the Annual Brief Report of the Builders' Association of India (BAI), Durgapur Centre for the year 2024-25. This report reflects our Centre's continuous efforts to strengthen ties with other regional BAI Centres, contribute actively to the organization's national vision, and nurture our local fraternity.

The journey for the year commenced with my installation as the Chairman of the Durgapur Centre on 10th May 2024, a momentous event hosted at Hotel Citi Residency, Durgapur. The event was graced by several esteemed dignitaries and senior members of BAI from various centres, including: From Kolkata Centre: Sri S.K. Basu, Past National President, BAI, Sri Sanjay Dasgupta, State Chairman, Sri Pradip Chowdhury, Vice President. And from Ranchi Centre, Sri P.K. Mukherjee, Sri Rabindra Pradhan, Mr. D.P. Singh.

On that day centre organised 1st Eastern Zone MC/GC meeting chaired by Sri Pradip Chowdhury Vice President. Their gracious presence added significance to the occasion and reinforced our collective commitment toward the objectives of BAI.

On 19th May 2024, a team from Durgapur Centre visit to Haldia Centre, including Sri Rajendra Singh Kamboh, Sri Anup Majumder, Sri R. S. Chauhan, Sri Ashok Chandak, Sri Asish Ghosh, and myself, attended the Installation Ceremony of Haldia Centre. This visit further strengthened inter-centre relations and facilitated productive exchanges of ideas and experiences.

Senior members of the centre participated in the 2nd East Zone Meeting held at Ranchi, on 3rd August 2024 accompanied by five active members from our Centre. The meeting provided a platform to deliberate on regional strategies, policy updates, and collective challenges faced by the construction industry.

One of the significant highlights of the year was the successful organization of the 2nd Managing

Committee & Governing Council (MCGC) Meeting along with the 83rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of BAI on 21st September 2024. The event was conducted at the prestigious National Institute of Technology-- (NIT), Qurgapur Auditorium Hall, and was attended by members from multiple centres across India. This event showcased our organisational capacity and commitment to the larger BAI mission.

The centre proudly celebrated Builders Day on 13th November 2024 at Hotel Citi Residency, attended enthusiastically by our members. Subsequently, we participated in the Builders Day celebrations of: Kolkata Centre on 15th November 2024 and Haldia Centre on 7th December 2024, which also hosted the 3rd East Zone Meeting. These events enabled deeper fellowship and collaboration among BAI centres in the Eastern region.

The 36th AGM of the Durgapur Centre on 12th January 2025 marked an important transition as we elected a new committee for the year 2025-26.

Our participation in the 4th Eastern Region Meeting held at Kolkata Centre on 31st January 2025 and presided over by Vice President (East), Sri Ashok Chandak, concluded our term with a spirit of unity and shared commitment. The meeting further cemented our collaborative ties across the region.

The year 2024-25 has been marked by active engagement, strong inter-centre cooperation, and progressive leadership. As I conclude my term as Chairman, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all

members of BAI Durgapur Centre, our fellow Centres, and the national leadership for their unwavering support and cooperation. Together, we have upheld the ethos of BAI and advanced the interests of our industry. Let us continue to build not just structures, but a legacy of professionalism, unity, and excellence.

ERODE CENTRE

Many regular meetings were conducted by the Erode centre. During the meeting, presentations were made on Export GST, followed by open discussions. Technical introduction sessions were held, and centre organizational matters were discussed, leading to key decisions.

On 16/04/2024, a free eye treatment camp was organized by the Erode Center at the Central Lions Arena. President K.S.Bhoopathy, Vice President P.Mohan, Secretary R. Raghu, Treasurer S.Vadivel and Executive Committee members participated and inaugurated the camp.

On 24/06/2024 meeting conducted by the centre, during the meeting it was decided to hold a Health Checkup for members with the aim of maintaining their physical health. The period allotted for Health checkup was from 1/7/2024 to 15/7/2024. Accordingly, a health check-up was conducted at home for the member and his/her

spouse. The camp was successfully completed with 267 members participating.

Erode Center celebrated Independence Day on 15 August 2024. Later, a blood donation camp was held on behalf of the Builders Association of India Erode Center. Our member and his staff participated and donated blood.

On 16 11/2024 a training course for site engineers was held on behalf of the Erode District Builders Welfare Trust.

The training course was inaugurated by the Chairman of the Trust, Thiru S. S. Natarajan, Treasurer, Thiru T. Jayakumar, BAI Center Chairman, Thiru K. S. Bhoopathy, Secretary, Thiru P. Udayakumar. In it, URC Group's experienced trainer Dr. M Kalaivani, Assistant Manager Planning URC Construction P Ltd, and Raghavi, Senior Research Associate, provided training for Site Engineers in the training course. The second training course was conducted by Senior Engineer B.Baskar.

On 03.12.2024, a letter was sent to the Minister of civil supplier Consumer protection department. Principal Secretary (Food and Civil supplies), Managing Director (Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation), Chief Engineer (Tamil Nadu Consumer Goods Trading Corporation) and BAI, State President to follow the Public Works Contract provisions in the refund of EMD, SMA, WHA amounts.

HALDIA CENTRE

Haldia centre were conducted six Executive Committee meetings during the year of 2024-25 to discuss important issues and updates related to the construction industry.

One General Body Meeting was held to discuss key matters and make important decisions.

Builders' Day Celebrations 2024: The centre celebrated Builders' Day with great enthusiasm and fervour, highlighting the contributions of the construction industry.

Centre hosted the 3rd East Zone Region Managing Committee and General Council meeting on December 7th 2024, at Brij Hall, Akash Ganga Commercial Complex, Haldia. Members from BAI Eastern (Kolkata) Centre, Durgapur Centre, and Ranchi Centre attended the meeting.

Centre arranged a meeting with ICICI Bank Ltd. to discuss capital funding, home loans, and equipment loans. A memorandum was submitted to the bank's authority for consideration.

Centre participated in the All India 2nd Managing Committee and General Council meeting held at Durgapur on September 21, 2024. Ten members from the Haldia Centre attended the meeting.

The centre completed the election process on time, and the election result was sent to the headquarters.

HOSUR CENTRE

The 51st Centre of BAI in Tamil Nadu State viz. Hosur, was inaugurated on 11th May, 2024. Shri Antony Samy Xavier was installed as the Founder Chairman by Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Past President & Past Trustee. Present on the occasion were Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI; Shri R. Sivakumar, Vice-President, BAI; Shri B. Palanivel, State Chairman, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar; Shri Mu. Moahan, Trustee & Past President; etc.

HYDERABAD CENTRE

The BAI Hyderabad Centre, Installation ceremony was held on 5.04.2024. Centre Chairman and Office bearers of the centre were installed along with all the centres of Telangana State. Hyderabad Centre 2024-25. Shri Bhoopinder Singh Rait, Chairman, Shri N. Janardhan Rao, Vice chairman, Shri S. Srinivas Rao, Secretary, Shri B. Srikanth Reddy, Joint Secretary, Shri Ashwin Kumar Tyagi, Treasurer

After the Installation formal meeting was arranged to discuss on the issue of the construction industry and to meet the HoD's of the various departments and to introduce the new office bearers to the Departments.

During the year Hyderabad Centre has Organised State Level Meeting at Janwada on 28.06.2024 in which members from all the centres have participated along with families.

Hyderabad Centre has also organised Builders Day Celebrations on 11.01.2025, along with the opening of two new Centres and the Chief Guest of the function was Shri K. Vishwanathan, President, BAI, Awards were given to the Best Contractors in various fields, Shri Bishma R. Radhakrishnan garu Past President, Shri B. Seeniah Garu Past President were also felicitated on getting Nirman Ratna Awards.

Members of the centre attended the Board of Chief Engineers (BoCE's) Meeting to finalize rates for the year 2024-25.

Hyderabad Centre conducted regular monthly meetings and discuss issues faced by the contractors and meets the HoD's of the Departments and secretaries of various departments to resolve these issues pending payments and other Government orders.

The centre submitted its annual audited accounts and election result to the Headquarters on time.

ICHALKARANJI CENTRE

BAI Ichalkaranji centre inaugurated its own office on 5th October, 2024. The office has been jointly set by BAI Ichalkaranji, CREDAI Ichalkaranji and Architects & Engineers Association of Ichalkaranji. The three organisations together plan to organise programmes jointly for the betterment of the construction and related

sectors. It has a common Conference Hall, an open area of 8000sft, a common Help Desk, etc. MahaRERA office is being planned to be set up.

Lifetime achievement award organised by the centre - On the occasion 'Lifetime Achievement Award' was bestowed posthumously on Late Shri Brijlal Jamayatrai Hirani, for his contribution to the construction industry. 'Best Meritorious Worker' Awards were bestowed on Shri Ramjivan Jangid (outstanding carpentry), Shri Mahavir Chaudhary (excellent floorwork), Shri Sanjay Herwade (excellent plumbing work), Shri Shivbharan Prajapati (excellent painting work), Shri Raju Kazi (excellent centring work), Shri Nagesh Nayakar (excellent masonry) and Shri Vasudev Verma (outstanding POP work).

36 new Patron Members were inducted on the occasion. Present on the occasion were, Shri Prakash Awade, MLA; Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice-President, BAI; Shri Anil Sonawane, State Chairman, BAI; Shri Suresh Halvankar, Vice-President, BJP Maharashtra, Shri Bhagwan Deokar & Shri Avinash Patil - Past Presidents, BAI; Shri Pratap Salunkhe & Shri Ranjit More - Past Vice-Presidents; Shri Sachin Deshmukh, Shri Dattatray Mule, Shri Randhir Bhoite, Shri Sudhir Garge & Suresh Patil - Past State Chairmen, BAI Maharashtra and many other past & present Centre Chairmen and senior functionaries of BAI Centres from across Maharashtra. Shri Fayaz Gaiban, Chairman, BAI Ichalkaranji along with other office-bearers and senior functionaries co-ordinated the organising of the function.

KALPAKKAM CENTRE

On 17th April 2024, a committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. A. R. Unoos. During the meeting, discussions were held regarding participation in the first All India MC/GC meeting to be held in May 3rd & 4th 2024.

On 10th May, 2024, EC meeting was held at Veena Construction office, Chengalpattu. The discussion focused on successfully organizing the installation ceremony on 2nd June 2024 and operation of bank accounts from the financial year 2023-24 to 2024-25 under the responsibility of the new office bearers.

On 2nd June 2024, the installation ceremony for the 2024-2025 office bearers of our BAI Kalpakkam Centre was held at KVM Mahal, Chengalpattu. The event was conducted under the leadership of All India Past President & Trustee Shri Bishma R. Radhakrishnan, in the esteemed presence of our BAI State President Mr. V. Palanivel, along with greetings and support from both national and state-level executives.

On 2nd August 2024 EC meeting of Kalpakkam BAI Centre was held at KVM Mahal, Chengalpattu, under the leadership of Mr. Unoos and in the presence of immediate past chairman Mr. Ramesh Kumar.

On 15th August 2024, Builders Association of India, Kalpakkam, celebrated the 78th Independence Day at Appaji Aided Primary School, Meleripakkam. In support of the children's welfare, a bore well was installed and saplings were planted at the school. Additionally, gifts, notebooks, and stationery were distributed to underprivileged students.

On 25th October 2024 EC meeting of our Kalpakkam centre was held at KVM Mahal under the leadership of Mr. Unoos. The meeting took place in the esteemed presence of Mr. Ramesh Babu, All India Special Invitee, and Mr. Ramesh Kumar, GC member. Discussions were held regarding organizing the Builders Day celebration on behalf of our centre. Plans for releasing the 2025 annual diary from our centre were also discussed.

On 6th December 2024 3rd Builders Day was grandly celebrated at KVM Mahal.

On 18th December 2024 EC meeting was held at KVM Mahal, Chengalpattu, under the leadership of Chairman Mr. A.R. Unoos.

On 9th December 2024 General Body and Executive Committee meeting of the Kalpakkam centre was held at KVM Mahal, Chengalpattu, under the leadership of Chairman Mr. Unoos. On that day Lifetime achievement award ceremony organised by the centre. On the occasion 'Lifetime Achievement Award' was bestowed posthumously on Late Shri Brijlal Jamayatrai Hirani, for his contribution to the construction industry. 'Best Meritorious Worker' Awards were bestowed on Shri Ramjivan Jangid (outstanding carpentry), Shri Mahavir Chaudhary (excellent floorwork), Shri Sanjay Herwade (excellent plumbing work), Shri Shivbharan Prajapati (excellent painting work), Shri Raju Kazi (excellent centring work), Shri Nagesh Nayakar (excellent masonry) and Shri Vasudev Verma (outstanding POP work).

On 3rd March 2025 meeting was held at KVM Mahal, Chengalpattu, to discuss arrangements for the installation ceremony of the 2025-2026 office bearers, scheduled for May 11th 2025 at KVM Mahal. The newly appointed office bearers for 2025-2026 were introduced on this meeting: All members expressed their appreciation for the administration's excellent performance.

KANCHIPURAM CENTRE

Total twelve Executive Committee meeting and four General Body meeting were conducted in the year of 2024-25 with strong participation from a large number of members in each meeting.

Other Activities :

On 26.07.2024 Technical Meeting conducted by SIKKA INDIA Pvt. Ltd. "Topic - Building Solution".

On 15.08.2024 77th Independence Day was celebrated by

centre's members and hoisting flag at our Centre.

On 30.08.2024 Meeting Conducted by Karur Vysya Bank, Kancheepuram Branch.

On 11.09.2024 Technical Meeting conducted by Ultra Tech Cement Company. "Topic - VAC Building Solution"

On 30.09.2024 Technical Meeting conducted by Dr. Fixit Company. "Topic - Building Water Proof Solution"

On 09.10.2024 Mason Training Meet conducted by Ultra Tech Cement Company. 50 Mason's Attend the Program.

"Builders Day" was celebrated on 24.10.2024 at Our Centre. Chief Guest Thiru. A. Shanmuga Sundaram Director of Handloom Govt of Tamilnadu and Assistant Director Tmt. Jayashree. Nearly 500 No's Labour Honored with Food & Gift Worth Rs.1000/Per Member. Our Centre Members and Workers were Participated and Function Grandly Celebrated.

On 06.12.2024 Diary and Daily Calendar was published and distributed to Our Members for the Year 2025.

On 09.01.2025 Technical Meeting conducted by Ultra Tech Cement Company. "Topic - Building Material & Solutions"

On 12.03.2025 Technical Meeting conducted by Ultra Tech Cement Company. "Topic - VAC & RMC Ready-mix Concrete"

On 18.03.2025 Do's and Don'ts about GST Meeting Conducted by Auditor Mr. A.K. Siva Chandran at Lions Club Building Meeting Hall at Kanchipuram.

KANYAKUMARI CENTRE

On 5th April 2024 installation ceremony was organised for Centre's Officer Bearers, in the presence of Chief Guest Er.P.Palanivel-State chairman, Er.G.Vedanand-past all India vice president. Around 425 people, including Ex-leaders, Ex-executives, Members, Friends, Relatives and Families, congratulated the newly inducted executives.

During the last year total of 14 technical and sponsor meetings were organized by the centre. All members of the sponsoring company participated in the meetings actively and contributing through their speech notes and a technical presentation. Additionally, some important technical issues related to the construction industry were discussed. A large number of members from the centre attended the meetings, demonstrating their engagement and interest in the technical deliberations.

During the period 2024-25 centre conducted a total of 11 Executive Committee meetings and 1 General Body meeting. All meetings led by Shri S. Rajesh, Chairman of the centre, which covered important topics such as organisational matters, HQ correspondence, local contractors' issues, and centre operations. Meeting

attended by the large number of the EC and centre's members.

On 17th & 20th May 2024 two Subscription collection advisory meeting was held under the chairmanship of Chairman Mr. S. Rajesh. In this meeting the members list was distributed to the members of the executive committee and arrangements were made to collect the annual subscription.

On 23rd May 2024 attended 1st State level MCGC meeting at Tirunaveli. From our centre 15 members participated under the leadership Shri S. Rajesh, chairman of the centre.

On 29th July 2024 Kanyakumari centre organised shuttle tournament for members. The tournament was chaired by Er.M. Albert Nelson and Vice President Er. Sahaya prabu. Prizes were awarded to the winners and mementos to the participants.

On 9th August 2024 attended 2nd State MCGC meeting at Namakkal by 16 members from Kanyakumari centre participated this event.

On 15.08.2024 Independence Day celebrated by the centre members at St. Charles home and school for the mentally challenged. Abdominal exercise machine and umbrellas were given to the students on behalf of our centre.

On 22nd August 2024 a three days trip was organized by our centre chairman for Andaman. Tour was attended by 24 former presidents, EC and members.

On 20th Diwali festival celebrated by the centre members with their family members at Ramraj Residency. On that free medical camp was organized by the centre, around 150 people were benefited by camp.

On 27th October three grand festival attended by the chairman and other senior members of the Kanyakumari centre in Kovilpatti. Festivals organized by the Kovilpatti centre.

On 24th November 2024 three grand celebration organized by Tirunelveli centre and attended by the our centre chairman alogwith the State Secretary and 10 Executive members. Various entertainment events were held for children and members of Tirunelveli centre.

On 14th & 15th December 2024 attended 3rd State Level MCGC meeting conducted by the Mayiladuthurai centre, on behalf of our Kanyakumari center 14 members participated under the leadership of Mr S. Rajesh Chairman.

On 31st January 2025 Petition filed by Mr. S. Rajesh it was recommended that the ban on 24-hour entry of manual resource trucks into Nagercoil Corporation should be waived. Construction companies, businesses and workers' rights have been affected to a great extent due to the non-allowance of Mambo inside the corporation as per the

directives of the police. Therefore, it is humbly requested to the Superintendent of Police to allow Tambo vehicles in Nagercoil Municipality without any restrictions as before. Former Presidents G.C. Members, E.C. Members, Advisors, Administrators and Members attended.

On 20th & 21st February 2025 4th State Level MC/GC meeting was very well conducted by Tirupur Center at Tirupur, Kkaniyampoondi. 15 people participated through our Kanyakumari center under the leadership of our center Chairman Mr. S. Rajesh.

From 15th & 16th February 2025 family tour for Kodaikanal, tour organised Kanyakumari centre and 104 members participated in this tour. Chairman Mr. S Rajesh led the way.

On 4th March 2025 members visited Renacon AAC Block Factory. The method of making Renacon AAC Block was explained in a straight forward and easy to understand way through a power point presentation by Renacon representative. 29 members participated and distinguished themselves on behalf of our association, including chairman, office bearers, past chairmen, E.C. Members and members.

On 17th & 18th March 2025 Centre's office bearers, former presidents and executive committee members was celebrated two-day trip by visiting Vagamon in Kerala with the participation of 23 former leaders, office administrators and executive committee members.

On 30th March 2025 celebrated Gratitude and Appreciation Ceremony presided over by our center Chairman Mr. S. Rajesh. At this meeting, the dignitaries who provided the 2024 - 2025 Sponsors meeting were honored with shawls and shields. The past Chairmen, office bearers and executive committee members who made this current year a great one were honored with shawls and shields.

KARNATAKA (BENGALURU) CENTRE

The new team of Office Bearers to over the charge of the Office on 3rd April 2024 at BAI Office Premises.

During the fiscal year 2024-25, the centre convened a total of ten Executive Committee meetings, which were attended by the Chairman, Executive Committee members, and other office bearers. Key discussions during these meetings included BAI organizational matters, election proceedings for 2024-25, and challenges faced by members in the construction industry. Notably, the 6th meeting coincided with the celebration of Builders' Day, which was observed by the centre's members.

Annual General Meeting was held on 3rd February 2025 at "Builders NGV Club, Bangalore. During the AGM Elections was held and the Office Bearers, EC and GCMC Members were unanimously elected for the year 2025-26.

Installation Ceremony of new Office Bearers of Karnataka

(Bangalore) Centre along with Ladies Wing 'Spoorthi' was held on 19th April 2024 at Builders NGV Club. The Chief Guest was Sri D. Pankaj Reddy, South-1, Vice President, BAI, the Guest of Honour and Installing Officer for BAI team was Sri H.N. Vijaya Raghava Reddy Past President, BAI and Guest of Honour and Installing Officer for Spoorthi team was Sri Srinivasa Reddy, State Chairman, Karnataka, BAI. Sri Srinivasa Reddy, State Chairman, Karnataka- BAI, installed the new team of Ladies Wing 'Spoorthi'. All elected members promised to discharge his duties effectively for the benefit of Members and to continue to concentrate on inducting more quality members. Mrs. Tejaswini newly Installed President of Spoorthi.

Chairman and Managing Committee and General Council Members had attend the First Meeting of the MCGC, BAI for the financial year 2024-25 on 4th May 2024 at **Chennai Trade Centre**, Convention Hall, Nandambakkam, Chennai. The meeting was hosted by **BAI, Southern (Chennai) Centre**.

Honouring of Artisans Held On 15th November 2024 : On the occasion of Builders' Day – 2024, 101 Artisans were honoured at Builders' NGV Club, Koramangala. The Chief Guest for the function was Dr. H.N. Gopala Krishna, I.A.S., Commissioner of Labour, Government of Karnataka and Dr. Sangamesh Upase, Joint Secretary, Karnataka Building & Other Construction Workers' Welfare Board, Government of Karnataka, Guests of honour were Sri Srinivasa Reddy – State Chairman, Karnataka, BAI and Sri H.N. Vijaya Raghava Reddy –Past President, BAI. Sri V.L. Muniraja, Chairman, Karnataka (Bengaluru) Centre, BAI presided over the function. Sports was organized for the Artisans and there was prize distribution for the winners. Hon. Secretary Sri K. Manoj proposed the vote of thanks.

Builders' Day held on 15th November 2024 : The Chief Guest for the function was Sri K. Viswanathan – National President, BAI, Guest of honour were Sri Srinivasa Reddy – State Chairman, Karnataka, BAI and Sri H.N. Vijaya Raghava Reddy –Past President, BAI. Sri V.L. Muniraja, Chairman, Karnataka (Bengaluru) Centre, BAI presided over the function.

Bharath Rathna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Memorial Award was conferred to Sri V. Srinivasa Murthy, Proprietor, S. M. Constructions. Senior Builders Award was conferred to Sri K. Subramanyam Naidu – Class I P.W.D. Contractor and Sri S. Shiva Prakash – Proprietor, Prakash Constructions were the two senior Builders who were honoured for their outstanding contributions in the construction sector.

Second State Level Meeting was held on 23rd December 2024 at De Royal Montana Resort, Kukke Subramanya.

Chairman and Managing Committee and General Council Members had attend the Third meeting of the Managing

Committee and General Council of Builders' Association of India for the 2024-25 held on 24th January 2025 at PSG Convention Center, Coimbatore.

Bangalore Builders' Club: The Managing Committee has decided to start Bangalore Builders' Club, its being established to give Membership to builders and Contractors and this club will be housed at around Sakleshpura and Chikkamagaluru. It is decided to purchase 5 Areas of land and establish the Club House with swimming Pool, Shuttle court, Tennis Court, Billiards with food and Beverages. Presently the City Office is housed at Builders' NGV Club, 3rd Floor National Games Housing Complex, KHB, Koramangala, Bangalore -560047 & it will have administration office and Club House at newly established place.

Chairman and Hon. Secretary had a privilege to attend the Pre Budget Meeting called by Commercial Tax Department, Government of Karnataka on 21st February 2025 at Vidhana Soudha and they had submitted a Memorandum to the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah Ji.

BAI, Bangalore centre, Green Building and Eco Friendly materials and Method Committee had organized Webinar on 4th March 2025, Chief Guest was Sri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI, Convenor was Sri K. Subramani, Chairman, Green Building and Eco Friendly materials and Method Committee along with Co-Convenor Sri S. Ramaprabhu, Co-Chairman for 'Green Building & Eco Friendly Materials and Method'. The Keynote Speaker was Ar. Jyothi Gupta, Associate Professor, School of Architecture, CHRIST, Kengeri Campus, Bangalore.

The Chairman and Managing Committee and General Council Members had attend the Third meeting of the Managing Committee and General Council of Builders' Association of India for the 2024-25 held on 7th March 2025 at Hotel Fortune Select Grand Ridge, Tirupati.

KOLKATA CENTRE

Installation of New Team for the year 2024-25 : on 6th April 2024 newly elected Chairman, Shri Amlan Kumar Bisas and his team of Office Bearers and Executive Committee were formally installed by our National President, Shri K. Viswanathan in presence of Guest of Honour, Shri S.K. Basu, Past National President at Lake Club, Kolkata.

After the installation, Chairman in his acceptance speech, confirmed that to Celebrate 75 year of Kolkata Centre, we have to bring 75 new Patron Member to celebrate Platinum Jubilee of Kolkata Centre. In presence of our National President, the 20 new members has been admitted and the same has already sent to HQ for acceptance. Members present applauded for the achievement of New Chairman.

During the year of 2024-25 Centre have signed a few

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the benefit of the members:

Calcutta Medical Research Institute. For Medical Treatment with special discount of our members. Doctors from CMRI were felicitated by the President.

Shanti Sea View Resort and Spa, Mandarmoni, to provide exclusive benefits for BAI members. The aims of the agreement are to offer special privileges and advantages for members of the Builders' Association of India (BAI) upon visiting the resort.

Mercedes-Benz, for members of BAI Eastern (Kolkata) Centre, they have offer us 1.5 lacs discount on purchase of their Car.

Tie-up with the **National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC) Kolkata.** In Raw Material Assistance (RMA) Scheme, they have offered us to avail Credit for all purchase and other facilities for the benefit of our esteemed members. They have also proposed to hold a seminar on the scheme.

On 10th May, 2024 office bearers of Kolkatta centre headed by S.K. Basu, Past National President attend the 1st East Zone meeting held at Durgapur. They also attended the Installation Ceremony of Durgapur Centre.

Office Bearers of Kolkatta Centre attended the Installation Ceremony of Haldia Centre held on 19th May, 2024.

On 27th & 28th June 2024 Program on Concrete & Construction Technology Summit and Exhibition on Construction Materials and Machineries held at Biswa Bangla Exhibition Centre, Kolkata. A large number of Members from our Centre participated in the Summit and also show cased their construction related products at the Exhibition. Chairman, Shri Amlan Kumar Biswas was one of the panelist Speaker of the event.

A Team of GC members and Senior Members headed by our Chairman, Shri Amlan Kumar Biswas attended the 2nd East Zone MC/GC Meeting held on 3rd August, 2024 at Hotel Green Horizon, Ranch where Chief Minister of Jharkhand State was the Chief Guest of the Occasion.

Business Opportunity Summit of Asian Development Bank was held on 27th September, 2024 at the ITC Royal, Kolkata. Around 20 members from Eastern (Kolkata) Centre headed by Chairman, Shri Amlan Kumar Biswas attended the program. Shri S. K. Basu, Past National President of BAI was one of the Speakers.

On 22nd October, 2024 : Members from the centre attended a Seminar on Kolkata's Architecture : Heritage & Sustainability organized by Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata. Ms. Monica Khosla Barghava and Mr. Partha Ranjan Das were the Theme Speakers.

On 8th November, 2024 : A talk on Reverse Lifestyle

Diseases and Enhance Life. Guest Speaker Mr. Ritesh Bawri, Founder, Breathe Again organized by Bharat Chamber of Commerce.

On 13th November, 2024 : A delegation headed by our Chairman along with the other Senior Members from Kolkata Centre attended the Builders Day, 2024 Celebration held at Durgapur. On 15th November, 2024 : Builders' Day 2024 celebrated at Taj, City Centre, Rajarhat, Kolkata

On 7th December, 2024 : 3rd East Zone meeting held at Haldia followed by Builders Day Celebration of Haldia Centre. Attended by 12 members along with the other Senior Members from Kolkata Centre headed by our Chairman.

On 31st January, 2025 - 4th East Zone MC/GC Meeting was hosted by Eastern (Kolkata) Centre. Shri Ashok Kumar Chandak, Vice President, East conducted the meeting proceedings, particularly highlights on Industry issues like ESIC & Labour Laws, Contact Conditions in Government Contracts, opening of new Centre in East Region etc. The meeting was attended by the members of Ranchi, Haldia, Durgapur, Patna and Kolkata Centre, in presence of our past President, Shri S.K. Basu.

On 5th February, 2025- A Special Session on "Indo-Belarus Trade : New Perspective of Collaboration" organized by Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata where Guest in Chief His Excellency Mr, Mikhail M Kasko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Republic of Belarus to India. Eastern (Kolkata) Centre was the Invited Guest where Chairman and other Senior Members were present.

On 5-6 February, 2025 - 8th Bengal Global Business Summit organized by Govt. of West Bengal in the august presence of Ms. Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal. Chairman and other members of the BAI Eastern (Kolkata) Centre were the Invited Guests for the two days program.

On 21st February, 2025 -A Workshop on 'GST Amnesty Scheme u/S 128A' was organized by Bharat Chamber of Commerce at The Centenary, 'Bharat Chambers', Shri Joyjit Banik, Additional Commissioner of Revenue & P.R.O. & Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal was the Key Speaker. Members of our Centre attended the Workshop.

Submission of Audited Balance Sheet and Annual Report: After auditing our accounts by Chartered Accountant, we submitted our Audited Balance Sheet along with Annual Report to HQ before stipulated time.

Election Process of the Centre - After processing the election procedure held before the stipulated time and the result of election was declared with a new team of Office Bearers and Executive Committee and General Council Members for the year 2025-26 which was intimated to HQ before time.

KOTTAYAM CENTRE

Over the past year, we held 12 monthly meetings of executive committee and wider centre members and one of such meeting was conducted at Almaty, Kazakhstan during our international trip.

On 30th October 2024, BAI Kottayam signed an MOU with Department of Civil Engineering at Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Kanjirapally, Kerala for setting up. Which included these agreements :-

Internship Programme - 6 to 8 weeks / Technical talks – minimum of 2 per annum / Career placement for final year and passed out students

Members of BAI Kottayam centre along with Past National VP, Shri John Paul, attended three MC / GC meetings at Durgapur, West Bengal, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu and Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh.

The annual accounts were submitted to the Headquarters within the prescribed timeframe.

KUMBAKONAM CENTRE

The Kumbakonam Centre successfully organized and participated in various programs, events, and initiatives throughout the year of 2024-25.

The Kumbakonam Centre conducted a total of five Special Board Meetings during the year 2024-25. These meetings witnessed significant participation from a large number of members. During the meeting discussed, Membership Strengthening: Strategies to increase the strength and diversity of membership within the Centre. Support for Local Contractors: Potential steps the Centre could take to address and resolve issues faced by local contractors.

On 4th May 2024 attended the First National GC MC meeting in Chennai by Kombakonam Chairman and other office bearers. On 23rd & 24th May 2024 attended the First State GC MC meeting in Thirunelveli by Kombakonam office bearers. On 26th May 2024 organised Inauguration of the Trust Building's by esteemed guests, including former National President Bhisma Thiru Radhakrishnan and others.

On 9th August 2024 attended the Second State-level GC MC meeting in Nammakkal by centre chairman and other office bearers.

On 4th September 2024 conducted regular meeting held at the Trust Building, featuring a keynote address by Charter President Mr. K. Mathiyalagan.

On 7th November 2024 attended the advisory meeting of TNEB at Raj Mahal, Kumbakonam. On 14th & 15th November 2024: Attended the Third State-level GC MC meeting in Mayiladuthurai by Centre chairman and other senior members of Kombakonam centre. On 15th

November 2024: conducted board Meeting held at the Trust Building.

On 28th December 2024 celebrated "AYMBERUM VIZHA" with various events, including Builders Day, New Year celebration, Family Meet, Honouring former Chairman, and Award-issuing function.

On 23rd & 24th January 2025 attended the Third National GC MC meeting in Coimbatore by Centre Chairman, Special invitees and MCGC members of Kombakonam Centre.

On 20th & 21st February 2025 attended the Fourth State GC MC meeting in Thiruppur by office bearers of Kumbakonam Centre. On 27th February 2025: Participated in the protest meeting against M-sand and jelly price hike in Thanjavur which was presided by our former state president Mr. Ayyapan.

On 4th March 2025 participated in the protest against M-sand and jelly price hike in Thiruvavur which was presided by our former national president Thiru Bhisma Radhakrishnan. On 4th March 2025: Attended Board Meeting held to finalize the new board by Chairman and other senior members. On 6th & 7th March 2025: Attended the Fourth National GC MC meeting in Thirupathi by Centre chairman, MCGC members and Special invitees.

On 29th March 2025: Thanks-giving regular meeting conducted at the Trust Building.

Apart of that Annual account and election result are sent to the HQ on time.

MADURAI CENTRE

On 16th April 2024 organised Expo Committee Meeting regarding to discuss key matters related to the upcoming Build Expo 2024 and its Road show. Apart to this meeting four meeting more ogained to discuss the matter related to Expo Road show. Madurai Centre total Five Executive Committee Meeting were held in the year of 2024-25.

On 15th May 2024 attended Tenkasi Office bearers Installation programme at Corutralam. On 23rd & 24th May 2024 attended 1st State level MCGC meeting at Tirunelveli alongwith our centre Chairman and office bearers of Madurai centre. On 9th & 10th August 2024 attended 2nd State level MCGC meeting at Namakkal.

On 19th August 2024 attended PWD contractor Association Opening Ceremony. Organised Press Meet for Build Expo 2024 at Madurai on 27th August 2024. On 30th, 31st August & 1st September 2024 participated in BAI Madurai Build Expo 2024.

On 7th December 2024 attended new centre opening ceremony of Rajapalayam Centre.

On 14th & 15th December 2024 attended 3rd State level

MCGC meeting at Mayiladuthurai. And on 2nd January 2025 diary distributed to all department of CE & SE by Centre chairman alongwith other senior members.

On 25th December 2024 Madurai Centre organized a Diary Release Function at Union Club, Madurai. BAI Madurai Centre Election Meeting was held on 30th January 2025 at Hotel Metropole.

On January 13, 2025, the Chairman and other members of the association met with the Madurai Collector to request a decrease in building material rates. This meeting aimed to discuss the rising costs of construction materials and their impact on the building industry.

Attended four HQ MCGC meetings by Centre chairman and MCGC members of Madurai.

Election process of electing GC members and office bearers of the centre were held in the time and sent to BAI, HQ for necessary action in the matter.

MUMBAI CENTRE

BAI Mumbai Centre organized 'Installation Function' of Vice President, BAI for 2024-25 and Chairman & Office Bearers of BAI Mumbai Centre and Raigad Centre jointly in Mumbai on Friday 19th April, 2024, Shri Anand J. Gupta was installed as 'Vice-President of BAI for 2024-25', Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia was installed as 'Chairman of BAI Mumbai Centre for 2024-25' and Shri Rajiv Sable as 'Chairman of BAI Raigad Centre for 2024-25', along with installation of 'Office-Bearers' of both the Centres. The installation function was graced by Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI as the Chief Guest. Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary, BAI and Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa, Hon. Gen. Treasurer, BAI were the Guests of Honour. Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Past President & Past Trustee, BAI; Shri S. A. Vichare, Past President, BAI and Shri Lal Chand Sharma, Past President & Chairman, Board of Trustees, BAI were the Installing officers. Shri Pradip Gandhi was also installed as the Secretary of BAI Western Region. Other office-bearers of BAI Mumbai Centre who were also installed are : Shri Sunil Mathreja as Vice-Chairman, Shri Narendra Panani as Hon. Secretary, Shri Rakesh Shah as Hon. Treasurer, Shri Shivshankar Lature as Hon. Jt. Secretary and Shri Rajan Shah as Hon. Jt. Treasurer. Office-bearers of BAI Raigad Centre who were also installed are : Shri Pradip Gandhi as Vice-Chairman, Shri Nitin V. Bamgude as Hon. Secretary, Shri Umesh Lahu Kadam as Hon. Treasurer and Shri, Haresh Metha as Hon. Jt. Secretary. Shri Sunil Mundada, Imm. Past Vice-President, BAI formally handed over charge to Shri Anand J. Gupta. Likewise, Shri Harshad Shah, Imm. Past Chairman, BAI Mumbai Centre handed over charge to Shri Jaiprakash and Nitin V. Bamgude handed over charge to Shri Rajiv Sable. Shri Bhagwan J. Deokar, Past President, BAI formally released the re-launch issue of 'Mumbai Construction' Bulletin. On the occasion 'SPOORTHY' (Ladies Wing) of BAI Mumbai Centre was launched. There

were guests from across India for the installation function. Stalwarts from the construction industry, media representatives and well-wishers were present

BAI Mumbai Centre hosted The 'Second BAI Western Region Meeting 2024-25', which was held on Wednesday 16th October, 2024 in Mumbai, The meeting coincided with 'World of Concrete India 2024' Exhibition. Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice-President, BAI Chaired the meeting. Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI was the Chief Guest. Others who graced the dais during the meeting were : Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary; Shri Sanjiv Shah, State Chairman, Gujarat Shri Ashin Shrivastava, State Co-ordinator, Madhya Pradesh; Shri Anil Sonawane, State Chairman, Maharashtra; Shri Sunil Mundada, Imm. Past Vice-President, BAI; Shri Pradip Gandhi, Secretary, BAI Western Region and Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia, Chairman, BAI Mumbai Centre. Before the meeting, there was an inaugural session, during which the dais was graced by : Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI; Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice-President, BAI; Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary, BAI; Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa, Hon. Gen. Treasurer, BAI; Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia, Chairman, Mumbai Centre; Shri Sunil Mathreja, Vice-Chairman, BAI; Shri Narendra Panani, Hon. Secretary, Mumbai Centre; Shri Rajan Shah, Hon. Jt. Treasurer, Mumbai Centre and Shri Harshad Shah, Imm. Past Chairman, Mumbai Centre. The 'Second BAI Western Region Meeting 2024-25' was hosted by BAI Mumbai Centre. BAI was 'Industry Association Partner' for 'World of Concrete India 2024'.

Before the meeting the 10th Edition of 'World of Concrete India – International Exhibition for Commercial Concrete, Masonry Construction, Construction Chemicals, Construction Equipment, Formwork, Scaffolding, Precast Concrete, 3D Printing, Software, etc.' was inaugurated. Shri K. Viswanathan, President, BAI; Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice-President, BAI and Shri Jaiprakash Bhatia, Chairman, BAI Mumbai Centre, were among the dignitaries to light the traditional lamp. Shri K. Viswanathan was also among the dignitaries for the 'Ribbon Cutting' ceremony symbolising inauguration of 'World of Concrete India 2024'. Shri K. Viswanathan also participated in the 'Press Conference' at 'World of Concrete India 2024'. Shri K. Viswanathan also formally inaugurated the 'BAI Stall' in 'World of Concrete India 2024'. The World of Concrete India 2024 exhibition was held from October 16-18, 2024.

During the inaugural session of 'Second BAI Western Region Meeting 2024-25', Shri A. B. Chitale, Senior most Executive Committee Member of BAI Mumbai Centre was bestowed with 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. Shri K. Viswanathan did the honours of presenting the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' to Shri A. B. Chitale in the presence of his family.

During the 'Second BAI Western Region Meeting 2024-25', Shri Ankur Pandhe of M/s Pandhe Infracon made a presentation on affordable housing projects done in Solapur and in Shelu (near Mumbai). Shri Shivshankar

Lature of M/s Suyog Telematics Ltd. also made a presentation on their unique projects i.e. Funicular Railway, Ropeways, etc. They both were felicitated by Shri k. Viswanathan.

Shri Madan Rajendra Bhandari, Chairman, BAI Kolhapur Centre and Shri Pratap Krishant Kondekar, General Council Member of BAI from BAI Kolhapur Centre travelled to London from Kalhapur in Maharashtra by Car in April, 2024. BAI Mumbai Centre felicitated Shri Pratap Krishant Kondekar for this feat. Shri A. Nagamalleswara Rao, State Chairman, BAI Andhra Pradesh also visited Mumbai for World of Concrete India 2024' and also attended 'Second BAI Western Region Meeting 2024-25'. BAI Mumbai Centre felicitated him too.

Mumbai Centre also organised a Knowledge Session on & Impact of Union Budget 2024-25; on Economy, Construction and Infrastructure Industry', wherein CA Tarun Ghia, Chairman, BAI's Taxation-Direct Taxes Committee and Former Central Council Member, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is the Keynote Speaker.

BAI Mumbai Centre also supported various industry exhibitions held in Mumbai during the 2024-25.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

During the financial year under report four (4) Meetings were held :

- On 31st May 2024
- On 25th July 2024.
- On 17th December 2024.
- On 29th January 2025

BAI AWARDS 2023-24 :- Mumbai Centre was presented 'BAI Awards 2023-24'- Overall Best BAI Centre (Above 200 Members) during during the 3rd Managing Committee and General Council Meeting to be held on 24th January 2025 at PSG Convention Center, Neelambur, Avinashi Road, Coimbatore .

BAI Mumbai Centre performed 'Shree Satyanarayan Puja on Saturday 23rd November, 2024 in the BAI Mumbai Centre office-premises wherein BAI Office-Bearers and Senior Functionaries of BAI Mumbai Centre were present during the Puja – many of them with their better half.

After receiving a letter from BAI Headquarter for Invitation for hosting XXXII All India Builders' Convention, BAI Mumbai Centre prepared a detailed report with pros and cons of hosting the convention and after due consultation amongst Centre Office Bearers & Executive Committee members, BAI Mumbai Centre sent a proposal to BAI Headquarter for hosting XXXII (32nd) All India Builders Convention and BAI Headquarter

accepted the proposal of Mumbai Centre in the Managing Committee in the meeting held on 21st September 2024 at Durgapur & Released 1st Information brochure during the Managing Committee and General Council Meeting held on 24th January 2025 at Coimbatore

BAI Mumbai Centre has successfully hosted 1st, 2nd, 7th, 9th, 16th and 26th All India Convention during the year 1952 and 2014. For the first and only time in BAI History, an all India Builders Convention was organised outside India i.e. in Dubai by Mumbai Centre – the 26th All India Builders Convention.

The Builders Association of India (BAI) Mumbai Centre is honoured to be hosting the 32nd All India Builders' Convention, coinciding with the 85th Anniversary of BAI and the 50th Anniversary of BAI Mumbai Centre. The convention's objective is to update knowledge in construction technology, management, and legal implications, as well as to foster friendship and bonhomie among members.

32nd All India Builders Convention is scheduled to be held between 7th and 9th January 2026. at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, located on the campus of Goa University at Taleigao, Goa, Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji and several Central / State Minister has attended the events at this venue.

The 32nd All India Builders' Convention promises to be a significant event, bringing together industry professionals to discuss current trends, challenges, and opportunities. With the support of various organisations and a well-structured organising committee, the convention is expected to be a grand success.

NELLORE CENTRE

Nellore Centre hosted the State level, 3rd BAI-AP, MCGC Meeting, for the year 2024-2025 on 28.07.2024 at Mypadu Beach, Nellore. All centre Chairmen, GC members, Functional Committee Chairmen and Special Invitees of BAI-AP attended. Opening remarks given by the A.Nagamalleswara Rao, State Chairman, BAI-AP and welcome address by CH. Siva Prasad Naidu, Chairman, BAI-Nellore.

Members of the centre met alongwith Shri B. Raghava Rao to Minister and MLA, and appraised pressing issue of payment problems in the industry. These meetings aimed to raise awareness for timely payments to contractors, ensuring the smooth execution of projects. Also discussed regarding present status of the payments and 10 years block period by Shri D.Pankaj Reddy, BAI National Vice President.

Contribution of Various Centres in Opening New Centres : The following centres have made significant contributions to the expansion of our organization with the opening of new centres:

1. Nellore Centre contribute to opened new centre of Kavali centre
2. Vizag City Centre contributed to opened new centre of Anakapalli centre
3. Kakinada Centre
4. Amaravati Centre contributed opened new centre of Amaravati Capital

POONAMALLEE CENTRE

New year Pooja was done on 01.04.2024, at Poonamallee Centre office along with new office bearers, Chairman S. Wilfred, Vice chairman B. Ravikumar, Secretary A. Balaji, Treasurer M. Padmanaban, Jt. Secretary M. Rajesh and immediate Past Chairman Mr. C. Sathish Kumar. Special Invitees Mr. Raghunathan Past State Chairman of Tamil Nadu and Andaman Nicobar, Mr. T.V. Ramakrishnan, Mr. E. Manohar Past Centre Founder Chairman, and Senior Member Mr. V.N. Gunasekaran and all executive members were present.

Annual General Body Meeting was held on 29.04.2024, 6.30 pm at Hotel Adithya @ Arcot Road, Vadapalani, Chennai. In the meeting Audited Balance Sheet, Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2024 was presented and approved. It was decided to continue with the same Auditor for the next Audit year.

Total twelve executive committee meeting organised by the Poonamallee Centre during the 2024-25.

On 1st April 2025, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, M.C. member Mr. N. Raghunathan, Mr. E. Manohar, and GC member Mr. T.V. Ramakrishnan attended the inaugural function of State Chairman and State Office. We honoured State Chairman, State Secretary, and State Treasurer and also All India President Mr. K. Viswanathan.

On 2nd April 2024, Office bearers meeting was held and sent the committee chairman list to the headquarters and the state office.

On 29th April 2024, AGM of our Centre was held attended by 80 members and the accounts was approved by the members. During the AGM a seminar on ready mix concrete was conducted by OEM Company. The meeting was well organized and finished with fellowship and the dinner. 3 new patron members joined on the same day.

On 30th April 2024, Mr. N. Raghunathan was appointed for the Committee Chairman of Banking and Finance of All India Builders Association.

On 4th May 2024, MC GC meeting was attended by our MC members, committee's members and special invitees.

On 23rd & 24th May 2024 our office bearers & MC GC Members attended the State Level Meeting held at Tirunelveli.

On 7th June 2024, Membership Drive to Thiruvallur was done around 11 Members from our Centre were Present.

On 2nd July 2024 from our centre representation was submitted to MD (CMWSSB) to consider price variation clause as contractor's grievances and also regarding out sourcing of (O&M).

On 8th July 2024 Chairman, Secretary, Mr. N. Raghunathan, Mr. Palani and Mr. Durvasalu attended the Inauguration of NOVOCOTTO Tiles showroom.

On 26th July 2024 Energy Efficient Habitat Workshop was attended by our Green Building committee chairman Mr. P.K. Jayakanthan along with our 15 members. On 26th July 2024 regarding metro water work, met Mr. Thirusangu (All India Trustee) along with Vice chairman and Centre chairman to split up the work.

On 26th July 2024 state level meeting at Namakkal attended by all committee members and GC/MC members, Chairman, Vice chairman, Joint secretary and Mr. P.K. Jayakanthan.

On 20th August 2024, MC GC members and tour committee chairman attended the 2nd MCGC meeting at Durgapur. And received award for the best Centre for maximum membership growth award below 200 member's category.

30th August 2024, Energy Efficient Habitat Workshop was attended by our Green Building committee chairman Mr. P.K. Jayakanthan at Avadi and Mr. Rajesh has organized our members to attend the meeting.

On 19th & 22nd October 2024 Centre Chairman met the SE Metro Water regarding to discuss local Contractors problem related to metro projects.

On 8th November 2024 chairman & Our MC Members met the Principal Secretary of Housing Board and submitted the representation regarding housing board matter.

On 14th & 15th December 2024, Office Bearers, GC/MC members attended the State Level MC GC meeting at Mayiladuthurai.

On 18th January 2025, chairman and Grievances Committee Chairman met the MMM hospital authorities regarding our member payment issues.

On 21st January 2025 our CMWSSB contractors came to our office on the package tenders met our Grievance Committee Chairman to discuss the issues.

On 23rd & 24th January 2025, All India GC/MC meeting was held and our centre was honored for the best membership below 200 members category for the year of 2023-2024.

On 6th February 2025 we received the interim stay order on opening of from the CMWSSB package tenders court of law regarding to hold up to 14th February 2025.

On 12th February 2025 state level core committee meeting was held at Radisson Blue hotel, Egmore. our center proposed Mr. N. Raghunathan as a Vice President. During meeting we have raised the CMWSSB package tender issues in the Core Committee Meeting.

MC/GC Members, Office bearers & EC Members attended 3rd MC/GC Meeting at Mayiladuthurai on 14th & 15th December 2024

Poonamallee centre has published Diary for the year 2025, Third time successfully by getting advertisement from well-wisher and from our members.

General Body meeting was held on 10.01.2025 at Cosmopolitan Club. The Election Officer Mr. A. Pannerselvam declared the new office Bearers for the year 2025-2026. New Office Bearers are Chairman Mr. Ravikumar, Vice Chairman Mr. M. Padmanaban, Secretary Mr. P.K. Jayakanthan, Treasurer Mr. M. Rajesh & Joint Secretary Mr. A. Balaji.

On 21st January 2025 Contractors of CMWSSB came to our office and met Our Greens committee chairman and discussed about no response from the CMWSSB Department irrespective of our Continuous request to withdraw the package tender.

Our Centre Chairman Attended the Strike carried out by Pudukottai Centre at Thiruvavur protesting against the Price hike in Blue metal & M Sand.

Our Founder Chairman Mr. E. Manohar his Son Marriage was held on 16.02.2025 at Chennai, all senior Members including Thiru. L. Murthy, Past All India Vice President BAI, MC/GC Members, Office bearers, EC Members attended the Function.

MC/GC Members, Office bearers & EC Members attended 4th MC/GC Meeting at Tirupati on 5th & 6th March 2025.

Builder's day celebrated on 22nd March' 25 with the Resilient Today Sustainable Tomorrow.at Humayan Mahal @ Chempauk, Chennai. On that day medical camp and Blood Donation camp was conducted at the Mahal. Around 150 Workers attended the camp and got the Benefit of General Medical Check-up including Dental and Ophthalmic. Around 200 people were present for the Builders day celebration.

On 30th March 2025, Our Past State Chairman and Present MC Member Mr. N. Raghunathan was installed as All India Vice president at BAI Head Quarters, Mumbai. It is great honour & Pride to all members of our Poonamallee Centre as our Senior Member being elected as All India Vice President.

On 27th February 2025 regarding metro water package tender, we had an agitation at Valluvar Kottam. State Chairman, State Secretary, Vice President, Past State Chairman, Immediate Past President and Kalpakkam

Centre, Chengalpet Centre and TWAD Board Committee Chairman participated and also we provided the lunch.

On 2nd March 2025 Chairman attended the strike at Thiruvavur for the price hike in sand and B Metals.

On 6th March 2025 centre's office bearers MC/GC Members attended the All India MC/GC Meeting held at Tirupati.

PUDUCHERRY CENTRE

On 4th April 2024 Centre chairman of Puducherry and other senior members of the centre met the Honorable Chief Minister and submitted a request regarding the removal of the Bid Capacity Tender.

On 5th April 2024 we met the Executive Engineer of the Public Works Department and urged the issuance of directions for GST slab reimbursement adjustment from 12% to 18%. The related circular was issued on April 9 2024.

On 8th April 2024 Meeting organised regarding a discussion was held at our association office with Technical Committee Members regarding the removal of the Bid Capacity Tender.

On 12th April 2024 we met the Chief Engineer regarding the same matter and submitted a representation along with additional documents and CPWD Tender NIT.

On 18th April 2024 we submitted our association's Annual Auditing Report to the BAI Head Office.

On 25th April 2024 we met the Secretary of the Public Works Department, Mr. Jayanthakumar Ray, and submitted a formal request for the removal of the Bid Capacity Tender, along with supporting documents and CPWD Tender NITs (from other states). We also held discussions on matters related to the PSR. On 26th April 2024 we received a notice from the Labour Department Enforcement Division.

On 30th April 2024 The Installation Ceremony of the newly elected PONCEA office bearers was held at Hotel Shenbaga. Our association representatives participated in the event and extended their greetings and best wishes.

On 23rd & 24th May 2024 attended 1st MC/GC meeting of our state in Tirunelveli. Meeting attended by Er. R. Prem Anand, Chairman, other office bearers and MCGC of the centre.

On 2nd May 2024 we met the Managing Director of PADCO and requested the immediate release of the pending bill amounts for works completed by our members. Also met with the Chief Engineer and the Secretary of the Public Works Department, and conveyed our demands regarding the removal of the Bid Capacity Tender.

On 3rd & 4th May 2024 Chairman and Past Chairmen of

the centre participated in the first All India MC/GC Meeting held at Nandambakkam Trade Center, Chennai.

On 7th May 2024 we met the Chief Engineer and requested the appointment of Executive Engineers for the Central Circle and Special Building Circle - 1.

On 8th May 2024 we met the Commissioner of Uzhavar Karai Municipality and requested the cancellation of a contract condition introduced via the Bid Capacity clause.

On 14th May 2024 we once again met the Chief Engineer, urging the appointment of Executive Engineers for the Central Circle and Special Building Circle - 1, and requested the prompt disbursement of pending bill amounts due to our members.

On May 23rd & 24th - The State-level MC/GC Meeting was held in Tirunelveli, with participation from our Past Chairmen and other members.

On 30th May 2024 we met the Superintending Engineer of Circle-II and conveyed our best wishes upon their retirement. And also met the newly appointed Executive Engineers and extended our greetings on behalf of the association. Later in the evening, we attended the PSR Meeting at the Chief Engineer's office and presented our views.

On 3rd June 2024 A PSR meeting was held at the Chief Engineer's office, in which our association's office bearers participated on behalf of the association.

On 4th June 2024 we met the Irrigation Division Engineer regarding the Check Dam contract point.

On 5th June 2024 Once again, on behalf of our centre, we participated in the PSR meeting held at the Chief Engineer's office.

On 6th June 2024 we met the Irrigation Division Engineer regarding the Check Dam contract point.

On 11th June 2024 we boycotted the Bid Capacity contract point at the Uzhavarkarai Municipality.

On 12th June 2024 Once again, we met the Chief Engineer to inquire about the status of the Check Dam contract point.

On 13th June 2024 we met Monitoring Engineer-1 and requested the provision of an additional 6% GST. On 20th June 2024 In the presence of the Minister of Public Works, Members of the Legislative Assembly, the Chief Engineer, and our Honorable Chief Minister, we submitted a request to remove the Bid Capacity Tender and to obtain PSR approval.

On 21st June 2024 we met Monitoring Engineer-1 again regarding the request for additional 6% GST, and they issued an order agreeing to our request. Our thanks were conveyed to them.

On 24th June 2024 First executive committee meeting was held at our association building, and discussed regarding Bid Capacity Tenders & New PSR, Decided not to participate in any bid capacity tender still further positive Orders. As per State quarters request Executive members should be reduced to 15 nos from and next year and so attendance is strictly followed.

On 3rd July 2024 warm wishes were extended to the newly appointed Executive Engineer of the Central Division, Public Works Department, upon assuming office.

On 19th July 2024 A representation was made to the Executive Engineer (Planning) requesting timely issuance of the *Enlistment Renewal* without delays.

On 24th July 2024 Members of our association participated in the retirement function of Supervising Engineer Mr. A. Vallavan and conveyed their heartfelt wishes.

On 3rd September 2024 Released of PSR 2024 (Puducherry Schedule of Rates) & withdrawal of Bit Capacity by Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr. N. Rangasamy, Hon'ble P.W.D Minister Mr. K. Lakshminarayanan, P.W.D Chief Engineer, P.W.D Work Secretary.

On 14th September 2024 An urgent meeting was conducted at Association building with Core Committee Members, Executive Committee Members, and Committee Members to discuss the Tenders floated in the New NIT, New Enlistment Category, Issues related to the Labour Department concerning our member

On 2nd October 2024 meeting conducted at the Association office to discuss key matters related to the upcoming Build Expo 2024. The meeting focused on planning, coordination, and the active participation of members in the event. Important points regarding stall arrangements, member responsibilities, and promotional activities were discussed in detail. The members expressed their Commitment to ensuring the association's successful representation at the expo.

On 3rd December 2024 we met with the Executive Engineer of the Irrigation Department and requested to postpone the tender point at Komathan Medu.

On 4th December 2024 Met with the Chief Engineer to discuss the tender point related to the Irrigation Department.

On 6th December 2024 Met with the Executive Engineer of the Central Division and requested to open the tender points soon.

On 9th & 10th December 2024 Met with the Executive Engineer of the National Highways Department and requested that all members participate in the special tender points.

On 11th December 2024 Met with the Executive Engineer

of the National Highways Department and requested prompt issuance of the EMD.

On 12th December 2024 Met with the Chief Engineer to discuss matters related to EPF and ESI.

On 13th December 2024 The 2025 diary and calendar were released at our association office. Also, met with the Executive Engineer of the Irrigation Division to discuss the tender points. On 16th December 2024 Met with the Chief Engineer and requested that all tender points in the Public Works Department be opened without delay.

On 17th December 17 2024 Participated in the pre-bid meeting for the Special Building Division-1 tender point. Also, met with the Executive Engineer of the Central Division and expressed objections related to the tender point.

On 19th December 2024 Visited the Municipality Office to obtain permission regarding the Construction Materials Exhibition.

On 14th & 15th December 2024 - The 3rd State GC & MC meeting was held at Mayiladuthurai, with participation from our former presidents, executives, and members. On 24th December 2024 Met with suppliers in connection with the Construction Materials Exhibition and gathered support.

On 27th – 29th December 2024 Participated Construction Materials Exhibition by our Chairman, Mr. S. Selvakandhi Ayya and other centre members. The event concluded successfully on the third day of the programme.

On 31st December 2024 Our Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Public Works Department Minister were met to convey New Year greetings and to present the association's 2025 diary and calendar. Former presidents, executives, committee members, and members of our association participated in the event.

On 3rd January 2024 - Met with the Executive Engineer (Public Health Division) and requested that funds for the Jal Jeevan Scheme be released from the state budget.

On 4th January 2025 Met with the Chief Engineer regarding the Central Division tender point. On 10th January 2025 Participated in a meeting on construction matters held at Hotel Sunway, organized through the State Bank of India.

On 13th January 2025 Participated in the pre-bid meeting for the Irrigation Division tender point.

The General Body Meeting of our association was held at our association building the new office and bearers for the year 2025–2026 were elected.

On 20th January 2025 submitted a letter to the Executive Engineer of the Irrigation Division regarding the pre-bid meeting.

On 23rd & 25th January 2025 the 3rd National-level MC and GC meetings of the All India Builders Association were held in Coimbatore. Former presidents and executives of our association participated in the event.

On 1st March 2025 Met with the Executive Engineer (Buildings and Roads – South) and requested to postpone the tender point. On 3rd March 2025 Met with the Executive Engineer (Smart City) and requested the immediate release of the bill amount due to a member.

On 6th & 7th March 2025 Participated in the 4th National-level MC/GC meeting of the All India Builders Association held at Tirupati, along with our former presidents and key committee members.

On 4th & 10th March 2025 Met again with the Executive Engineer (Sanitation Division) to discuss the sewage tender point.

On 12th March 2025 Met with the Chief Engineer to discuss the sanitation division tender point in the Public Works Department.

On 14th March 2025 Held discussions with the Technical Officer regarding ongoing works under the Smart City project on 21st March 2025 Submitted a petition to our Hon'ble Chief Minister regarding the work at Anna Thidal under the Smart City project.

On 26th March 2025 The Executive Committee meeting was held at our association building. During the meeting, the income and expenditure account for the year was submitted. On 27th March 2025 Met with the Executive Engineer (Irrigation Division) to discuss work related to our member Mr. S. Mohan.

On 28th March 2025 Once again met with the Executive Engineer (Irrigation Division) and submitted a petition on behalf of our members. On 29th March 2025 Met with the newly appointed Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department and requested issuance of corrigendum and modifications for the pending bill amounts due to our members at the end of the financial year.

On 31st March 2025 the newly appointed Chairman and office bearers of our association were handed over the accounts, documents, and building keys.

PUDUKKOTTAI CENTRE

Pudukkottai Centre has been actively engaged in various initiatives and events during the year 2024-25.

Executive Committee Meetings: The centre conducted six Executive Committee Meetings, where various issues related to the construction industry were discussed and addressed.

Installation of Office Bearers Programme: On April 30, 2024, the centre organized an installation programme for

office bearers at Green Place Mahal. The programme was graced by esteemed guests, Thiru S. Ragupathi, Honourable Minister, Thiru Bhisma R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President, Thiru M. Ayyaappan, Thiru Mu. Mohan, Past National President, Thiru M. Thirusangu, Past Trustee, Thiru K. Jaganathan.

Participation in Meetings: The Pudukkottai Centre Chairman, Managing Committee members, and special invitees actively participated in all Managing Committee and General Council meetings during the past year.

State-wide Demonstration: On March 4, 2024, the centre participated in a state-wide demonstration against the price hike of building materials, held at Thiruvavur. Approximately 400 persons, including members and workers, participated in the demonstration. These activities demonstrate the centre's commitment to addressing industry issues, promoting member engagement, and advocating for the interests of the construction industry.

PUNE CENTER

Installation Ceremony of New Office Bearers on 18.04.2024 at Residency Club, Pune : Installation Ceremony was held at Residency Club, Pune for New Office Bearers for the year 2024-2025, Shri Anand Gupta, Vice President, BAI West Zone was the Chief Guest and Shri Anil B. Sonawane, State Chairman BAI, Maharashtra was the Guests of Honour of the Function.

Technical Site Visit to SANY - Construction Equipment manufacturing company, manufacturing unit at Chakan on Friday 24th May 2024: BAI Pune Centre Members visit SANY Construction Equipment Manufacturing Unit on May 24, 2024, 35 members of the BAI Pune Centre visited the SANY Construction Equipment Manufacturing facility in Chakan.

Tree Plantation program was done on 26th June 2024 at Sugam Farm House, Khadakwasla, Pune: Builders' Association of India - Pune Centre as a social activity conducted a Tree Plantation @ Sugam Farm, Khadakwasla on Wednesday 26.06.2024.

Technical Seminar on "Pune Vision – 2050 (2nd in series) on 24th July 2024 at The Kirloskar Hall, BHAU Auditorium, College of Engineering, Pune : Seminar on "Pune Vision" was organized by BAI Pune Centre on 24th July 2024 at The Kirloskar Hall, BHAU Auditorium, COEP, Pune.

Flag Hoisting Programme : Flag Hoisting Programme was held at BAI Office on 15th August 2024.

Seminar on Water proofing was conducted on 23rd August 2024 at Deccan Gymkhana, Pune

Workshop on 'Recollecting Pune's Engineers and Builders' on 31st August 2024: A workshop on 'Recollecting Pune's Engineers and Builders' was co-

curated by **Dr. Sarah Melsens** (FLAME University – CNRS, Paris) and **Ishita Shah** (Curating for Culture, Bangalore) in collaboration with BAI Pune Centre, IEI (Pune Local Centre) and AESA on 31st August 2024 at BHAU Institute, College of Engineering Pune Technological University.

Engineers Day on 19th September 2024 : Celebration of "Engineers Day " on 19.09.2024 at Deccan Gymkhana, Pune

Construction Worker's Children Felicitation Program on 2nd October 2024 at "VISHNUKRUPA HALL", Pune : To encourage and appreciate efforts of Children of workers working with our members a Children's Felicitation Programme was held on 2nd October 2024 at Vishnukrupa Hall, Pune. More than 200 plus Children were felicitated and given gifts and certificates at the hands of Chief Guest Shri Sunil Phulari, Special Inspector General of Police and Guest of Honour Shri Ranjeet More – Senior Member, BAI Pune Centre, Past Vice President BAI West Zone & Past Chairman BAI Pune Centre. Shri Karan Pawar was the Convenor of this program.

"BAI – SHIRKE" Award Ceremony : Well Built Structure Competition 2024 Award Ceremony on 21st December 2024 at Hotel Sheraton Grand, Pune : Well Built Structure Competition in its 28th edition had 61 participants, a record. The competition is held primarily to encourage Quality, Speed and Economy, Labour welfare and safety aspects are also considered as important aspects, **BAI – B G Shirke Awards** for 2024 competition were awarded in the presence of 300 plus building professionals.

BAI – Padmashri B.G. Shirke "Life Time Achievement Award" "Nirman Ratna" on 21st December 2024 :- Along with Well Built Structure Competition Awards, BAI Pune Centre also declared BAI – Padmashri B. G. Shirke "Life Time Achievement Award "Nirman Ratna". This year the prestigious award was conferred upon Shri Ramesh R. Dhoot Past Chairman BAI Pune Centre by the hands of Chief Guest Shri Avinash Patil, Director of Town Planning, Government of Maharashtra, Guest of Honour Shri K. Viswanathan, President All India BAI & Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice President BAI West Zone and Mr. B. P. Kulkarni – Senior Executive from M/s B. G. Shirke Construction Technology Pvt. Ltd. for his exemplary services to BAI and construction industry, society and educational field.

Release of BAI Engineering Diary 2025 on 21.12.2025: Yearly BAI Engineering Diary 2025 was released on 21.12.2024 at Hotel Sheraton Grand, Pune, by the hands of Chief Guest Shri Avinash Patil, Director of Town Planning, Government of Maharashtra, Guest of Honour Shri K. Viswanathan, President All India BAI & Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice President BAI West Zone. Shri D. S. Chaudhari was the Convenor and Shri Nandkumar Jethani & Shri Ramesh Lal was the Co-convenor for BAI Engineering Diary 2025.

Flag Hoisting Programme : Flag Hoisting Programme was held at BAI Office on 26th January 2025. Members in large numbers participated in the programs.

The 'Second BAI Maharashtra State Meeting 2024-25' was conducted on Saturday, 1st February 2025, at the Conference Hall of 'CONSTRO 2025', International Expo at the Pune International Exhibition and Convention Centre, Moshi, Pune (PIECC Moshi). Members near about 125 plus in numbers from all over Maharashtra attended the Second BAI Maharashtra State Meeting at Pune. Meeting was presided by Immediate Past State Chairman Shri Sachin Deshmukh along with State Secretary & State Treasurer and in presence of Shri Anand J Gupta – Vice President BAI, West Zone

Handing over of Fresh Rooms for Girl on 15th February 2025 Wagheshwari Vidhyalaya, At Village: Pingori Tal. – Purandar, Dist : Pune. Pune Centre under its social obligation every year constructs Fresh Rooms for rural schools which imparts education to mostly Girl students. Under this programme BAI Pune Centre in association with Shri R.B. Suryavanshi (Past Chairman of BAI) constructed decent Fresh Room facilities for the girl students under the guidance of Shri D S Shirole and in co-ordination with Convenor of this activity Shri Shashikant K. Killedarpatil, which they undertake every year with utmost sincerity.

Inaugurated and handed over the Fresh rooms to school in the presence of BAI members. Since 2013-14 we are donating Fresh Rooms for Girls till date.

Builders' Day Celebration was organized on 4th March 2025 at Hotel Sheraton Grand, Pune:

Builders' Day is celebrated every year to pay tributes to the builders, engineers & contractors and acknowledge their contribution in the nation building. The theme for 2024-2025 was **"Resilient Today-Sustainable Tomorrow"**. Shri Dr. Chandrakant Pulkundwar, IAS Divisional Commissioner, was the Chief Guest and **Guest of Honour & key note speaker Shri R. Vasudevan, Chairman, Vascon Engineers Ltd., Pune and Col. Sanjay M. Adsar (Retd)** was the Key Note Speaker for the theme of the function.

Dharna Andolan was done, against long pending issue of outstanding amount of Government Contractors and other issues, on 27.02.2025 at PWD office, Central Building, Pune.

Students' Internship Program :- The valedictory function of the Students' Internship Program of BAI Pune, held on Friday, 7th March 2025 at Dr. D. Y. Patil Institute of Technology, Sant Tukaram Nagar, Pimpri, Pune. Certificates were distributed by the hands of the Chief Guest Er. Shri Prakash Medhekar. Chairman Shri Sunil Mate in his speech welcome, BAI members, faculties of civil colleges and students. Er. Jagannath S. Jadhav shared his experience among the students present.

BAI Head Quarters Award for the year 2023-2024 :- As one of the most active Centre in the family of BAI, this year BAI Pune Centre received **"Image Building Activities by A Centre"** Award from BAI Head Quarters.

SHIMOGA CENTRE

Shimoga centre conducted total Nine Executive Committee meetings during the year of 2024-25.

Installation of Centre Chairman and team for the year 2024-25 was held on 5th April 2024 at Shimoga Country Club. Chief Guest and Installation Officer was Shri Pankaj Reddy, Vice President, BAI South Zone1, One of Guest of honour was BAI Karnataka State Chairman Shri Srinivas Reddy and Another Guest of honour was Dr Vijay Kumar, Principal of JNN college of engineering, Shivamogga.

On 30th April 2024, Our Past State Chairman Shri P Subramani along with GC Member K Manjunath and EC members attended installation ceremony of Chairman and Team of Hassan BAI Centre.

On 4th May our past State Chairman Shri P. Subramani attended and actively participated in 1st National level GC-MC meeting held at Chennai.

On 14th September 2024 Engineers Day was celebrated from our centre and Engineers from our centre was recognised. Chief Guest for the event was Er. Jaykumar, Head of Territory Technical Services from Ultratech Cement. Momentous were distributed to all from M/S Ultratech Cements Ltd.

On 15th September 2024, a noble cause of blood donation camp was organised in association with Rotary Blood Centre to mark the Engineers Day Event. As a part of social responsibility 'Vanamahotsava' was organised from our centre to mark the event 'World Environment Day' Rotary Biodiversity Park, Shivamogga. 100 Samplings of different varieties were planted from our members on the same day.

On invitation from M/S JCB India, President and Secretary from our club visited the World class manufacturing plant at Pune on 18th September 2024.

On 18th September 2024, visited Pune Centre and had a meeting with the centre chairman Shri Jagannath S Jadhav and Secretary Shri Hajare along with office bearers and exchanged our BAI centre activities mutually. It was a great opportunity to see the things used by our BAI founder Brig. CVS Jackson preserved at the Pune Centre Museum.

On 23rd December 2024 Our Secretary Er S Bharath along with Office bearers and our past state chairman Shri P Subramani attended the 2nd state level meeting of BAI Karnataka at a resort near Kukke Subramanya.

Conducted AGM & Election of Office bearers, EC

Members & GC Members for the year 2025-26 on Wednesday, 22nd January 2025 at Cosmo Club, BH Road, Shivamogga.

On 24th January 2025 our MC member Shri P Subramani and GC member Er K Manjunath and Centre Chairman Er Rajendra Prasad M R attended 3rd MC-GC meeting held at PSG Convention centre, Coimbatore. Also attended the BuildMat 2025 Exhibition of Building Construction Materials Host by BAI, ACCE and other organisations jointly at PSG Convention centre, Coimbatore.

On 22nd February 2025 our centre organised a Technical Visit to Sighandur Cable Stay Bridge Project near Sagar in Shivamogga District. It was once in life time opportunity to witness a mega project of that magnitude for our members.

Builders Day event was celebrated on 28th February 2025 at Country club Shivamogga, Sri Ganesh S, Superintending Engineer was the chief guest and Our BAI State Chairman Shri Srinivasa Reddy was the guest of honour and presided by our centre chairman Er Rajendra Prasad M R. Par Excellence Awards were presented to Shri Peer Pasha under Engineer Category and Shri N Manjunath under contractors' category.

On 7th March 2025 our MC member Shri P Subramani and GC member Er K Manjunath and Centre Chairman Er Rajendra Prasad M R attended 4th MC-GC meeting held at Tirupathi. We also had darshan of Lord Venkateshwara at Tirumala Temple.

SOLAPUR CENTRE

On 24th April 2024 Solapur centre orgained installation function. Shri Santosh Dattatraya Kalkutgi, installed as Chairman of the centre. Function attended by the Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice-President; Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary; Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa, Hon. Ge. Treasurer; Shri Dattatray Mule, Past State Chairman, Maharashtra, HQ office bearers and large number of the members of Solapur.

On that day Solapur centre dignitaries had an opportunity to meet Shri Prithviraj Chavan, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra. The BAI dignitaries briefed him about BAI and its activities. Shri Anand J. Gupta, Vice-President; Shri Mohinder Rijhwani, Hon. Gen. Secretary; Shri Aniruddha Nakhawa, Hon. Ge. Treasurer; Shri Dattatray Mule, Past State Chairman, Maharashtra; Shri Hanamant Kulkarni, Executive Committee Member, BAI Solapur Centre; Shri Raju John, Executive Secretary and Shri S. Madhusudan, Head-Communications interacted with Shri Prithviraj Chavan.

On 15th September, 2024 -the birth anniversary of Shri M. Visvesvaraya, BAI Solpur Centre celebrated as "Engineer's Day 2024" by garlanding a photo of Sir M. Visvesvaraya and paying obeisance. Prof. (Dr.) Arun N. Gaikwad, Campus Director and Principal, Vidya Vikas Pratishthan's

Institute of Engineering & Technology, Solapur and Shri N. T. Chavan, Executive Engineer, MSEB were the Special Guests on the occasion. Others who participated were: Shri Santosh Dattatraya Kalkutgi, Chairman; Shri Manoj Mhetras, Vice Chairman; Shri G. K. Deshmukh, Hon. Secretary; Shri Vyankatesh Kota, Hon. Treasurer; Shri Shashikant Bedarkar, Hon. Jt. Secretary - all of BAI Solapur Centre and Shri Dattatray Mule, Past State Chairman, BAI Maharashtra.

SOUTHERN CENTRE

On 01/04/2024 the new team of Office Bearers headed by Mr. N. G. Lokanathan performed a Puja in the Ambattur Office premises and took charge in the presence of All India Past National President and Past Trustee Bhishma Mr.R. Radhakrishnan. Trustee and All India Past National President Mr. Mu. Moahan, Mr. R. Sivakumar, Vice President, South Zone-II, Mr. B. Palaniavel, State Chairman, BAI-Tamilnadu, Puducherry and A&N, Mr. J.R. Sethuramalingam, Past Vice President, Mr. S. Ayyyanathan, Past Vice President, Mr. L. Venkatesan, Zonal Secretary South Zone-II, Mr. K.Venkatesan, State Secretary, Managing Committee Members and EC/GC Members of the Southern Centre.

Worker Health Camps and General Public Health camp Organized by BAI-Southern Centre and Southern Builders' Charitable Trust

The BAI-Southern Centre and Southern Builders' Charitable Trust organized a series of health camps for construction, workers, and the general public in 2024-25. Details as below:-

- Workers Health Camp (April 27, 2024): Over 300 construction workers benefited from comprehensive medical services.
- Health Camp for General Public (June 30, 2024): More than 600 people received medical check-ups and services.
- Workers Health Camp (December 28, 2024): Over 300 construction workers received medical services at Appaswamy Real Estate site.
- Workers Health Camp (January 28, 2025): More than 250 construction workers benefited from medical services at The Peak construction site.

Meeting with Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Corporation :- On April 29, 2024, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman together with Mr. R. Sivakumar, National Vice President, South Zone-II, and Mr. R. Nimrode, Vice Chairman & Chairman of the Corporation of Chennai Committee met with Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Corporation and Mr. S. Rajendran, Chief Engineer (General).

BAI Southern Centre Installation Function :- The Installation Ceremony of BAI Southern Centre took place on May 3, 2024, at Chennai Trade Centre. Over 1200 members attended, and the new team of Office Bearers for 2024-25 led by Chairman Shri N.G. Lokanathan was sworn in by Installation Officer Bhishma Shri R. Radhakrishnan. The Chief Guest Dr. V. Irai Anbu, IAS (Retd), Former Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu congratulated the new Team and delivered a motivational speech.

On 04/05/2024 First All India MC/GC Meeting :- The BAI-Southern Centre hosted the first All India MC/GC Meeting on May 4, 2024, at Chennai Trade Centre. Over 500 MC/GC members and special invitees from across the nation participated. Shri N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman, welcomed the dignitaries, and National President Shri K. Viswanathan led the meeting. The event included a welcome dinner on May 3 and a farewell dinner on May 4 at Hotel Feather.

On 22-05-2024: Meeting for Finalization of Tamil Nadu Apartments Ownership Rules :- On May 22, 2024, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Tmt. Kakarla Usha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu. BAI Southern Centre representatives Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Mr. S. Ramaprabhu, and Mr. L. Shantha Kumar attended and provided suggestions for the Tamil Nadu Apartments Ownership Rules.

On 07/06/2024: 74th AGM OF BAI-SC :- 73rd AGM of BAI-Southern Centre was held on 07th June 2024 at Dr. A. Ramakrishna Auditorium, BAI-SC premises, Ambattur, Chennai-600058. The Annual Report for the year 2023-24 was presented to all the members. All the Senior Members appreciated the good work done by the Immediate Past Chairman Mr. A.N. Balaji and his team. Mr. A.N. Balaji, Immediate Past Chairman welcomed the General Body and thanked the members for extending their support to him and his team. 35 members attended the AGM.

On 20-06-2024 Seminar on Tamilnadu Composite Value, Guideline Value for Property and Employees' Provident Fund :- On June 20, 2024, BAI Southern Centre organized a half-day seminar on Tamilnadu composite value, guideline value, and Employees' Provident Fund. The seminar featured expert speakers, including Mr. L. Saikumaar and Mr. BNV Ramana, and was attended by 150 members.

27/06/2024 79th Product Assessment Committee Meeting: The 79th PWD Product Assessment Committee Meeting for the approval of Construction Products (Civil, Electrical) and Crushed Stone Sand Products (Commercially known as M-Sand) was held on 27/06/2024 in the conference Hall, Office of the Chief Engineer, Chennai Region, PWD, Chepauk-5. Mr. L. Venkatesan, Highways & PWD Committee Chairman and Mr. A.N. Balaji, Imm. Past Chairman, BAI-Southern Centre,

attended the meeting. Chief Engineers from various departments of the Tamil Nadu Government, authorities from IIT, BIS, SERC, Anna University and other members of the Assessment Committee participated to scrutinize and approve the products.

28-06-2024 Meeting with Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Corporation :- On the afternoon of June 28, 2024, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman together with Mr. A.N. Balaji, Imm. Past Chairman, and Mr. R. Nimrode, Vice Chairman & Chairman of the Corporation of Chennai Committee met with Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary/Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Corporation).

02/07/2024: Affiliated Association Meeting :- On July 2, 2024, Centre Chairman Mr. N.G. Lokanathan conducted a meeting with affiliated associations at Southern Centre Premises, Ambattur, to discuss construction industry issues and prepare a representation to the Government. Office bearers from various southern centre attended and contributed to the discussion.

16-07-2024 SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM :- On July 16, 2024, the Builders Association of India, Southern Centre, organized a skill development training for site engineers and site supervisors in collaboration with M/s Ultratech Cements. The training, focused on the topic "Good Construction Practices," was held at SRM Easwari Engineering College, Ramapuram, Chennai. The program was well attended by 42 site engineers and site supervisors.

18-07-2024 Meeting with the Member Secretary, CMDA :- On 18/07/2024, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman, and Mr. P.K.P. Narayana Murthy had a meeting with Shri Anshul Mishra, IAS, Member Secretary of the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA). During the meeting, they formally handed over a request letter seeking permission for BAI Southern Centre's proposed tree plantation drive at Sathangadu Iron and Steel Market, Manali. Shri Anshul Mishra graciously accepted the request and welcomed the Southern Centre's initiative to enhance the green cover in the area.

24-07-2024: Meeting with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu :- On July 24, 2024, a BAI delegation met with Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr. M.K. Stalin, congratulating him on his visionary leadership and pioneering projects in the construction sector. They appreciated initiatives like the online plan approval system for houses up to 3500 sq ft, which streamlines the approval process and exempts completion certificates.

Seminar on Tamil Nadu Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TNRERA)

The Builders' Association of India, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and BAI

Southern Centre organized a seminar on TNRERA on July 25, 2024, at BAI Southern Centre premises. The seminar was attended by approximately 140 members from various BAI Tamil Nadu centres. Chief Guest, Thiru Sunil Kumar, IPS (Retd), Chairperson-Incharge, TNRERA. The seminar concluded with the National Anthem, followed by lunch. Approximately 140 members from various BAI Tamil Nadu centres attended, benefitting from the informative and insightful seminar.

26-07-2024 : Participation in 'Workshop on Energy Efficient Habitat'

On an invitation received from the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Tamil Nadu (TNCCM), the Builders Association of India (BAI) Southern Centre participated in a 'Workshop on Energy Efficient Habitat' organized in collaboration with the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS). Centre Chairman Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, along with all office bearers and over 100 builders, flat promoters, and contractors from BAI Southern Centre, actively participated in this informative workshop.

01/08/2024 – Meeting with Shri Anshul Mishra, IAS, Member Secretary, CMDA

A consultation meeting on the e-auction for 10 parcels along the 50-meter strip of land owned by CMDA chaired by Shri Anshul Mishra, IAS, Member Secretary, CMDA was convened on 01.08.2024 at Main conference hall, CMDA. Shri S. Ramaprabhu, Past Chairman and CMDA Committee Chairman, Shri R.R. Shridhar, Past Chairman and CMDA Co-Chairman and Shri R. Nimrode, Vice Chairman of BAI-Southern Centre attended the meeting. Their participation and valuable insights contributed significantly to the discussions on preferred land use, optimal space utilization, and plot size recommendations.

15/08/2024 Independence Day Celebrations

On 15/08/2024, BAI-Southern Centre celebrated 78th Independence Day at BAI-SC premises with full pomp and fervor. More than 40 members took pride in glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. Chief Guest Bhishma Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, All India Past President and Past Trustee hoisted the National Flag followed by National Anthem. Mr. Mu. Moahan, Trustee and Past National President, Mr. R. Sivakumar, Vice President, South Zone-II, BAI, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman, Office Bearers, all Senior Members and EC/GC Members graced the occasion. Sweet distribution and sumptuous breakfast provided to all the delegates.

15-08-2024 Meeting with Thiru S.Muthusamy, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Government of Tamil Nadu.

On 15-08-2024, Shri Mu. Mohan, Trustee and Past National President, along with Shri K. Gopinathan, Hon. Secretary and Shri A. Sathyanarayana, Hon. Jt. Secretary met Thiru

S. Muthusamy, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Government of Tamil Nadu. They extended an invitation requesting the Hon'ble Minister to be the Chief Guest and to inaugurate the upcoming House Hunt Expo 2024 at the Chennai Trade Centre, scheduled from 6th to 8th August. The Hon'ble Minister has kindly consented to this request.

19-08-2024 Meeting with Thiru T.M. Anbarasan, Honorable Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

On 19-08-2024, Bhishma Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Trustee along with Shri N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman, Shri K. Gopinathan, Hon. Secretary and Shri S. Ramaprabhu, Chairman – House Hunt Expo 2024 met Thiru T. M. Anbarasan, Honorable Minister for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of Tamil Nadu. They extended an invitation requesting the Hon'ble Minister to be the Guest of Honor at the upcoming House Hunt Expo 2024 at the Chennai Trade Centre, scheduled from 6th to 8th September. The Hon'ble Minister has kindly consented to this request.

19-8-2024 meeting with Thiru Poochi Murugan, Chairman, Tamil Nadu Housing Board

On 19-08-2024, Shri N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman, along with Shri K. Gopinathan, Hon. Secretary, Shri S. Ramaprabhu, Chairman – House Hunt Expo 2024 and Shri R.R. Shridhar, Co-Chairman, House Hunt Expo 2024 met Thiru Poochi Murugan Chairman, Tamil Nadu Housing Board. They extended an invitation requesting the Chairman, TNHB to be the Guest of Honor at the upcoming House Hunt Expo 2024 at the Chennai Trade Centre, scheduled from 6th to 8th September which he has kindly consented.

28-08-2024 Meeting with Thiru J. Kumaragurubaran, IAS, Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Corporation

On the afternoon of August 28, 2024, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman together with Mr. R. Sivakumar, National Vice President, South Zone-II, Mr. A.N. Balaji, Imm. Past Chairman, Mr. R. Nimrode, Vice Chairman & Chairman of the Corporation of Chennai Committee, Mr. K. Gopinathan, Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Sathyanarayana, Hon. Jt. Secretary met with Thiru J. Kumaragurubaran, IAS, Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Corporation) to discuss the financial difficulties and work pressure faced by contractors.

29-08-2024 Inauguration of the Association of Civil Engineering at Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering

The Department of Civil Engineering at Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering inaugurated the Association of Civil Engineering on 29th August 2024. Shri A.N. Balaji, Immediate Past Chairman of the Builders Association of India, Southern Centre,

graced the event as the Guest of Honor. After the installation of the newly inducted office bearers, Shri A.N. Balaji delivered an inspiring speech that resonated with the audience, earning widespread appreciation from all participants.

On 6/9/2024 to 8/09/2024 – HOUSE HUNT EXPO 2024

BAI and the Southern Construction Research and Development Service Society constituted by the Builders' Association of India, Southern Centre organized a House Hunt Expo 2024 at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam from 6th September 2024 to 8th September 2024.

The House Hunt Expo 2024 concluded successfully on 8th September 2024. As a token of appreciation, Bhishma Shri R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Trustee, presented mementos to all the exhibitors, acknowledging their participation and contribution to the event's success.

On 10th & 11th September 2024 - E3 Event: Paper and Project Presentations

The Meenakshi Sundararajan College of Engineering conducted its E3 (Enrichment, Enhancement, and Empowerment) event on 10th and 11th September 2024. The event was designed to enrich students' knowledge and skills through paper and project presentations, providing them with a platform to enhance their technical and communication abilities.

The event was inaugurated on 10th September 2024 by Mr. N. G. Lokanathan, Chairman of Builders Association of India (BAI), Southern Centre. Both the paper and project presentations were conducted successfully. The participation and guidance of the BAI-SC members were greatly appreciated by the college and the students.

On 19-09-2024 : Tree Plantation Program at YMCA College Nandanam Grounds, Chennai

The Builders Association of India, Southern Centre, in collaboration with YMCA College of Physical Education, organized a successful tree plantation program on 19th September 2024. Vice President South I, Office bearers and EC/GC members of BAI Southern Centre participated the programme. Over 100 students from YMCA College enthusiastically participated in the event, working alongside BAI members to plant 1,000 tree saplings across the grounds.

On 25-09-2024 : Seminar on GST & Income Tax (Finance Act 2024)

The Builders' Association of India, Southern Centre, organized a highly informative seminar on **GST & Income Tax (Finance Act 2024)** on 25th September 2024 at Dr. Ramakrishna Auditorium, BAI Southern Centre premises, Ambattur. The event was well-attended, with over 150 members participating.

The seminar began with a welcome address by Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Chairman of the Southern Centre, and an inaugural address by Bhishma Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Trustee. And concluded with a closing address by Mr. Mu. Moahan, Trustee and Past National President. Mr. R. Ramesh, Seminar Committee Chairman, organized the seminar, which concluded successfully and was followed by lunch.

On 12-10-2024 Ayudha Pooja

Ayudha Pooja performed on 12/10/2024 at BAI-SC Office premises, Ambattur by Bhishma Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Past National Trustee in the presence of Mr. Mu. Moahan, Trustee and Past National President.

17/10/2024 Oratorical Competition

An Inter College Technology Oratorical Competition event in connection with Builders' Day Celebration was conducted on 17/10/2024 at Dr. A. Ramakrishna Auditorium, BAI-SC premises, Ambattur, Chennai-600058. The topic of the speech was "**RESILIENT TODAY – SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW**". Students from various colleges have participated in competition. Three Consolation prizes and participation certificates were announced and Participants College and students were informed to receive the same on Builders' Day Celebrations scheduled on 25/10/2024.

25/10/2024 Builders' Day Celebration at Dr. Ambedkar Arangam, ICF, Chennai.

A Medical Camp in Commemoration of Builders' Day Celebration was conducted for the Construction workers. Mr. A. Sathyanarayana, Workers' Health Camp Committee Chairman organized the camp and around 400 plus workers were screened by the panel of doctors from M/s Apollo Hospitals & Saveetha Dental University. Free medicines were issued to the Construction workers. To entertain the Construction workers' a variety entertainment programme was organised. Builders' Day Celebrations commence in the presence of Thiru K. Viswanathan, All India President, BAI. Dr. Ruby R. Manoharan, M.L.A. Nanguneri Assembly Constituency and CMD, Ruby Builders & Promoters was the Chief Guest. Thiru S. Rajendiran, Chief Engineer (General), Greater Chennai Corporation, Thiru R. Sivakumar, Vice President, South Zone-II, BAI, Thiru B. Palanivel, State Chairman, BAI-TN, Puducherry, A & N Islands and Thiru Mu. Moahan, Trustee & Past National President, BAI were the Guest of Honors.

01-11-2024 to 13-11-2024 International Study Tour

From 1st November 2024 to 13th November 2024, 17 Office Bearers and EC/GC members of the BAI Southern Centre participated in an International Study Tour. The tour was meticulously organized by Mr. L. Venkatesan,

International Tour Committee Chairman, under the guidance of Bhishma Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Trustee. The delegation visited Germany, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic with the primary objective of gaining insights into the latest construction technologies, infrastructure development, road safety measures and progressive ideas for future development.

18-11-2024 Meeting with Thiru Shiv Das Meena, I.A.S., Chairperson, TNRERA

On 18th November 2024, a delegation from the Builders' Association of India, comprising Mr. R. Sivakumar, National Vice President, South Zone-II; Mr. K. Venkatesan, State Secretary; Mr. S. Ramaprabhu, CMDA & DTCP Committee Chairman; Mr. L. Shantha Kumar, RERA Committee Chairman; and Mr. A. Sathyanarayana, Joint Secretary, BAI Southern Centre, met with Thiru Shiv Das Meena, IAS, Chairperson, TNRERA. The delegation discussed challenges faced by the real estate industry related to RERA approvals and requested the Chairperson's support in resolving these issues.

19/11/2024: 41st AGM of the Southern Construction Research and Development Service Society

The 41st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Southern Construction Research and Development Service Society was convened on 19th November 2024 at Dr. A. Ramakrishna Auditorium, BAI-SC premises, Ambattur, Chennai, at 4:00 pm. The Annual Report for the financial year 2023-24 was presented to the members.

Mr. S. Ramaprabhu, President of the Society, welcomed all attendees, including Bhishma Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Trustee, Mr. Mu. Moahan, Trustee and Past National President, Mr. R. Sivakumar, National Vice President, South Zone-II, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman, Mr. L. Venkatesan, Zonal Secretary, and other office bearers and society members.

20/11/2024 80th Product Assessment Committee Meeting.

The 80th PWD Product Assessment Committee Meeting for the approval of Construction Products (Civil, Electrical) and Crushed Stone Sand Products (Commercially known as M-Sand) was held on 20/11/2024 in the conference Hall, Office of the Chief Engineer, Chennai Region, PWD, Chepauk-5. Mr. L. Venkatesan, Highways & PWD Committee Chairman and Mr. A.N. Balaji, Imm. Past Chairman, BAI-Southern Centre, attended the meeting. Chief Engineers from various departments of the Tamil Nadu Government, authorities from IIT, BIS, SERC, Anna University and other members of the Assessment Committee participated to scrutinize and approve the products.

03-12-2024 SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

On December 03, 2024, the Builders Association of India,

Southern Centre, organized a skill development training for site engineers and site supervisors in collaboration with M/s Ultratech Cements. The training, focused on the topic "Good Construction Practices," was held at SRM Easwari Engineering College, Ramapuram, Chennai. The program was well attended by 40 site engineers and site supervisors. Centre Chairman and other senior members were present at the event.

07/12/2023 Students Orientation Programme and special recruitment initiative

The placement cell of BAI-Southern Centre organized a special recruitment initiative on 07/12/2024, inviting final-year Civil Engineering students from St. Joseph College of Engineering. The program aimed to facilitate internships and provide recommendations for suitable positions in member companies. Centre Chairman Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Past Centre Chairman Mr. S. Ramaprabhu, Chairman of Civil Engineering Graduates Training and Orientation Mr. A.N. Balaji, and Hon. Secretary Mr. K. Gopinathan conducted preliminary interviews with over 20 students. Additionally, an orientation program was held to build competencies, enhance employability skills, and guide the young talents toward a successful career path.

11-12-2024 & 12-12-2024 National Meet a panel discussion on Modern Construction Technology.

BAI organised a National Meet featuring a panel discussion on "Modern Construction Technology" on 12th December 2024 in the Conference Venue of bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 Exhibition, India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The meeting was held concurrently to **bauma CONEXPO INDIA 2024 International Trade Fair** for Construction Machines, Building Material Machines, Mining Machines and Construction Vehicles scheduled between 11th December to 14th December 2024. Bhishma Mr.R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Trustee, Mr. Mu. Moahan, Trustee and Past National President, Mr. R. Sivakumar, National Vice President, BAI, South-Zone-II, Mr. L. Venkatesan, Zonal Secretary, South Zone-II and Mr. R. Nimrode, Centre Vice Chairman have participated in the above panel discussion and EXPO.

On this significant occasion, Bhishma Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President and Trustee, was honored with the prestigious *Nirman Ratna Award* in recognition of his outstanding leadership and invaluable contributions to fostering growth, development, and excellence in the construction industry.

18-12-2024 BAI-SOUTHERN CENTRE 2025 DIARY RELEASE.

On 18-12-2024, Seva Ratna Bhishma Shri R.Radhakrishnan, Past National President & Past Trustee has released BAI-Southern Centre 2025 Diary and Mr.Mu.

Moahan, Trustee and Past National President received the first copy.

31/12/2024 Exclusive MoU with M/s Sai Ortho Care Hospitals Private Limited

The Builders' Association of India, Southern Centre, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s Sai Ortho Care Hospitals Private Limited. Under this partnership, M/s Sai Ortho Care Hospitals Private Limited, located at No. 55, Sadulla Street, T. Nagar, Chennai-600017.

03-01-2025 Builders' Family Meet

To foster unity and create cherished memories, Builders' Family Meet a joyous event filled with more fun, frolic, games, music, entertainments, a real get together, relaxing atmosphere was celebrated on Friday 3rd January 2025 at the scenic Green Meadows Resort, 4/364 A, Anna Salai Road, Palavakkam Kuppam, Palavakkam, Chennai 600041. Members with their families around 300 have participated with more enthusiasm and enjoyed the meet blissfully.

10-01-2025 Meeting with Thiru J. Kumaragurubaran, IAS, Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Corporation

On January 10, 2025, Mr. R. Sivakumar, National Vice President, Mr. R. Nimrode, Vice Chairman and Mr. A.N. Balaji, Immediate Past Chairman, BAI Southern Centre met with the Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner Thiru J. Kumaragurubaran, IAS to present and discuss key grievances affecting our fraternity.

20/01/2025 General Body Meeting

The new Team of Office Bearers and EC/GC Members for 2025-26 were unanimously elected and the same was declared by Mr. J. Tajuddin Returning Officer, Elections 2025-2026 in the General Body Meeting held on 20/01/2025 at Padma Bhushan Dr. A. Ramakrishna Auditorium, BAI-SC Premises, Ambattur, Chennai-600058.

26/01/2025 Republic Day Celebrations

76th Republic Day was celebrated at BAI-SC premises with full pomp and fervor. Members took pride of glorifying and celebrating the spirit of unity. Sevarathna Bhishma Shri R. Radhakrishnan, All India Past President and Trustee unfurled the National Flag followed by National Anthem. Mr. Mu. Moahan, Trustee and Past National President, Mr. R. Sivakumar, National Vice President, BAI, South Zone-II, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Chairman, Mr. L. Venkatesan, Zonal Secretary, Mr. K. Venkatesan State Secretary, all senior Members graced the occasion. The gathering was followed by sumptuous breakfast.

28/01/2025 Collaboration with the Institutional Ethics Committee of SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre.

On 28th January 2025, the Builders' Association of India, Southern Centre, entered into a collaboration with the Institutional Ethics Committee of SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre to carry out a study titled **"Morbidity Patterns Among Construction Workers in Chennai District, Tamil Nadu, and Preventive Health Care: A Community-Based Mixed Methodology Study."**

29/01/2025 : Workshop on the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Act and other labour laws.

On 29/01/2025, a workshop on the Building and Other Construction Workers (BOCW) Act and other labour laws was successfully conducted by the Builders' Association of India, Southern Centre at BAI Southern Centre Ambattur premises. The workshop was well attended by over 100 members, and a sumptuous lunch was arranged for all participants.

12/02/2025 State Level Centre Chairmen, Centre Chairmen-Elect and Committee Chairmen Core Committee Meeting.

On 12/02/2025 State level Centre Chairmen, Centre Chairmen-Elect, Committee Chairmen Core Committee Meeting was hosted by BAI-Southern Centre at Radisson Blu Hotel Chennai City Centre, Egmore. Centre Chairmen, Centre Chairmen-Elect and Committee Chairmen of BAI Tamilnadu, Puducherry participated in the Core Committee Meeting. The Meeting was presided by the State Chairman Mr. B. Planivel.

19-02-2025 Pre Budget Meeting convened by Registration Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

A pre-budget meeting was convened on 19/02/2025 at 11:00 AM in the Main Conference Hall, 10th Floor, Namakkal Kavingnar Maligai, Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai, to hear the views of all stakeholders. Mr. S. Ramaprabhu, Committee Chairman, CMDA/DTCP, and Mr. L. Shantha Kumar, Committee Chairman, RERA/Real Estate, BAI-Southern Centre, participated in the discussion and presented various issues concerning the construction industry for consideration.

19/02/2025 – MoU with Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College

On 19/02/2025, Mr. N.G. Lokanathan, Centre Chairman, along with Mr. R. Nimrode, Vice Chairman, and Mr. A. Sathyanarayana, Joint Secretary, BAI-Southern Centre, signed an MoU with the Secretary of Meenakshi Sundararajan Engineering College, Kodambakkam, Chennai. This collaboration marks a significant milestone in fostering industry-academic partnerships.

24/02/2025 to 28/02/2025 FAMILY TOUR TO SRI LANKA

A family tour to Sri Lanka was organized from 22nd February 2025 to 28th February 2025. The tour provided

an excellent opportunity for members and their families to bond, explore new places, and strengthen friendship within the association. The tour was attended with their families by chairman, Office bearers and other senior members.

26/03/2025 Inauguration of In-Plant Training on Draughtsman Civil for Government ITI Students.

Southern Centre, as part of its initiative to support and ensure quality training for Government ITI students, has organized an In-Plant Training on Draughtsman Civil (CADD and Revit) for 100 students from Government ITI Women, Guindy, Government ITI, Ambattur, Government ITI (Women) Ambattur, and Government ITI North Chennai. This training aims to equip students with essential skills and real-time industry knowledge, considering their economic background and limited exposure. The program conducted by faculty from CADD Labs, Anna Nagar, spans 75 days to provide practical learning and industry-relevant expertise.

TEZPUR CENTRE

On 25th May 2024, Shri Surajit Ghosh as Chairman, Shri Debasish Nath as Secretary, Shri Jay Prakash Mishra as Treasurer, the entire executive team and the Members of BAI Tezpur Centre were installed in the presence of Shri Ashok Chandak, BAI Vice President (East) as the Chief Guest and Shri Pinak Pani Nath, State Coordinator as Guest of Honour.

Initially Tezpur Centre team proposed to open the Centre with 5 Patron Members and 10 Annual Members but on installation day total 36 members (including 2 lady members) were installed as members of BAI family where 18 Patron Members and 18 Annual Members joined BAI. Ultimately, with the support of State Co-Ordinator Shri Pinak Pani Nath, BAI Vice President (East) Shri Ashok Chandak and BAI Headquarters, the Tezpur team was successful in setting up a new BAI Centre in Tezpur.

On 06-June-2024, members of BAI Tezpur Centre working at MES Tezpur met Shri Ashish Nath, IDSE, CWE Tezpur (MES) and were introduced to the newly installed BAI Tezpur Centre.

Meeting With Chief Engineer Siliguri Zone (Mes) :- On 23-Sept-2024 Chairman Shri Surajeet Ghosh and Executive Member Shri Dipankar Dey met the Chief Engineer Siliguri Zone and submit the issues faced by the builders working in MES under CWE Tezpur and A fruitful discussion was held for the welfare of the members of Tezpur branch.

Attended Meeting/ Orientation Program Called By Sonitpur District Administration

Assam State Disaster Management Authority Assam Govt. along with Sonitpur District administration and District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) invited the

members of BAI Tezpur Branch to attend One day workshop on Earthquake Risk Mitigation. Accordingly, 20 Members of Tezpur Branch attended the same and the members were felicitated with a certificate by the district administration. The members learned a lot about earthquake prevention during building construction from the learned Professors/Speakers of Tezpur University.

Attended Meet Called By Cwe Tezpur :- Builders working in Tezpur under MES department are facing lot of problems. BAI Tezpur Centre requested CWE Tezpur Mrs. Parveen Banu to look into the matter. Accordingly, Mrs. Banu called a meeting 25-Oct-2024 at Solmara MES Complex and all the members along with the officials of MES department attended the meeting and a fruitful discussion was held.

Diwali Celebration :- BAI Tezpur Centre provided school bags, school shoes, crackers, utensils, sweets etc. to 28 children of Mercy Child Care Home (Orphanage) on the eve of Diwali on 30-Oct-2024.

BAI Tezpur Centre distributed Sweets and Greeting to the officials of in and around Tezpur of MES Establishment of Tezpur Army Station, Missa Army Camp, Tezpur Airforce Station, Charduar Army Station, Missamari Army Station.

Annual General Meeting Of Tezpur Branch :- 1st Annual General Meeting of BAI Tezpur Branch was held on 21-Dec-2024 at Hotel Green Wood, Tezpur and Immediate after the AGM Election process was successfully completed for the Year 2025-26 under the leadership of Shri Tapan Kumar Borah, Election Officer 2025-26.

Calender Distribution :- To promote BAI, Tezpur Centre took an initiative of PR Exercise. BAI Tezpur Centre not only distributed New Year office calendars to the Government Engineering Departments located in Tezpur but also Calendars were put up in government offices by the members of BAI Tezpur Centre.

BAI Tezpur Family Picnic :- A family get-together was organized by BAI Tezpur Centre in the form of a picnic on the bank of Brahmaputra on 19th January 2025. All the members enjoyed the party with their family members.

THANJAVUR CENTRE

On 02.04.2024 MOU between Thanjavur Center and Thanjavur. PRIST University renewed for another 2 years.

On 15.04.2024 the swearing-in ceremony of Thanjavur Center was held at Mathakottai. State President Shri. B. Palanivel attended and administered oath to the new administrators. During the ceremony 13 new patron members and 4 new annual members were added in centre. A Shri. Rtn. PDG. Er.N.Manimaran, Chamber of Commerce & Industry attended and highlighted.

On 11.05.2024 on that day Thanjavur center became the

51st center in Tamil Nadu, and the Hosur center was inaugurated by former Indian President and former National Guard Bhishma Thiru. R. Radhakrishnan A. All India President Shri. K. Viswanathan, All India Vice President Shri. R. Sivakumar, State Immediate Past President Shri. M. Ayyappan, State Secretary, Treasurer and former State Presidents participated and graced the occasion.

On 23 & 24.05.2024 first state-level MC&GC meeting was held in Tirunelveli. We celebrated it with the participation of key executives including the chairman.

On 30.06.2024 free heart health checkup was conducted for our center members at Thanjavur Kamachi Hospital. 150 members of the center participated and benefited.

On 30.06.2024, Thanjavur Center provided Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) as educational assistance to the children of the families of unorganized workers.

25.07.2024 we have added Royal Sundaram General Insurance to all members of our Thanjavur center under accident insurance plan to cover accidental losses.

On 13.09.2024 our Thanjavur Center along with Department of Environment and Climate Change & Indian Institute for Human Settlements conducted a Seminar on "Energy Efficient Habitate". Our members participated and benefited a lot.

On December 29, 2024, the centre hosted a grand celebration of Family Function and Builders' Day, themed "Resilient Today - Sustainable Tomorrow". Former Secretary. Mr. Naina, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award and Chola kings were known for their architecture. Er. R.K. Kumar, Er.S. Vaithyanathan A were honoured in their memory.

On behalf of the center, the Dairy & Calendar for the year 2025 was released and given to all members.

On 26.01.2025 76th Republic Day was celebrated grandly at our Foundation building. The flag was hoisted under the leadership of our Foundation Chairman and former Head of the Centre, Shri.G. Somosundara Bharathy. Former Presidents and Executive Committee members participated and graced the occasion.

A press conference was held on February 24, 2025, to protest the price hike of mineral materials for construction. The event was led by Shri. M. Ayyappan, Immediate Past State President, who gave an interview.

On 27.02.2025 A protest was held by centre members on condemning the increase in the prices of mineral materials for construction work and demanding the abolition of the Transit Pass system. Thanjavur Centre and Delta Highways Contractors Association, Thanjavur Construction Engineers Association and workers' welfare associations participated in this.

On 04.03.2025 A massive state-wide protest and hunger strike was held near the Thiruvavur bus stand under the leadership of our former All India President Bhishma S. Radhakrishnan. More than ten thousand people participated in this.

On 21.03.2025 Thanjavur Centre and Thanjavur PRIST University organized a Technical Seminar titled Educate, Experience and Establish. More than 100 students participated and benefited from it.

In January, we visited the Philippines with our overseas travel center members.

We highlighted the participation of key executives, including the chairman, in all MC/GC meeting events held at the state and national levels.

Total of 10 monthly Executive Committee and General Committee meetings have been held, with 8 meetings generously hosted by our Sponsor. Meetings were honored by the presence of past leaders and Executive Committee members.

THIRUSSUR CENTRE

On 19th July 2024 Thrissur Centre conducted a 'Skill Development Programme'. Shri M. K. Varghese, Mayor of Thrissur inaugurated the programme and Shri P. N. Suresh, State Chairman, BAI Kerala was the Chief Guest. Shri K. K. Joy, Chairman, BAI Thrissur Centre presided over the inauguration programme. Mechanization and Skill Development are essential for the progress of any industry, and such initiatives will benefit both the workers and the industry as a whole. The programme is for training for construction masons, as a skill development initiative towards the mechanisation of the industry for meeting enhanced productivity & quality standards.

On 9th October 2024 BAI Thrissur Centre organised a 'Mentorship Programme' which was inaugurated by Smt. K. Meenakshy, Principal, Government Engineering College Thrissur. The 'Mentorship Programme' is designed to provide engineering students with valuable hands-on experience by offering weekly training at active construction sites of BAI members. The program aims to enhance settings to activate Window their overall competence, giving them an edge in a competitive field. The structure of the program consists of: Practical Experience: Students apply classroom 1) knowledge through hands-on training at real construction sites. 2) Industry Exposure: Site visits expose students to industry practices, tools, and technologies. 3) Skill Development: The program enhances technical skills and understanding of construction processes.

On the occasion of 'World Habitat Day' BAI Thrissur Centre conducted a seminar on 'The role of emerging youth in achieving sustainable development towards housing for all'. Prof. Ajith Kaliyath, Urban Chair

Professor, Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Thrissur was the Keynote Speaker.

January 2025 - BAI Thrissur Centre arranged a 'Technical Site Visit' to the under construction Azhikode - Munambam bridge, being constructed by M/s Cherian Varkey Construction Company. BAI members led by Shri K.K. Joy, Chairman, BAI, Thrissur Centre and Shri P. N. Suresh, State Chairman, BAI Kerala and faculty and students of Government Engineering College took part in the 'Technical Site Visit'.

BAI Thrissur Centre in collaboration with the Labour Department, Government of Kerala, conducted a 'Migrant Labour Registration Drive' under the theme 'Empowering Labourers-Enriching Lives' on the 'Athidhi Portal'. The 'Athidhi Portal' is a initiative by the Government of Kerala to recognise and protect the rights and welfare of migrant workers, who contribute significantly to Kerala's economy and development. The camp hosted by M/s Indraneelam Builders, member of BAI. Registered labourers are now eligible for:

1. Free ID cards
2. Free medical treatment up to 225,000 in government hospitals
3. Free life insurance coverage worth ₹2,00,000 in case of death within Kerala.

TIRUCHIRAPPALLI CENTRE

BAI Tiruchirappalli Centre have conducted 12 Executive Committee Meetings and 6 General body meetings for the year of 2024-25. The meetings are well attended by the members and deliberations took place. All meeting were ended with dinner. And the resolutions were recorded regularly.

Apart of above, organised installation function on 29th April 2024 at Hotel Ramyas, Trichy. Past National President, Thiru. Bishma R. Radhakrishnan was the Chief Guest who installed the Office Bearers, Past National President Shri Mu. Mohan Inducted 81 New Members and 15 Patron Members to our fold. National Trustee M. Thirusangu were the guest of honours. Felicitation by Past National President Shri A.K. Youssuff and BAI -Trichy Trustee Shri R. Devarasan. The function was went on well with large members, press & media. And ended with vote of thanks by Secretary Er. R. Ragupathy followed by Dinner.

On December 22, 2024, the Builders' Association organized a Builders' Day celebration, accompanied by a medical camp and a function for workers, held at Vestry School, Trichy. Shri K. Viswanathan, National President was the Chief Guest of the function. Apart from Tiruchirappalli centre, members from other centres also participated in the function. The program concluded with a cultural program or delicious food.

On 24th November 2024 organised Diary 2025 Release Function at Hotel Red Fox, function attended by large number members of Tiruchirappalli centre. Apart from this, Past Chairman Day celebration was also celebrated on that day. Apart from this, the Ex-Chairman's Day was also celebrated on that day. All the Past chairmen were felicitated on the occasion.

We have attended 4 State Level meetings and 4 Exclusive Chairmen meeting of our state level.

Our audited account for the year 2024-25 has been submitted in time. As usual, the centre reached satisfactory heights of performance in this year.

TIRUNELVELI CENTRE

Executive Committee Meetings: Tirunelveli centre conducted total 12 Executive Committee meeting during the year of 2024-25. All meeting attended by the centre chairman, Mr. Selvakumar, Secretary Mr. Duraimuthu, Treasurer Mr. Shameer and other office bearers of the centre. During the meeting, the current activities underway at the centre were deliberated upon, and a comprehensive discussion was held on various pertinent issues affecting the construction industry.

Participating other centres Inaugural functions : During the past year Chairman and other office bearers attended the Inaugural Ceremony of Kanyakumari centre, Thoothukudi Centre, Tenkasi Centre, Chennai Centre, Rajapalayam Centre inaugural ceremony and Builders Day celebration of Kovilpatti Centre by centre, Chairman Mr. Selvakumar, Secretary Mr. Duraimuthu, Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Abdul Rahman, Past chairmen Mr. Jimmy Carten, Mr. Periasamy, Mr. Murugan. Members participated and took part in the celebrations.

Other programme attended: Office bearers of Tirunelveli Centre attended Tirunelveli District Civil Engineers Association Inauguration Ceremony / Technical Seminar on Green Building / Technical Seminar at Kovilpatti Centre / Industrial Seminar Enhancing Durability Of Concrete Structure at Tirunelveli / Industrial Visit (ACC Cement Factory) at Thoothukudi and new branch venuva tiles opening ceremony / This technical seminar was organized by Surya Dev TMT and IGH Steel Distributors / Press conference organised by Technical Department of ACC Cement Engineering / during the past year.

Inaugural function of Tirunaveli Centre: On April 26, 2024, the inauguration ceremony of our centre's new administrators for 2024-2025 was held. Mr. Selvakumar, and the new administrators were felicitated. The event was attended by centre members and their families, Secy. CREDAI and Chairman of NELSTIA featuring hospitality and successful organization. The entire event was organised by the sponsor.

Attended all National Level MCGC meetings during the

year 2024-25 by the Chairman and other office bearers of the centre.

General Body meeting: Tirunelveli Centre organised three state level general body meeting during 2024-25. First meeting on 25.05.2024 in Tirunelveli, 2nd meeting on 09.08.2024 at Namakkal, 3rd meeting on 15.12.2024 & 16.12.2024 at Mayiladuthurai, 4th meeting on 20.02.2025 at Tiruppur. Members attended in large numbers and made it a memorable occasion. Centre also conducted state level management committee meetings on 24th May 2024 at Hotel RR Inn, Tirunelveli. Members of the executive committee and general council participated in large numbers and made it a very grand memorable event. Apart of that on 29th January 2025 conducted general meeting regarding the elections for the year 2024 – 25. All the members of the centre, the executive committee, the general council and the former leaders attended this meeting.

Executive Committee meeting : The Tirunelveli Centre conducted a total of three Executive Committee meetings at Nelstia Office, specifically focused on Build Expo, aimed at finalizing plans and arrangements for the event, as well as deliberating on other pertinent logistics. Apart of that meeting conducted for 2025 diary on 01.10.202 at chairman's office. And diary was distributed on behalf of our centre to the members 24.12.2024 & 26.12.2024.

Tirunelveli Centre's Triple Jubilee Celebration Event : On 24.11.2024, the third anniversary was celebrated on behalf of the Tirunelveli centre. Five sewing machines were given to the poor and needy on behalf of the centre. All the members of the centre participated in the event as a family and made it special.

Posting messages on websites on behalf of our association condemning the rise in prices of construction materials such as M.sand, P.sand and Jalli In December 2024. Posters were put up throughout Tirunelveli condemning this.

On 15th August 2024 the 78th Independence Day of India was celebrated at the Trust Building of our centre. Our members, former Chairmans, managing trustees, EC & GC members, BAI Tamil Nadu Chairman Mr. Palanivel also participated and celebrated the occasion.

Centre and Tirunelveli District Small Industries Association (NELSIA) jointly organized the 13th Modern Architecture Exhibition -2024- for three days on 16th, 17th, 18th August 2024 at Palayamkottai. The National Chairman of All India Builders Association, Mr. Viswanathan, participated as the special guest of the exhibition. Members all took part in this event in large numbers and made it a grand success.

Celebrated Christmas, New Year and Pongal triple festival by the Tirunelveli centre's members along with their families on 1st January 2025. Tirunelveli participated as the guests of honor. State Chairman Mr. Palanivel participated as

the special guest in this festival. The ceremony was held as a grand family celebration and was a great success.

On 26th January 2025 celebrated Republic of India. Our Trustees Mr. Esakki and Mr. Basheer hoisted the national flag and delivered a special speech. Our members, former leaders, EC & GC members BAI Tamil Nadu Chairman Mr. Palanivel also participated in this event and celebrated.

The Women's Day celebration was held at the Balaji Mini Hall on 03.03.2024 behalf of our centre. Our Chairman Mr. Selvakumar presided over the function. As a special guest, Inner Wheel District Chairman Mrs. Swarnalatha Arunachalam made a special address. Our central members participated in the event.

Technical Seminar / Work shop: Centre organised many technical seminar on different subject detail as under: -

Special Technical Seminar on the Role of Redwoods In Economic Development 24.07.2024 at Balaji Mini Hall, Balaji Towers Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli.

Technical Seminar Work shop on Efficient Habitat – 2024 23.08.2024, 9.30 am, Hotel RR Inn, Tirunelveli

Technical Seminar the Challenges of Construction Industry 04.09.2024 at Sri Vari Hall, Balaji Tower, N.G.O. Colony, Tirunelveli.

Seminar / meeting on Negotiations to Reduce M. Sand Prices 11.12.2024 at Hotel Aryas, Tirunelveli. Technical Seminar on GST on 04.12.2024.

Technical Seminar titled Ultra Fix Building Products on 30.01.2025 Sri Vari Hall, Balaji Tower, N.G.O. Colony, Tirunelveli.

Technical Seminar Titled JK Tylo & Varlet 27.02.2025 at Sri Vari Hall, Balaji Tower, N.G.O. Colony, Tirunelveli.

Technical Seminar on Role of Builders in Real Estate Industry on 03.03.2025 at Sri Vari Hall, Balaji Tower, N.G.O. Colony, Tirunelveli.

Technical Seminar titled "Structural Impact on Load Bearing Structure" on 03.03.2025 Mini Hall, Balaji Tower, N.G.O. Colony, Tirunelveli. Most of the centre members participated in the above mentioned seminars.

Participants in various Business meetings: Builders and engineers of Tamil Nadu organised Ramco Cement Limited Family Celebration Event for Builders and Engineers on 04.08.2024 at Hotel Balan Hall, Krishnapuram. Sports competitions were also conducted during the event.

Participated in Meelat-Un-Nabi Religious Harmony Meeting on 17.09.2024, at Melapalayam.

Participated in A.R. Infra Opening Ceremony on

12.12.2024 at Palayankottai. Participated Opening Ceremony Of The Berger Paints Showroom on 23.12.2024, 10.00 at Tirunelveli. Most of the centre members and former leaders participated in the events.

On 11th February 2025 CNI, Tirunelveli chapter and construction network of India had a meeting at Hotel Aryas. Our centre Chairman Mr. Selvakumar was the guest of honor and made the event special. On 14th February 2025 centre and FX Engineering College have signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

On behalf of the Tirunelveli centre, we went on a two-day tour to Kerala Poovar ISOLA di COCCO Resort on 20th & 21st March 2025. Our State Chairman Mr. Palanivel participated in this tour as a special guest. Also, many members of the Executive Committee, General Council and former chairmen and members of our centre participated and were happy. The tour was well organized by Rajesh Electricals, of Tirunelveli.

On behalf of the Tirunelveli centre, a thanksgiving meeting was held presided by our centre chairman Mr. Selvakumar organised on 28.03.2025. Meeting attended by office bearers and special invites. Meeting in large numbers and made it special.

First Centre at National Level in New Member Admissions for the Year 2024 – 25: We are proud to state that we have inducted 37 patron Members and 19 Associate Members, on total 56 new members this year (2024-25).

We are proud to announce that we are the first centre to induct 37 Life Members at the national level this year and the third centre to induct 56 new members at the national level.

TIRUPATI CENTRE

Tirupati Centre hosted the 4th National-Level MCGC Meeting on March 6th & 7th 2025, at Hotel Fortune Select Grand Ridge, Tirupati. Centre co-ordinated with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) to arrange a special Lord Tirupati Balaji Darshan for the delegates. Captivating cultural program was organized, adding to the warmth of the welcome dinner and farewell. All office bearers of HQ and all MCGC members, special invitees and committee members were participated in the meeting.

The centre held multiple executive committee meetings during the year, focusing on MCGC meeting arrangements, local construction industry issues, and central organisational matters. Which was attended by Vice President Shri Pankaj Reddy, Center Chairman Shri G. Hemant Reddy, Executive Members and all Senior Members.

The centre submitted its audit accounts within the prescribed time frame. The election results were also sent within the stipulated time.

TIRUPUR CENTRE

Installation of New Office Bearers for the year 2024-26 organized in by the Tirupur Centre on 10.04.. Shri Er. K. Viswanathan, All India President was the Chief Guest, and Shri Er. B. Palanivel, State Chairman was the Guest of Honour. On that day installed R. Subramaniam as Centre Chairman, Er. S. Selvaraj as Centre Secretary and G. Senthilkumar as Treasurer and their new office bearers for the year 2024-25.

The Tirupur Centre organized five Executive Committee meetings at the Tirupur Builders Club, featuring welcome addresses by Chairman Mr. R. Subramaniam and votes of thanks by Treasurer Mr. G. Senthilkumar. Key discussions focused on the centre's future planning and initiatives.

On 03.05.2024, Participated Installation Function and All India Level 1st MCGC Meeting at Southern Centre, Chennai.

On 24.05.2024 participated in First State Level MC/GC Meeting @ Tirunelveli.

17 Members were participated in 2nd State Level MC/GC Meeting @ Namakkal.

On 20.09.2024, Tirupur Center Members were visited Shyam Steel Industrial Visit.

On 21.09.2024, Participated in All India Level 2nd MC/GC Meeting @ Durgapur Center.

On 14.12.2024, BAI State Diary 2025 Releasing Ceremony organized @ Mayiladuthurai Center. Welcome address given by Shri S. Jayabalan, Chairman, Diary Committee. Diary released by Bishma. R. Radhakrishnan, Past National President & Trustee. Apart of that other senior members were participated in ceremony. On that day highest Advertisement has achieved by Diary Committee Chairman and awarded with Gold Coin.

On 15.12.2024, Participated in State Level 3rd MC/GC Meeting @ Mayiladuthurai Center.

On 24.01.2025, Participated in National Level 3rd MC/GC Meeting @ Coimbatore Center. On that day Tirupur Center received Best Builders Day Celebration Award for the year 2024 from National President Shri K. Viswanathan.

Tirupur Centre, organized 4th State Level MC/GC Meeting on 20th and 21st February, 2025 in Tirupur. Meeting attended by Shri R. Subramaniam, Chairman, BAI Tirupur Centre, In the Presence of Shri K. Viswanathan, National President, BAI and Shri R. Sivaumar, National Vice President - South Zone II, BAI. Shri B. Palanivel, State Chairman, Tamilnadu, Puducherry and Andaman Nicobar Islands.

Bhisma Sevaratna Shri R. Radhakrishnan, All India Past President & Past Trustees, Past BAI State Chairmen, TN-Sub Committee Members, All Centre Chairmen, MC & GC Members and Special Invites were participated.

Election of the centre was held in the time bound manner and result forwarded to HQ for their necessary actions.

Educational Help Rs. 25000/- donated to Nursing College Student's Education. Donated the fund by Centre Chairman R. Subramaniam, in the presence of G.C Member Er. T. Vadivel, Vice Chairman Er. KAS Ramesh Kumar & E.C Members Mr. A. Bernard.

TUTICORIN CENTRE

Centre held 15 Executive Committee meetings in 2024-25, focusing on various events, including Builders' Day, Medical Camps, General Body meetings, elections, and strategic discussions on state and national-level programs, as well as collaborations with academic institutions. Executive committee members actively participated in all the meetings.

Centre conducted 15 General Body meetings during 2024-25, most of the meetings sponsored by leading construction material suppliers and manufacturers. These meetings included informative seminar programs. Meeting attended by Chairman, State Chairman, regular and senior members of the centre.

Attended other centres programme : During the year 2024-25 Centre chairman, GC members, Past chairman and office bearers attended various functions of BAI' other centres like in Installation function of Chennai / Kanyakumari Centre installation function / Tirunelveli Centre Installation function / Southern Centre Installation function / Orientation Program conducted by tirunelveli centre / State Level 1st MC/GC meeting at Tirunelveli / Attended Ultratech Cements RMC new plant opening in Tuticorin / Attended State Core Committee Meeting conducted by Namakkal centre / Attended State Level 2nd MC/GC meeting at Builders Mahal, eNamakkal / Builders day celebration at kovilpatti / Madurai Expo at madurai with family / State Core Committee Meeting conducted by Myladudurai centre / State Core Committee Meeting conducted by Tirupur centre / Green Building Committee Workshop on "Workshop on Energy Efficient Habitat – Enabling Champions for Climate Resilient Tamilnadu" at Kanyakumari.

Organised New office bearers Installation function. Our state chairman Er. B.Palanivel induced chairman and all new office bearers. Program Guest of Honour was Mr.P. Meeraza, Correspondent-Crescent Matriculation H.S. School, Thoothukudi, and our Felicitation was Rtn. M.Mohamed Ibrahim, President-Rotary Club of pearl city, Tuticorin.

On 29/05/2024 Meeting with corporation commissioner and issues of renewal of registered engineers application

sanction delay was given through a petition.

On 04/05/2024 attended National 1st MC/GC meeting at Trade centre Chennai, Our Centre Chairman, GC members, Office bearers and EC members attended the Meeting.

On 24/05/2024 Petition sent to the principal secretary (Urban Development & water Supply department), The director (Municipal Administration) and Commissioner (Corporation, Thoothukudi) regarding registered Engineer renewal delay.

On 05/06/2024 & 07.07.2024 Centre Chairman met with Adani Cements (ACC & Ambuja Cements) Regional Technical Service head and their staff at Chairman Office, discussed with Technical Plant visit and sponsor meeting.

On 08/06/2024 Building rules and regulation awareness meeting held at corporation office in presence of Tuticorin Corporation Mayor and Commissioner, our Centre office bearers, EC & GC members attended the meeting.

On 30/06/2024 brief Reports sent centre's audited statement of accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2024 sent to the HQ.

On 10/07/2024 centre Past chairman Mr. Oscar Fernando (Co-Chairman, State Private Contractor Committee) attended the Private Contractor and Flat Promoters benefit Consultation meeting from latest amendments in TNCDR 2019, RERA and Registration Department Consultation meeting held at our state office Chennai

On 12/07/2024 conducted Green Building Committee Workshop under the guidance of our Past chairman Mr. A.B.Pio (Co-Chairman, State Green Building Committee) topic on "Workshop on Energy Efficient Habitat – Enabling Champions for Climate Resilient Tamilnadu". Our state Chairman Er.Palanivel inaugurated the workshop along with thoothukudi Corporation Commissioner Mr. Madhubalan. IAS.

On 10/08/2024 during the State Level 2nd MC/GC meeting at Namakkal. Centre Chairman produced a Cheque of Rs 1,55,000/- to our national President in front of our state chairman, state secretary and state Treasurer for the Wayanad Flood/sliding Relief fund in favour of our thoothukudi centre.

On 13/08/2024 Went to viruthunagar and met some Engineers to join in BAI and took initial step to start a new viruthunagar Center under the guidance and presence of Mr. Kishore Kumar- State Membership Development Committee, Co chairman. Our centre chairman and secretary explained about BAI and orientation book was given to them.

On 15/08/2024 Independence day Celebration held in our Thoothukudi Builders Society. Our centre Chairman Hoist the National flag.

On 20/08/2024 Attended Special Business Campaign 2024 conducted by Tamilnadu Industrial Investment Corporation Ltd at Thoothukudi Collector Office. Along with all associations in Thoothukudi BAI was invited and our centre Chairman, Secretary and Vice Chairman attended the meeting and explained in our GB meeting about the Loan availability through TIIC for our machineries and Shuttering/scaffolding Materials.

On 04/09/2024 Industrial Visit to Adani Cements Factory with our members.

On 29/10/2024 Attended meeting with corporation commissioner, AE and LPA AD regarding Thoothukudi Master Plan 2041, our office bearers and EC members attended and discussion held.

On 02/11/2024 Free Medical Camp advertisement done through Auto with recorded audio voice and notice published to all civil labours and publics throughout thoothukudi city along with all office bearers.

On 03/11/2024 Morning Mega Medical Camp conducted at ASKR mahal around 500 members benefited in this camp. Medical Camp was inaugurated by Mayor Jegan Periyasamy and Our state chairman Mr.B.Palanivel in presence of our state treasurer Mr.Parameswaran.

On 03/11/2024 23rd Grand Builders Day family celebration held at ASKR mahal around 600 members along with family attended the celebration with the theme of Resilient Today and sustainable Tomorrow. Our state chairman Mr.B.Palanivel and our state treasurer Mr.Parameswaran was the chief guest.

On 08/11/2024 Durogaurd Steel door showroom was opened in thoothukudi our chairman was the chief guest and our office bearers and Committee Co-chairman attended and inaugurated the showroom

On 14/11/2024 visited Berger Training Centre at Tirunelveli and discussed about painting labour skill development training for 4 districts around Thoothukudi.

Same day visited FX engineering College training department head and HOD of Civil department and discussed about mega skill development training venue and date for civil engineering students around Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi colleges.

On 20/11/2024 Centre Members subscription fees RTGS payment done to our Mumbai head office for 204 Members for an amount of Rs 11,21,,998/-

On 23/11/2024 Skill development Training program done for Popes Engineering College Civil Engineering students in guidance of state Skill development Committee Co-Chairman Mr.Willis Selvam. Training was given by Our Centre Chairman Mr. F. Md. Mujahith Ali, Centre Secretary Mr.E.Maharajan, Vice Chairman Mr. John Jebamani and Centre Advisory (past chairman) Mr. V.

Velayutham in various topics likes interview preparation, civil scope , dos and don'ts in site as a site engineer, Fundamental Building approval plan preparation and motivation.

On 15/12/2024 Attended State Level 3rd MC/GC meeting at Myladudurai. Our centre chairman, Secretary, Jt. Secretary, GC members, office bearers and EC members attended the Meeting. Our Centre Chairman delivered the problem of registered engineer and requested to take step on changing the Gov. Rule on - violation on building construction- instead of punishing the registered engineer who is taking only plan approval but the building construction was not done by other.

On 23/12/2024 Diary Distribution to all members, sponsors and advertisers went to all individual offices by our chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Jt.Secretary, Treasurer and Centre diary Co-ordinator Mr.Shanmugaraj.

On 01/01/2025 Received Centre's Share of Membership Subscription from H.O Mumbai to our centre account.

On 26/01/2025 Republic day Celebration held in our Thoothukudi Builders Society. Our centre Chairman and our thoothukudi society Chairman Mr.Karuppasamy (Past Chairman, BAI Tuticorin) hoist the National flag.

On 29/01/2025 2025-2026 Election result for our centre was sent to our state office (Chennai) and head office (Mumbai).

On 12/02/2025 Our Chairman and elected chairman attended the state level core committee meeting held at Radisson blu Hotel, Chennai, Hosted by Southern Centre.

On 13/02/2025 Met Mrs. P. Geetha Jeevan, Minister of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment of Tamil Nadu and issued petition regarding Building Approval License fees reduction.

On 21/02/2025 Attended State Level 4th State level MC/ GC meeting at Builders Centre, Tirupur, Our centre chairman, Secretary, Jt. Secretry, GC members, office bearers, EC members and committee co-chairman attended the Meeting. Our Centre activity for 2024-25 book was released in the name of XXXX 2024-25 and sent to all centre chairmen, GC, MC members of all TN centres.

On 04/03/2025 attended State level Hunger strike protest in tiruvarur for the abnormal rate increase of M.Sand and aggregate.

On 13/03/2025 Our Centre Signed MOU with Dr.G.U Pope College of Engineering under the presence of State skill Development Committee Co-Chairman Mr.Willis Selvam and delivered the motivation and awareness of civil wanted to the students.

On 28/03/2025 Our Centre Family Meet with a topic of

The Magic of Happiness held at Thoothukudi. Our centre family members attended and enjoyed the event. Special Gold Coin was given to 5 Early bird members by UMA Jewellers (our member) and gift was sponsored by our member Mr.N. Murugan- Past Chairman.

Attended all MCGC meetings of BAI HQ by our centre chairman, office bearers and MCGC Members of the centre.

In 2024-25 new Patron 32 Members and Annual members 2 Nos were added in centre. Now over all Members 205 Nos (Crossed 200 members in this year).

UDUMALPET CENTER

Centre Installation Function :- Our Udumalpet Centre's 5th Installation was held on 06-05-2024 @ Rotary House, Udumalpet. The chief guest was our National President (2024-25) Shri K. Viswanathan & Guest of Honor was our State Chairman (2024-25) Shri B. Palanivel. The Special Invitee was our Pollachi Member of Parliament Er. S. Shanmugasundaram. Felicitation done by our State Treasurer (2024-25) Shri P. Parameshwaran. Many other BAI Centre members participated & wished our New Team of office Bearers.

New Members Induction:- Our Udumalpet Centre 2023-24 members strength was 34 Nos. Our New Team of Office Bearers decided to increase the membership. 36 new members were inducted. The membership increased from 34 to 70 members (105.88%). It is our remarkable milestone in BAI Udumalpet Centre's history.

Our Udumalpet Centre's GC members participated in First National Level MC/GC Meeting @ Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai on 3rd & 4th May 2024. We participated the Southern Center Installation ceremony on 3rd May 2024. There we met so many new BAI friends from all other states.

First State Level Mc/Gc Participation :- Udumalpet Centre's member's participated in huge nos in the 1st State Level MC/GC meeting @ Tirunelveli on 23rd & 24th May 2024. We participated in the orientation program. In this MC/GC meeting our centre members Shri I.V. Ravianand became the State Real Estate Committee Co-Chair & Shri K. Senthil became the State TNEB Committee Co-Chair.

First Regular Monthly Meeting :- Our Udumalpet Centre's First Regular Monthly meeting was conducted on 7th June 2024 @ Lt. Subash Renukadevi Memorial Trust, Pollachi Road, Udumalpet.

Technical Meeting - Udumalpet Centre organized a Technical meeting on the topic "Green Buildings Concepts & Construction Methodology" on 26th July 2024 @ Lt. Subash Renukadevi Memorial Trust, Udumalpet. In the meeting our BAI Green Building Committee State Chair Shri S.K. Chandrasekar was the Chief Guest and Dr. G.S. Venkatasubramanian was the Speaker. The meeting was

very useful to our members.

Contribution For Kerala Flood Relief Fund :- Based on the special request from our National President (2024-25) Shri K. Viswanathan, wide Head Office Letter No:304/J/2024-25. Our Udumalpet Centre members contributed Rs.60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand Only) for Kerala Floor Relief Fund. We are the first centre to contribute for Kerala Relief Fund among the 232 National wide centres.

2nd State Level Mc/Gc Participation:- Udumalpet centre members participated in huge numbers the 1st State Level MC/GC Meeting @ Namakal on 9th & 10th August 2024. Especially in this meeting more than 15 New members participated. It was really useful & memorable meeting.

Industrial Visit :- Our Udumalpet Centre organized Industrial Visit followed by monthly Meeting on 28th August 2024 @ Alamaari Factory, Anthiyur Village, Pollachi Taluk, Coimbatore Dist. In this meeting our new member, Alamaari Managing Partner Shri C. Rajasekar & his team explained clearly about the latest methodology in interior furniture manufacturing.

2nd National Level MC/GC Participation :- Our Udumalpet Centre GC members participated in the 2nd National Level MC/GC Meeting @ Durgapur on 20th & 21st September 2024. Durgapur center also organized industrial visit to Steel Plant.

Engineer's Day Celebration:- Our Udumalpet Centre celebrated the ENGINEER'S DAY on 15th September 2024 @ Lt. Subash Renukadevi Memorial Trust, udumalpet. In this event outstanding Engineers in udumalpet were honored by our State Diary Committee Chairman Shri S. Jeyabal, Er. Senthilkumar, Er. A. Sundaram & Er. Ilamathi were awardees. This event had a very good public image & was covered by Newspaper, TV News channel and local media.

Builders Meet:- Udumalpet Centre organised Builders Meet on 18th November 2024 @ Rotary House, Uduamalpet. In this meeting Karur Vysa Bank Manager Mr. P. Sivakumar explained about Bank loans for Construction Industry & clarified our members doubts. Then Entreverse Company, Founder Mr. Rithwin Sivaprakash explained about MSME benefits in construction industry.

Skill Development Programme:- Udumalpet Centre & JSW jointly organized Skill Development programme @ Sree Palaniandavar Meeting Hall, Udumalpet on 20th November, 2024. In this Skill Development programme 75 Masons & bar benders got benefitted.

Udumalpet Book Festival :- In Udumalpet a 7 days event "Udumalpet Book Festival" was organized every year. Udumalpet centre sponsored one day programme for the Book festival. In this event local people like Students,

Teachers, Speakers & Story writers etc, participated.

Megha Build Expo (Asthivaaram) :- Udumalpet Centre had the opportunity to conduct a Megha Build Expo in the name of “ASTHIVAARAM” in joined hands with Udumalai Tamil Isai Sangam on Jan 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2025 @ Tejas Mahall, Udumalpet. We organized 90 stalls & more than 20,000 public visited our expo. In this expo our Builders’ Association of India, Tamilnadu, Puduchery & Andaman Nicobar Island State Chairman Shri B. Palanivel & National Level NHA Committee Chair Shir. N. Ramalingalingam, our Member of Parliament Mr. K. Easwarasamy, Member in Legislative Assembly Mr. K. Radhakrishnan, Mr. C. Mahendran participated as Chief Guests. It was good public image programme to BAI Udumalpet Centre.

Build Expo Success Meet:- Udumalpet Centre celebrated the Success of ASTHIVAARAM megha Build expo on 22nd Jan 2025 @ Rotary House, Udumalpet. In this event our expo organizing committee members were honored.

3rd National Level MC/GC Meeting Participation:- Our Udumalpet GC members along with 20 udumalpet center members participated in the IIIrd MC/GC Meeting on Jan 23rd 24th, 2025 @ PSG Convention Centre, Coimbatore. Also visited the Build Expo in the same venue.

Support To Palani Pedestrian Devotees :- Udumalpet Center jointly with Rotary & Indian Medical Association organized Fruits & Beverage distribution to devotees on pilgrimage to Palani Thaipoosam Fest on February, 12th, 2025 @ Palani Road, Udumalpet. We also arranged the medical aid to devotees.

Participation of 5th State Level Mc/Gc Meeting: - Udumalpet center members participated in the IVth State Level MC/GC Meeting on 20th & 21st February, 2025 @ Tiruppur. In this meeting more than 25 members participated the meeting. Our members gave a good feedback on the meeting.

Participation of 4th National Level MC/GC Meeting :- Our Udumalpet Centre GC Members participated in the 4th National Level MC/GC Meeting on 6th & 7th March, 2025 @ Tirupathi. Really we enjoyed the meeting. Especially the trip organized for Lord Sri Venkateswara Darshan was excellent.

Speaker Meeting About Documentation :- Udumalpet Centre organised a Special Speaker Meeting on 29th March, 2025 @ Lt. Subash Renukadevi Memorial Trust. In this meeting our Member Shri A. Senthilkumar, Advocate & Document Consultant explained all Practical difficulties in Land Registration documentation process. Then lot of doubts by our members was clarified by our speaker.

UDUPI CENTRE

The inauguration ceremony of the Udupi Centre of Builders Association of India was held on March 29, 2024

at Hotel Sharon, Kundapur and was presided over by Shri Nagaraj Bayari, Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre. The former National President Shri Vijaya Raghava Reddy inaugurated the program. Former National Vice President Shri N.S. Muralidhar administered the oath to the BAI Udupi Centre Shri Arun Kumar Hegde as President, Er. Ramanand K. Engineer as Secretary, and the other office bearers.

The newly elected President Shri Arun Kumar Hegde and the resource person. Shri GM Rebello was felicitated and honoured by the State Chairman, Shri Srinivasa Reddy. First Vice President Shri Eknath Bolar, Treasurer Shri Rowan D Costa, Advisor Shri Sridhar Shenava, Er. Puneeth Shetty, Shri Siddharaju, Shri Rajiv Kotian, Shri Rajath Hegde etc. were present. Shri N.M Hegde compered the program and proposed vote of thanks.

The BAI Udupi Centre held five Executive Committee meetings to discuss key issues affecting its members and organizational matters related to the centre smooth functioning. Meetings attended by the Executive Committee members as well as the all office bearers of the centre.

A General Body Meeting was held on 20th July 2024 at Philomena Commercial Park, Koni Road, Shri Arun Kumar Hegde as the President. Shri Nagaraj Bayari, Immediate past Chairman, Mysore Centre, was the chief guest. Shri Muniyappa was present as a guest of honour. Secretary Er. Ramananda K welcomed the gathering and informed the activities of BAI Udupi Centre. He requested members to register in large numbers and to become patron members.

The chief guest, Shri Nagaraj Bayari, gave information about the benefits of becoming a Patron member and explained the functioning of the Mysore centre. He encouraged the members to become patron members. He explained about the respect and dignity of our organization at the state and national level. On this occasion the chief Guests were felicitated and honoured. Shri Hariprasad Rai was felicitated and honoured for sponsoring the meeting.

Shri Mahesh Hegde was the first person of becoming a Patron member and everyone congratulated and honoured him. Encouraged by this about 16 other members come forward and announced that they would become patron members. They were all honoured by the Chairman. The program ended with the vote of thanks from Shri Rajat Hegde.

On 30 August 2024, The Udupi, Centre was officially registered with the full payment of 20 Patron members’ fees along with the Information of members of our organization.

On 15th September 2024, Engineers Day was celebrated jointly with Lions Club Hangluru at Philomena

Commercial Centre. Engineer ShriVijaya shetty was the Chief Guest.

On the occasion of Engineer Day on 16th September 2024, renowned Engineer Dr. M.S Shetty was felicitated at his home at Koteswara. Dr. M.S Shetty appreciated the organization for doing good work in many parts of the country. He was happy that the Udupi Centre has been started in Kundapura, his home town. Shri K M Shetty, a renowned Builders & Developers of Udupi, has been appointed as a Patron member of our centre.

Our Udupi Centre has grown into a strong organization with a total of 33 Patron members. There is no doubt that we will organize more programs in the days to come and emerge as a great centre. ID cards have already been made and distributed to all our members.

VIJAYWADA CENTRE

On September 4, 2024, the BAI Vijayawada Centre conducted a flood relief camp in Budameru, Vijayawada, distributing vital supplies such as meals, snacks, milk, and water bottles to those in need.

The centre's Chairman and senior members were actively engaged in various initiatives. The centre also sent its audited financial statements timely to the headquarters and maintained excellent meeting attendance.

Throughout 2024-25, the centre's including the Chairman and MCGC members, demonstrated strong commitment through active participation in initiatives and meetings.

VISHAKHAPATNAM CENTRE

On 10th April 2024 Vishakhapatnam centre organized Dr.

Susarla Gopala Sastry Founder, BAI, Visakhapatnam Centre Centenary Celebrations (1924 – 2024) and Installation of office Bearers for the year 2024 - 25 at our BAI Conference hall Vishakhapatnam. Programme attended by Senior Patron members Sri R. Venkateswara Rao, Sri M. Venkata Rao, Dr.S. Vijaya Kumar, Dr. K. Kumar Raja and Sri Ch. Ramakotaiah Past National Vice-President as Chief Guests to the Centenary Celebrations and made the function success. Some of the members from Institute of Engineers and Institute of Valuers are also attended the above Centenary function.

On 13th July 2024 we held a meeting with The District Mines Officer, Visakhapatnam for issue of Bulk Sand in connection with the government works with MES, DGNP, R&B, VPA GVMC and other departments.

On 5th September 2024, centre contributed Rs.25,000/- for an Engineering Merit Student which is sponsored by one of our BAI, Visakhapatnam Centre Patron Member for his higher studies and development.

On 13th November 2024, centre contributed Rs.25,000/- each, for an Engineering Merit Student and also to another person who is sick and seriously suffering from health issues, which is sponsored by three of our BAI, Visakhapatnam Centre Patron Members for engineering student higher studies and the other person for his hospital treatment and medicine expenses.

On 23rd January 2025, centre held a meeting with Sri S. Suresh Babu, Director, MSME regarding issue of loans upto Rs.5 lakhs to small Contractors and MSMEs, at our BAI Conference hall. Shri Ch. Ramakotaiah and other office Bearers and some of our centre members attended the meeting.

Election process of all the centre was held in the time bound manner and result forwarded to HQ for their necessary actions.



Builders' Association of India

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FUNCTIONING CENTRES

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AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

- Amravati District Contractors' Association, Amravati
- Association of Builders for Chennai Development
- Building Contractor Association Ichalkaranji
- Chennai Flat Promoters' Association - North
- Chennai Road Builders' Association Tamil Nadu Societies
- Chennai Suburban Builders Association
- Coimbatore Builders and Contractors Association
- Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI), Karnataka
- Contractors and Builders Association of Vidarbha
- CPWD Civil Contractor Association
- Earthmoving Contractors & Machinery Owners Association
- Flat Promoters Association (Ambattur & Avadi)
- Flat Promoters Association- Chennai South
- Gujarat Contractors' Association, Ahmedabad
- Jharkhand Local Thekedar Sangh, Ranchi
- Karnataka State Contractors' Association, Bangalore
- Kerala CPWD Contractors Association
- Kanchipuram Civil Engineers Association
- KIIFB Contractors' Association
- Latur District Builders' Association, Latur
- Mumbai Housing & Area Development Contractors' Association, Mumbai
- M/s. Municipal Construction Contractors
- Nagpur Contractors Association
- Pavers And Blocks Manufacturers Association
- Pavers Finished Road Builders' Association, Chennai
- Postal And Bsnl Contractors Societies
- Singara Chennai Builders Association
- Southern Region Petroleum Corporation Contractors Welfare Association
- State of Andhra Pradesh Building Contractors Association (SABCA)
- The Association of Engineering Contractors CMWSS Board
- Tamilnadu Fly Ash Bricks & Blocks Manufacturers Association,
- Tamil Nadu Solid, Hollow & Paver Blocks Manufacturers Association
- The Southern Railway Engineering Contractors Association
- Telangana Electrical Contractors Association

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PROXY

Name of the Member

I/We, the undersigned

of

being a Member of Builders' Association of India hereby appoint

of

or failing him/her

of

or failing him/her

of

as my/our proxy to vote for me/us and on my/our behalf at the 84th Annual General Meeting of the Association being held on **Saturday, 23rd August, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. at Hotel Babylon International, Raipur.**

Signed this



(Signature of Member
with Rubber Stamp)

Note: Proxies, in order to be effective, must be received by the Association not less than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please use BLOCK LETTERS

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To,

The Executive Secretary

Builders' Association of India

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Dear Sir,

Please enroll my/our* name as an ANNUAL/PATRON/CORPORATE/AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION* Member of Builders' Association of India. I/We* am/are* connected with the Building Profession/Trade and Construction Industry as (please tick relevant box/s):

Please mention your Company Registration Number with MSME _____ for our record purpose.

Construction Contractor	Real Estate Developer
Engineer	Consultant
Architect	Interior Decorator
Engineering Colleges / Polytechnics	Service Provider (Please specify) _____
Manufacturer and/or dealer and/or hirer in construction material/equipment	
Repairs & Rehabilitation Contractor.	

I/We* have read the Rules and Regulations of your Association and agree to abide by the same.*

(*Strike out whichever is not applicable, # will be given on request)

Please find herewith sum of Rs. _____ by Demand Draft / NEFT/RTGS No. _____ dated _____, drawn in favour of **"BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA"** towards the new membership subscription.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS							
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP		PATRON MEMBERSHIP		AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION PATRON MEMBERSHIP		CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP	
Entrance Fee	Rs.100 Rs.2,904	One Time Subscription	Rs.25,000	One Time Subscription	Rs.30,000	One Time Subscription	Rs. 3,00,000
Annual Subscription	Rs.200	Indian Construction Subscription	Rs.200			Annual Subscription	Rs.10,000
Indian Subscription							
GST	Rs.541	GST	Rs.4,500	GST	Rs. 5,400	GST	Rs.55,800
Total	Rs. 3,745	Total	Rs.29,700	Total	Rs.35,400	Total	Rs. 3,65,800

I/We want the membership in ☐ my name / ☐ company name. (Please tick relevant box)

Please issue membership certificate in ☐ my name / ☐ company name. (Please tick relevant box)

Full Name and Address of the Applicant: _____
(Name of the Membership)

_____ PIN _____ (Very Important)

Telephone: _____ / _____ / _____

Fax: _____ / _____ E-mail _____

Website: _____ GST/PAN No. _____

<i>Give names in case :</i>		<i>Names of Representatives duly authorised to attend and vote at the meeting (indicate against each whether Director, Partner or Executive Attorney) with Residence Address & Tel., Fax & Mobile Nos.</i>
a) Partnership firm (Major Working Partners only)		
1.		
2.		
3.		
b) Corporate Company (Names of Managing and Executive Directors only)	1.	
1.		
2.		
3.	2.	
and		
(Manager authorised by Power of Attorney)		

Proposed By _____ Seconded By _____

For & on behalf of _____
(Rubber Stamp of Company)

Date :

Place : _____ To be signed by Proprietor, Partner, Director or Attorney

Company specialises in :
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Important Note:

Applicants to membership of BAI will be further certified in their respective category. Such certification is available on payment of certain charges, details of which can be had on request.

(For office use only)

APPLICATION IN ORDER, RECD AMOUNT: Rs. _____ RECEIPT NO. _____ DATED _____

Membership accepted by the Managing Committee at its meeting held on _____ at _____ Membership No. _____

Remarks of office if any

By _____

For Builders' Association of India

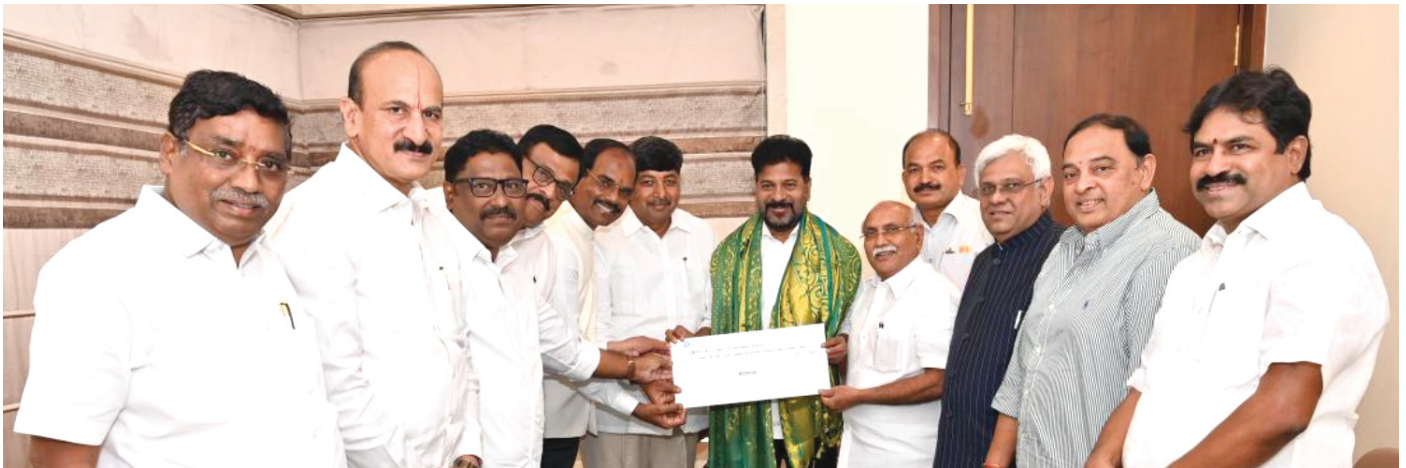
Note: The Membership application should be recommended by a Centre. Admission will be subject to the approval of the Managing Committee of Builders' Association of India.



During the 'Second Meetings of the Managing Committee General Council of BAI 2024-25' in Durgapur. Seen from left are : Anup Mazumder, Rajendra Singh Kamboh, Swapnil Salekar, D. Pankaj Reddy, R. Sivakumar, Ashok Chandak, S. N. Reddy, K. Viswanathan, Mohinder Rijhwani, Raju John, Rajiv Goel, Sanjay Das Gupta, and Harish Malhotra.



During the Third Meetings of the Managing Committee and General Council of BAI 2024-25 in Coimbatore, seen from left are : C. Lakshmanan, D. R. Sekar, Ashok Chandak, Anand J. Gupta, Rajiv Goel, S. N. Reddy, K. Viswanathan, Mohinder Rijhwani, Raju John, Aniruddha Nakhawa, R. Sivakumar, D. Pankaj Reddy and B. Palanivel.



BAI Telangana State presenting a cheque of Rs. 1,01,75,000 to the 'Telangana Chief Ministers Relief Fund'. Seen from left are : V. Satya Murthy, B. Sugunakar Rao, U. Surender, K. Devender Reddy, S. N. Reddy, D. V. N. Reddy, A. Raventh Reddy, B. Seenaiah, N. Sachitanand Reddy, Anirudh Gupta, V. Bhaskar Reddy and Kashinath Reddy.



Fourth Meetings of the Managing Committee and General Council of BAI for 2024-25 in Tirupati. Seen from left are : G. Hemanth Reddy, V. Venkateswara Rao, Rajiv Goel, Aniruddha Nakhawa, Raju John, Mohinder Rijhwani, K. Viswanathan, S. N. Reddy, D. Pankaj Reddy, Ashok Chandak, R. Sivakumar, Anand J. Gupta and A. Nagamalleswara Rao.

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