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AIBEA FILES PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) SEEKING APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL LABOUR COMMISSIONERS AND PRESIDING OFFICER OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL IN TAMILNADU.

The present BJP led NDA Government at the Centre has been taking various measures to dilute and weaken the labour laws of our country. Because of their pro-corporate approach, managements and employers are resorting to rampant violation of labour laws.

Lakhs of industrial disputes are pending in various Industrial Tribunals and before Regional Labour Commissioners. There are number of cases of loss of employment at the hands of managements and the affected workers and employees are approaching the industrial Tribunals for redressal of their disputes.

For settlements of disputes regarding non-payment or short payment of entitled Gratuity, Regional Labour Commissioners are the final Appellate Authority.

Similarly claims of non-payment of minimum wages to contract employees are also dealt by the Regional Labour Commissioners as they are the Competent Authority.

But unfortunately, many posts of Regional Labour Commissioners and Presiding Offices of Industrial Tribunals are remaining unfilled with the result that lakhs and cases of the affected workers and employees remain unattended.

In Tamilnadu, the post of Presiding Officer of Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court (CGIT) is vacant from September, 2017. Similarly, the post of Regional Labour Commissioners (RLC) at Chennai and Madurai are also vacant for months together.

In view of this, **All India Bank Employees Association has filed a Public Interest Litigation** before the Hon High Court of Madras **seeking direction to the Government of India to appoint and fill up these important posts.**

The Petition came up for hearing before the Bench consisting of Justice S. Manikumar and Justice Subramania Prasad yesterday and the Court has admitted the Petition and Notice has been served on Additional Solicitor General, GoI to reply within 3 weeks.

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