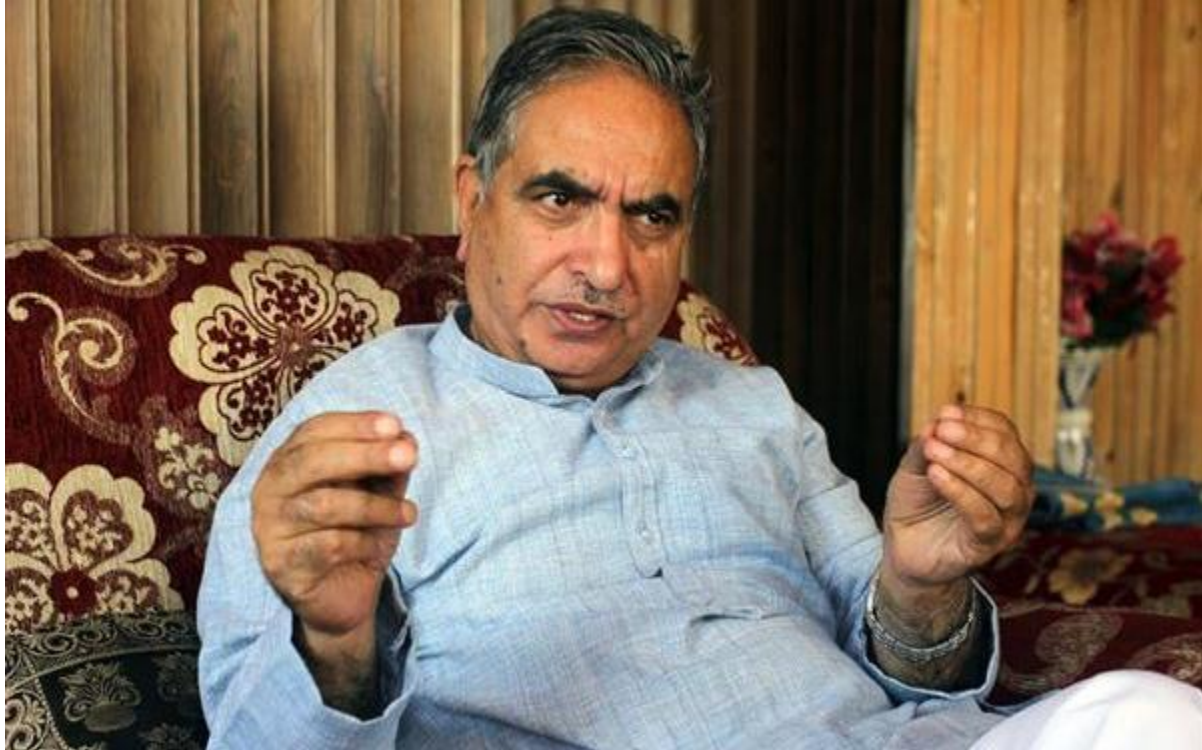


JKAP raises regularization demand of daily wagers with LG



Address their pending demands, take all stakeholders on board: Ghulam Hassan Mir

SRINAGAR, June 22: Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP) senior leader Ghulam Hassan Mir on Monday raised the regularization demand of daily rated workers of Jammu and Kashmir with the Lieutenant Governor G.C Murmu and urged him to resolve the issue amicably with all the stakeholders in this regard.

Mir, who talked to Lieutenant Governor, solicited his attention towards delayed regularization of

daily rated, need based, consolidated, contingency paid and NYC workers who are unnecessarily being pushed from pillar to post for their genuine demands including permanent absorption and release of pending wages.

“There are over one lakh such employees in J&K working as daily wagers, permanent daily wagers, need based, contingency paid and NYC who have been working relentlessly in various departments like PHE, PDD, Forest, CAMPA workers, Wild Life, Command Area Development, Education, Irrigation, Agriculture and R&B for the last over two decades. Unfortunately, the successive governments have utterly failed to address their genuine demands, compelling them to go for frequent strikes,” Mir observed.

The JKAP leader said that these workers are being paid meagre wages that too not on time. “How does the government expect these poor employees to run their day-to-day family affairs without wages and rising inflation?” Mir asked, while urging the Lieutenant Governor to intervene into the matter and invite all representatives of various associations to find a lasting solution to their problems.

Mir said that in the past, J&K governments had issued SRO classifying daily wagers, need based and other contingency paid workers under skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled categories and even their pay bands were also notified. “But nothing concrete was done on the ground and around one lakh such employees not only feel disillusioned but ditched as well,” he remarked.

Mir said that there are more than five lakh families whose welfare is indirectly related to the regularization of the daily wagers, need based and contingency paid, consolidated and NYC workers across Jammu and Kashmir. “The present dispensation should deal with this issue on humanitarian grounds and should not give these promising employees a chance to adopt a confrontational path to resolve their genuine demands,” Mir stressed.

The JKAP leader demanded that till their regularization, the J&K government should not only release wages of all such hapless workers but also enhance the same as per the Minimum Wages Act in vogue across the country.