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CITU supports the call of struggle of building and construction workers.

Due to the policies of the Congress government, the building and construction sector is facing a deep crisis. Government-backed black marketeers have created an artificial shortage of cement and other essential materials, jeopardizing the livelihoods of the lakhs of workers employed in this industry. Numerous building and construction projects have come to a halt. Various government and private works are stalled, and ordinary people no longer dare to undertake home construction or repairs. Consequently, workers in this sector are becoming unemployed. At a time when the prices of daily essentials are skyrocketing and the situation is already critical, the unbearable state of this industry has made life miserable and dire for lakhs of workers and their families, pushing them toward starvation and semi-starvation.

Workers are now moving towards a movement under the leadership of the Construction Workers' Union. Through a convention, the workers have adopted a program for a broader movement. On September 24th, thousands of workers in this sector will observe a state-wide sit-in demonstration to press for various demands.

The CITU extends its full support to the demands and the movement of the building and construction workers. The CITU calls upon workers across West Bengal to make this movement successful and to participate in the sit-in demonstration on September 24th.

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