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Smt. Rachana Bolimera, Assistant Director, Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Comments on the Code on Wages (Central) Rules as on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear Smt. Bolimera.

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We are submitting the set of recommendations on the draft rules (version July 7<sup>th</sup> 2020) of the Wage Code Bill. These are based on consultations with sugarcane and tea workers representatives in UP and Assam respectively and various civil society organizations working on labour issues across India. The list of the organizations are attached herewith along with the set of recommendations.

We look forward to engaging with you on this issue. We will be happy to provide clarifications and additional information if required.

Yours's sincerely,

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