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CABINET DECISIONS

**New labour bill
okayed**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday cleared a bill that seeks to merge 13 central labour laws into a single code that deals with occupational safety, health and working conditions.

The proposed Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Bill, 2019, would enhance the coverage of workers manifold and is likely to be introduced in Parliament next week.

The New Code has been drafted after simplification and rationalisation of the relevant provisions of the 13 Central Labour Acts. According to an official statement, the bills that get subsumed in the code include The Working Journalist and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service and Misc. Provision) Act 1955, The Working Journalist (Fixation of rates of wages) Act 1958, The Factories Act 1948 and The Mines Act 1952 among others.

**Tribunal for
water disputes**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the proposal of setting up a single, permanent tribunal to adjudicate all interstate river water disputes, by scrapping existing nine tribunals.

The main aim of setting up single tribunal is to solve interstate water disputes quickly, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar told reporters here.

As per the proposal, the new system of the tribunal will be mandated to deliver final award in two years, Javadekar said.

In order to give more teeth to the Tribunal, it is proposed that whenever it gives an order, the verdict gets notified automatically, the sources said.

Currently, there are nine tribunals functioning including Mahadayi and Krishna water disputes, at the moment and each tribunal takes around "17 to 27" years to pronounce its final order on disputes.

**Transgender
bill in Parl soon**

NEW DELHI, DHNS: A bill to provide protection to the rights of the transgender community members and empower them socially, educationally and economically will be brought in Parliament in the ensuing Session.

The Union Cabinet at its meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a proposal to introduce the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019 in the next Session of Parliament.

"The bill will benefit a large number of transgender persons, mitigate the stigma, discrimination and abuse against this marginalised section and bring them into the mainstream of society.

"This will lead to inclusiveness and will make the transgender persons productive members of the society," the government said in a statement after the cabinet meeting.