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This Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been prepared for submission to the Lieutenant Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi under Section 48 of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act, 1991 for being laid before the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Construction workers constitute one of the largest categories of workers in the unorganized sector. For providing safety, health and welfare measures to building and other construction workers (BOCW) through levy/collection of cess, the Government of India (GoI) enacted the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act (Cess Act), 1996 and also framed the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Rules (Cess Rules) in 1998. Government of NCT of Delhi notified (January 2002) the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Rules, 2002 (DBOCW Rules) and constituted Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (Board) in September 2002 for providing various safety, health and welfare measures to BOC workers through various welfare schemes.

This Report has pointed out various shortcomings in the efforts made by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in providing safety, health and welfare measures to construction workers. The audit findings include absence of data on number of workers, shortcomings in identification of establishments engaged in construction work and workers employed by them, discrepancies in the data of registered workers, deficiencies in assessment and collection of cess, inadequate welfare measures provided to construction workers etc.

