



## Workers' welfare schemes stopped: leaders

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**KARACHI:** A five-member delegation of labour leaders of Karachi SITE area on Friday called on Sindh caretaker Minister for Labour and Human Resources Simon John Daniel at his office and apprised him about the issues of workers.

According to a statement, they said welfare schemes, which included marriage grants, scholarships etc, for workers' siblings had been stopped for the past two years by the Workers Welfare Board (WWB).

They said 70 per cent flats at Maymar Labour Colony had been allocated to workers; however, there was scarcity of civic facilities like water, electricity and gas.

The caretaker minister told them that he had directed the labour department, Sindh Employees Social Security Institution (SESSI) and WWB officials to computerise all record of the registered workers and centralise data for making access of workers to welfare measures trouble-free.

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He told them that he had also directed the SESSI administration to stop local purchase of medicine so as to provide quality medicines to workers at the SESSI healthcare facilities.

Members of the delegation were SITE labour forum chairman Khawaja Mubasher Zubair and its joint secretary Irshad Bhutto, National Trade Union vice president Mohammad Aslam Tanoli, Israr Ahmed Kohinoor of an employees union and Gul Zameen Khan of the SITE union, said the statement.

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