

'VITAL PART OF WORKFORCE'

GIG WORKERS BILL TO BE TABLED IN JUNE

Gaps in protection will be addressed to safeguard groups welfare, says Anwar

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THE long-awaited Gig Workers Bill will be tabled during the Dewan Rakyat sitting in June, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday.

He gave the assurance that all

concerns raised by gig workers would be addressed through the landmark legislation that aimed to provide stronger safeguards for their welfare.

"God willing, the shortcomings faced by gig workers will be addressed through the bill, which we will table in the upcoming Parliament session," he said.

Anwar added that while the gig economy had become a vital part of the workforce, there remained significant gaps in protection and benefits for those in the sector.

"Several areas require improvements, particularly in safeguarding the welfare of this group," he said in his keynote address at the 2025 National Workers Day cel-



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim presenting the Best Media (Individual) Award to TV3 journalist Mas Zharif Aziz Desa, 32, during the 2025 National Workers Day celebration at the Axiata Arena in Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday. With them are (from right) deputy prime ministers Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof and Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, and Human Resources Minister Steven Sim. Mas Zharif was one of 12 recipients of the 2025 Workers Day Awards. NSTP PIC BY AIZUDDIN SAAD

ebration in Bukit Jalil here yesterday.

Earlier, Human Resources Minister Steven Sim, in his speech, said the government had finalised the draft bill after an in-depth study and consultation with 3,000 stakeholders.

"To gig workers, the government hears your concerns. You have been given empty promises for years. And though the government has changed many times, your hopes for proper labour protection have remained unfulfilled," he said.

"However, under the leadership of PMX (Anwar), the government has finally completed a historic draft of the bill."

Sim stressed the urgency of moving forward with the legislation.

"Support the government in tabling the bill in the upcoming Parliament session, for the sake of safeguarding the rights and welfare of our gig workers."

According to Sim, the proposed law, once passed, would provide essential social security protection for gig workers, who are currently excluded from many existing

labour laws.

The bill comprises four key components, including an official definition of gig workers — which will enable them to receive protections akin to those enjoyed by employees in other sectors.

It will also address income-related issues, such as unregulated pricing competition, establish a formal dispute resolution mechanism between gig workers and platform providers, and enhance occupational safety through mandatory contributions to the Social Security Organisation (Perkeso).