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Burgon MP, Labour's Shadow Justice Secretary, commenting on reports that lawyers representing the families of the victims of the Birmingham pub bombings can apply for legal aid, said:

“This is a welcome though long overdue announcement from the Government. Following the Home Secretary's unexpected refusal to fund the legal costs of the inquests, the families should not have been made to wait a further four months for this announcement. Labour has been pressing the Government to do the right thing and this development is welcome.

However,

Conservative cuts to legal aid still mean that families who do receive public funding are far from on a par with the resources of public bodies. This is another reason the Government must get on with its review of legal aid cuts.”

[National MSME Policy to be formulated for the First Time in India](#)

Dr.Prabhat Kumar, former Cabinet Secretary and Chairman One Member Committee for formulating National MSME Policy today presented its report to Shri Kalraj Mishra, Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

[UD Ministry takes serious views of delays in execution of NCRPB aided](#)

projects

Pink city asked to promote cycling and walking
Ministry of Urban Development has taken a serious view of delay in execution of projects in the National Capital Region that were extended financial support by the NCR Planning Board. Conveying this to the member States, Shri Rajiv Gauba, Secretary

CWC Signs MoU with IIT Madras and IIS Bengaluru to Support Their Dam Safety Capacity Building

Central Water Commission (CWC) under the Ministry of Water Resources River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation signed two separate MoUs with IIT Madras and IIS Bengaluru in New Delhi today

Rabi Crops Sowing Crosses 637 Lakh Hactare

As per preliminary reports received from the States, the total area sown under Rabi crops as on 27th January 2017 stands at 637.34 lakh hectares as compared to 600.02 lakh hectare this time in 2016.