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## **Union Membership for Contract Worker Creates Ripples in Guru Gram Auto Hub**

A First of its kind initiative by the employees' union of an auto parts Company in Manesar of granting membership to a contract worker has reignited the debate over contract workers' right to join unions.

The move has the Potential to bridge the divide between permanent and contract workers in the Guru Gram - Manesar - Bawal automotive belt in Haryana, according to workers' and trade unions' leaders.

On August 14 last year, Keshav Raj, a contract worker at Bellsonica Auto Component India Private Limited was granted membership in the company's employees' union and the matter came to light when the union mentioned his name in its income tax return filed this year.

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