



ALL INDIA RAILWAYS MINISTERIAL STAFF ASSOCIATION.
 DAHOD BRANCH WESTERN RAILWAY.
 (Regd. under Trade Union Act 1926 - Regd. No. 3185) Dahod,
 No. AIRMSA/DPD/74/1 28th April, 1974.

Notification.

Anxious enquiries are being made by the Ministerial staff for guidance as to what is the stand of the Local Dahod Branch of the A.I.R.M.S.A. in the matter of the ensuing All India strike from 8-5-74.

2) The time to time views of the Dahod Branch on the matter of Strike are given below :

1) At Annual General Council held on 18-4-1969 - Gorakhpur (S/Shri J.N. Wood and L.P. Shukla attended this conference).

Extract from the Minutes -

- a) Shri L.P. Shukla, Dahod Branch said that there are evil effects in service if we observe "KALAM SATYAGRAHA" as happened on previous occasion. The Dahod Branch is against "KALAM SATYAGRAHA".
- b) Shri Wood also supported the stand of Shri Shukla. He wanted such steps which do not bring in any service implications.

ii) At Annual General Council held on 13th and 14th August '69 New Delhi, (S/Shri J.N. Wood and A.R. Bhavalkar attended this conference)

The General Council passed a resolution of "ONE HOUR P.T.N DOWN STRIKE". However, Dahod Branch representative gave dissent note in writing against the "P.T.N DOWN STRIKE" resolution.

3) The Dahod Branch categorically advised the General Secretary of AIRMSA Lucknow in its letter No. AIRMSA/DPD/Special/Conference dt. 26-9-1969 - copy enclosed - while drawing his attention to the dissent note dt. 14-9-69 given at the General Council at Delhi that this Branch will not participate in such a move of "P.T.N DOWN STRIKE" if directed by A.I.R.M.S.A. although the Branch is equally keen for materialisation of the demands put forth by AIRMSA with the Govt. of India Ministry of Railways.

4) Amongst others, the Local Organising Secretaries in Mech, Elec, Accounts, Stores and Medical Deptts. at Dahod, to whom the above letter was endorsed, had been advised to impress upon all Ministerial staff that resort to "P.T.N DOWN STRIKE" in so far as this branch is concerned is out of question because Dahod branch of AIRMSA is not a party to this.

5) In light of the above, the Dahod Branch of A.I.R.M.S.A. irrespective of the fact what other branches may do, stand by its ideology "NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN STRIKES BUT ACTIVE THE DEMANDS OF THE RAILWAYMEN BY UNTIRING PRACTICEFUL NEGOTIATIONS and this principle equally applies for the strike which is to commence on 8th May, 1974. The Ministerial staff are, therefore, advised to attend their normal duties on 8-5-74 and onwards but if any one participates in the strike he shall do so at his own risk as the Dahod Branch of AIRMSA is not a party to this strike, although the present demands are justified which can be settled by negotiations.

6) This issues with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Dahod Branch of AIRMSA held on 28-4-74.

Incl: One letter dt. 26-9-69.

(M. F. Macwan)
 Secretary, AIRMSA
 & C.G. I, W.O.'s Office,
 Railway, Dahod. 28/4/74

(J. N. Wood) 28/4/74
 Working President,
 A.I.R.M.S.A. Dahod Branch,
 and
 Chief Clerk, Dy. C.M.O. (L)'s Office,
 W.Rly. DAHOD.

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- 1) Forwarded to the Ministerial staff of Mechanical, Electrical, Medical, Stores and Accounts Departments at Dahod, for information.
- 2) Shri B.R.Patkar, President, AIRMSA Dahod Branch and M.P., 23, North Avenue, NEW DELHI.
- 3) Dy. C.M.F. (L)/M.S. (W)/DOOS/DTT (W)/IAO (W&S)/Audit Officer, I.M.O. D/Site, Health Inspector, Welfare Inspector, IPF(L)/Sr. AEW (I)/ AEW (II). Dahod, for information.
- 4) The Secretary, W.R.T.U. & W.R.K.P. Dahod Branch for information.
- 5) The Secretary, W.R.M.S. & All India SC/ST Association, Dahod.
- 6) The Secretary, Indian Railways Tech: Supervisory Asscn. Dahod.
- 7) The GM/F&CO/CM7/CO5/CMO/DTT/CPO, CCG. Bombay - 20.
- 8) The Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
- 9) Shri C.M. Singh, General Secretary, AIRMSA, Quarter, No. 437/11/33, Hill Colony, Eastern Railway, Dhanbad (Bihar)
- 10) Shri Sujamal Jain, Zonal Secty. AIRMSA, Chaumukhi Pul, Ratlam.
- 11) The Adviser to the Governor of Gujarat, Gandhi ^{Highway}, Ahmedabad.
- 12) The Collector, Godhra/Mamlatdar, Dahod.
- 13) The Supdt. of Police, Godhra/The Dy. S.P. Dahod/PSI. Dahod Town.
- 14) Shri George Fernandez, Convener National Co-Ordination Committee of Railway Unions, C/O A.I.R.F., 125/7 Babar Road, New Delhi.
- 15) Shri K.H. Kulkarni, General Secretary, N.F.I.R., 166/1 Railway Colony, Panch Kulian Road, NEW DELHI.
- 16) The Station Director, All India Radio, Akshvani, NEW DELHI.

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Shri B.R.Patkar, President, AIRMSA Dahod Branch and M.P., 23, North Avenue, NEW DELHI.

Audit Officer,

ALL INDIA RAILWAYS MINISTERIAL STAFF ASSOCIATION.

DAHOD BRANCH

WESTERN RAILWAY.

No. AIRMSA/DHD/SPL-CONF.

Dahod,
Dated 26th Sept., 1969.

The General Secretary,
Central Office, AIRMSA, Kailas Bhavan,
Ghasyari Maadi, LUCKNOW - 1.

- Sub :- Special Conference held at New Delhi
from 11th to 13th August, 1969.
Ref :- Your letter No. AIRMSA/Spl. Conf/ND.69 dt.9-8-69
and this office letter of even No. dt. 9-8-69
sent with Shri J.N.Wood, working president of
this branch and one of the delegates deputed by
this branch, in the said special conference.

The resolution as regards the "PEN DOWN STRIKE" passed at
the above conference at New Delhi, was opposed to by the delegates
of this Branch, with the recorded note of dissent reproduced here-
under for your ready reference :

"The Dahod Branch of the AIRMSA dissents with the pen
Down Strike included in the resolution passed by the
General Council of the AIRMSA at Delhi on 14-8-69".

2. It is pertinent to mention here that this was in con-
formity with the "Line of Action" proposed by this branch, as
brought out in this office letter of even No. dt.9-8-69 cited
above.
3. The Clerical staff of the Accounts Department, Dahod, had
in the past resorted to such "Pen Down Strike" on 15-1-60, in
pursuance of their demands. This did not, however, prove of any
avail and such action constituted break in their service, conse-
quences of which the staff had to bear for a long term of several
years thereafter, till such time Condonation was granted in Sept. '62
after vigorous representations made on that occasion. With the
background of this bitter experience in the knowledge of this branch,
the line of action proposed from this end was quite within the
constitutional means which could have been very well accepted by
all the spokesmen at the said General Council. It is utterly
unfortunate that the seriousness was not appreciated by all concerned
while passing such a resolution despite the Note of dissent recorded
by the delegates of this branch.
4. It is once again reiterated that this branch shall not be
able to participate in any such move if directed by the A.I.R.M.S.A.
despite the fact that this branch is equally keen for materialisation
the demands put forth by the A.I.R.M.S.A. with the Government of India
Ministry of Railways.
5. We also take this opportunity to once again study the pros
and cons before giving call for PEN DOWN STRIKE, howthoughver
unfavourable developments may demand such an action. Once the call
is given and the Ministerial Staff follow suit all over the Indian
Railways, there is every probability that nothing but R'P'NTANCE &
L'NISURE would be the only lot they shall have to bear for years to
come. This will in turn shake the faith of The Ministerial Masses
in the Leadership of the AIRMSA which is yet awaiting recognition.
6. Under the circumstances, this branch once again requests
your goodself to think twice and many times ~~before~~ more before a
call for PEN DOWN STRIKE is extended to all the branches of the
A.I.R.M.S.A. all over the Indian Railways.
7. No doubt, we may launch untiringly peaceful agitation
time and again in pursuance of our outstanding demands.
8. We hope that once again wisdom would prevail and refrain
you, despite all odds, from giving such a call.

Sd/-J.N.Wood
Working President, AIRMSA Dahod Branch.

P.T.O.

Copy forwarded for information to:

- 1) Shri M.S. Murthy, President, All Indian Railways Ministerial Staff Association & M.P., 33, Canning Lane, New Delhi, for information and reconsideration of the issue of the PEN DOWN STRIKE resolved by the General Council which is apparently a harmful action detrimental to the cause of the Ministerial staff of the Indian Railways.
- 2) Shri B.R. Parmar, Branch President, All India Railways Ministerial Staff Association & M.P., 83, North Avenue, New Delhi for information and using his good offices to avoid a crisis at all levels.
- 3) Shri Sujanmal J. J., Zonal Secretary No. 2, B.G. Ratlam with reference to his letter No. AIRMSA/ZS/WR/69/2 dt. 23-9-69, addressed to this branch amongst others. It is considered that the correspondence exchanged between the Branch President of this Branch and the Hon'ble Rly. Minister in the months of July and August '69 should not have been made capital of, while alerting the branches in preparing for the PEN DOWN STRIKE, for the very reason that the outcome of the efforts made afresh after the said special conference held at Delhi after that date, are still in the offing. This branch once again renounces and reiterates its support to the note of dissent recorded by the Delegates in the General Council on 14-8-69.
- 4) Shri P.D. Khanna, Zonal Secretary No. 1, AIRMSA, W.Rly. IV/328, Lakhan Kothri, Ajuer (Rajasthan).
- 5) Shri M.G. Karandikar, Branch Secretary, A.I.R.M.S.A. Ratlam, Laxmi Bhavan, Freeganj, Ratlam (M.P.).
- 6) Shri Ram Kumar Nagal, Branch Secretary, AIRMSA Kota Division, 445/B New Railway Colony, Kota - 2.
- 7) Shri Satyapal Karra, Branch Secty., AIRMSA Kot Workshop C/O Shri V.P. Dhingra, Guard Plot No. 92/C behind Bhatnagar Building, Rangpur Road 2, KOTA (Rajasthan).
- 8) Shri Gopalkrishnan, Branch President, A.I.R.M.S.A. Baroda, 82/F Railway Quarter, PRATAPNAGAR, Baroda - 4.
- 9) Shri K.V. Rao, Branch Secretary, A.I.R.M.S.A. Bombay division, 4-11/12, Badran Nagar Malad (West) BOMBAY 64 N.B.
- 10) S/Shri S.V. Gadkari & H.M. Pathak, Org. Secretaries (Mech.) DFD.
Shri M.N. Shelat, Org. Secty. (Elec.) DFD.
S/Shri B.D. Natchac, / A.P. Modi, Org. Secty. & Auditor (A/cs) DFD.
Shri C.K. Shah, Org. Secty. (Stores) DFD.
Shri R.M. Talwar, Org. Secty. (Medical) DFD.

Resort to PEN DOWN STRIKE in so far as this branch is concerned, is out of question at any time and this should be very explicitly impressed upon all the Ministerial Staff of their Dep'ts. Despite this, if any member of the Association resorts to PEN DOWN STRIKE he shall do so at his own personal risk to which Dated Branch of the A.I.R.M.S.A. is not a party.

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE.

Dear friend,

20 lakh class III and class IV Railway employees are poised for a decisive action to win their immediate reasonable demands if the much desired negotiated settlement fails to be achieved due to the anti Railwaymen attitude of the Government and the Railway Board. I must confess and at the same time congratulate the category of Running Staff, i.e. Drivers, Motormen, Firemen, who by their single handed heroic struggle during the past one and half years have given confidence to the rest of the class III and class IV Railway employees that they can stand on their legs to achieve their economic claims. The Running Staff have undergone severe hardships and harassment, including arrest, suspension, transfers, prosecutions, disciplinary action and even today hundreds of them are suffering these disabilities due to their participation in the struggle during the past one and half year. The struggle of Running Staff was not only for their sectional demands, but it has helped to build up a mighty struggle of Railwaymen for common demands of all the categories such as revision of pay scales, guaranteed parity with public sector industries, 8.33% bonus for the years 1971-72 and 1972-73, all railwaymen be treated as Industrial Workers with full trade union rights including the right to negotiate, working hours of railwaymen shall not exceed eight hours per day, Dearness Allowance be linked to the cost of living index with full neutralisation for every rise of 4 points in a six months' period, Decasualisation of all casual railwaymen on their confirmations in service with all benefits given them with retrospective effect, all victimisation cases should be withdrawn and Adequate and subsidised foodgrains and other essential commodities through departmentally-run Shops. The credit for the present mighty preparation for a successful struggle on the Indian Railways goes to the Running Staff, who have shown the way by their united and brave struggles during the past year, which made the Railway Board and the Railway Ministry bow before the Running Staff.

Dear friend, thus the rest of the class III and class IV Railway employees are following in your foot-steps and holding you in high esteem as their true leaders in the struggle which is scheduled to commence from 6 AM on 8th May 1973. The decision of the Struggle was taken by the National Co-ordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle, which includes various unions and categorywise Associations including the all India Loco Running Staff Association. I urge upon you in the name of the Indian Railway is concerned it will be the Running Staff at the fore-front

No. NCCRS/

1/74
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Dated April 29, 197

Dear Comrade Raval,

I have your Post card of 22nd April. I am aware of the problems referred to by you in your post card and am doing everything possible to overcome them. I also hope the mutual misunderstandings and deviations which we are facing now will not come in the way of our wider struggle.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,


George Fernandes

Shri R.N. Raval,
Station Master,
RANPUR - 363610.
(Bhavnagar Division).

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Com. George Fernandez
 Convenor - N.C.C. for Railway's
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New Delhi

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R.N. Raval.
Station Master.
RANPUR 363610
(Bhavnagar Division)
Dtd 22nd APR 74

Dear Comrade.

Footing in Unity & Fair Beated
By You is worthy and a Golden
Line in History of Trade Unions Movement.
But Nepotism at Zone levels still
desires to be geared up. as they have
breathen since their birth in Trade-
unions to be Laques and to keep
their position and to uplift their own
under pretends of uplift of mass.

One of the member of National
Co-ordination Committee for Railmen
Struggle present at Bhavnagar on 2/4/74
He was invited Co-ordinately & in person
to demonstrate as per directive of All India
Railway Employees' Confederation but ignored
and avoided & pleaded he can lead 5000
not small nos. demonstration where as his
demonstrating performance was about 30 to 40
Personnel passed show to him in person.

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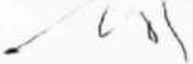
Dated April 29, 1974

Dear Comrade Sindhi,

I have the copy of your Press Note dated the 23rd April. A struggle seems inevitable and I am indeed glad that your Association is fighting this battle shoulder to shoulder with other colleagues.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,


George Fernandes

Shri J.C. Sindhi,
General Secretary,
Indian Railways Technical Supervisors'
Association,
Central Headquarters,
L-4/A, Grange Road,
Chorbagh,
Lucknow-1.

Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association

(Regd. No. 1329, under Indian Trade Union Act., 1926)

J.C. Sinhi
General Secretary

No. IRTSA/SS/74/MCCRS

Central Hd. Qrs.
L-4/A Grange Road,
Charbagh, Lucknow-1.

Dated 20.....
23.4.74


PRESS NOTE.

New Delhi dt. 23.4.74:-

Over 20000 Technical Supervisors will join the indefinite strike by all Railwaymen from 8th May for the realization of the 6 point charter of demands including scientific job analysis, parity of pay scales with Govt. undertakings, Industrial bonus to Railwaymen, subsidised grain shops, cent percent neutralisation of rise of cost of living index and abolition of casual labour system of Railways

This decision was taken by the central Executive committee of Indian Railways Technical Supervisors in its meeting held here today which ratified the decision of National coordination committee for Railwaymen's struggle (NCCRS)

A strike notice has been served by the Association on the General Manager of the Indian Railways and the Chairman Railway Board.


(J.C. SINHI)
General Secretary

Copy to Sh. George Farnadez convenor MCCRS, 125 Babar Lane
New Delhi.

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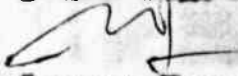
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Dated April 29, 1974

Dear Comrade Beri,

I have your letter of 23rd April. I am distressed to learn the attitude of one of the constituents of your local Co-ordination Committee towards your organisation. I would only hope that you will not allow this to come in the way of our struggle to secure justice for the railwaymen.

Yours sincerely,



George Fernandes

Shri P.L. Beri,
General Secretary,
Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh,
54-A, Main Market,
Bilaspur-174001
Himachal Pradesh.

Copy to Shri G.S. Gokhale,
B.R.M.S., New Delhi, for information.



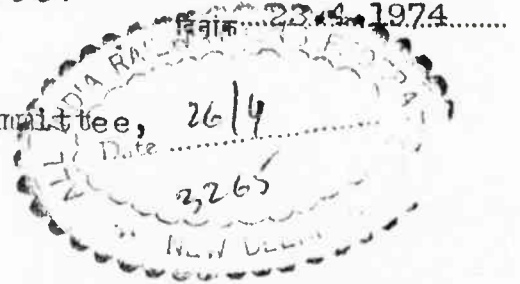
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क्रमांक भा०म०स०हि०प्र०/73-8-1

Sh. George Fernandes,
Convener of National Coordination Committee,
of Railwaymen's Struggle,
125-B, Babar Road, New Delhi.



Respected Brother,

I regret to pen down few lines for your information. Being a duty bound disciplined worker, it is my sacred duty to bring your kind notice that some elements are out to create rift among the Railwaymen and to uproot the poor employees unity. The historical day of 8th May, is approaching near when on the call of National Coordination Committee of Railwaymen's struggle, the employees all over the country will go on gigantic strike and we wish that pro-Government disruptive forces may not divide the workers.

I hereby quote you one incidence. On 21st April, I had a chance to attend the local coordination committee of Railway employees at Simla. Vice-President of All India Trade Union Congress Himachal Pradesh Unit openly criticised Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh and its affiliated Federation Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh. "Anti-labour", "reactionary", "Communal", "Capitalist" ect. words of communist dictionary were freely used for B.M.S. and B.R.M.S.. Participants of the meeting criticised the attitude of the Vice-President of A.I.T.U.C. Sh. I.C.Gogia S.D.C., a Railway Employee who happened to be present in that meeting, also objected the attitude of the Vice-President of A.I.T.U.C, although Sh. Gogia is also from A.I.P.U.C. Union.

Your goodself know fully well that B.R.M.S. is also a party in Coordination Committee. Should participants of National Coordination Committee of Railwaymen Struggle be

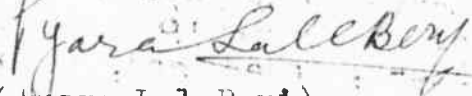
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treated like that? Will there be any unity among the workers in this way ?

Please note.

Yours Sincerely,



(Pyara Lal Beri),
General Secretary, Bhartiya
Mazdoor Sangh, Himachal Pradesh

Copies to:- Higher Officials of B.M.S. and B.R.M.S. for information and necessary action.

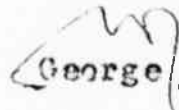
No. NCCRS/1/14

Dated April 29, 1974

Dear Comrade Sohony,

I have your letter of 25th April.
The necessary corrections are being made.
The receipt to the M.T.P. Railways Employees' Union has already been sent.

Yours sincerely,

 George Fernandes

Shri G.D. Sohony,
Deputy Secretary General,
Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh,
33, Moti Bhavan,
D'Sylva Road,
Dadar,
Bombay - 400028

RATIYA RAILWAY MAZDOOR SANGH

(INDIAN RAILWAY WORKERS FEDERATION)

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मोती भवन डिसिल्हा रोड,
दादर बम्बई-४०००२८

L. No.

Date 25th April 1974.

To

The Convenor,
National Coordination Committee
For Railwaymen's Struggle,
125 E B a b a r Road,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your No nil dated the 15th April '74, acknowledging receipt of Rs 650/- we have to point out the names of Unions as mentioned by you are not correct. Hence correct names are given below in the same order.

1. Uttar Railway Karmachari Union.
2. Pashchim Railway Karmachari Parishad.
3. c o r r e c t. Karmik
4. Da kshin Madhya Railway ~~Karmachari~~ Sangh.
5. Dakshin Railway Karmik Sangh.
6. Dakshin Poorva Railway Mazdoor Sangh.
7. Poorvottar Railway Shramik Sangh.
8. Poorvottar Seemanta Railway Karmachari Sangh.
9. Poorvi Railway Karmachari Sangh.
10. c o r r e c t.
11. - do -
12. - do -
13. M.T.P. (Rly) Karmachari Sangh, Bombay.

Also please send the receipt to the M.T. P. (Railways) Employees Union, who have also deposited the amount of Rs 50/- but have not as yet received the receipt.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Brotherly Yours,

(G. D. Sohony)
Deputy Secertary General.

No. NCCRS/1/74

Dated April 29, 1974.


Dear Comrade Vyas,

I have your letter of 24th April. I was not aware that a meeting of the Executive members of the National Co-ordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle had been fixed at Bikaner when I was there. If I had known it, I would have been most happy to address it.

Regarding the Loco staff at Bikaner, my information is that it is the loco staff who are not willing to make common cause. We are making every effort to improve the relations between the various groups and I would seek your help also in this direction. I would also request you to approach the leaders of other organisations and bring them within the fold of the N.C.C.R.S.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,


George Fernandes

Shri J.S. Vyas,
Assistant Secretary,
Uttar Railway Karmachari Union &
Member, N.C.C.R.S.,
Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Bikaner.

र रेलवे कर्मचारी यूनियन (रजि०)

[सम्बंधित भारतीय रेल मजदूर संघ एवं भारतीय मजदूर संघ]

बीकानेर डिवीजन / ~~वर्क~~

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बीकानेर

Secret 3324
21/4/74

क्रमांक

URN/BRNG/Conf/2250/24

दिनांक 24/4/1974

Dear Brother,

Dear Bhai, I feel great concern to point out that the proportion regarding our workers' compensation from R.M.U.'s side is equal to nil. They are adopting quite indifferent attitude and have not contacted so far the Loco Staff, Signal, and P.Way association etc. Tempo is also not fast.

I to being one of the members of the Exec of Bikaner Division was very much hopeful to discuss all these points with you yourself at Bikaner. But I was very much shocked to and disappointed to know that you did not even address the Executive members of Exec of Bikaner. Hence this letter is addressed to you.

I am sure that you will not take it otherwise and take necessary suitable steps in the matter.

Assuring you of the best cooperation and best regards

Yours sincerely
me

SECRET
MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 8/12/74-Poll.(D-I)
Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

From : Shri C.V.Narasimhan,
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

To : (i) The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments
(excepting Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland &
Tripura)

(ii) The Chief Secretaries of all Union Territory
Administrations (excepting Andaman & Nicobar
Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep &
Nizoram)

NEW DELHI 110001 dated 7th April, 1974.

Subject : Threatened All-India strike by railway employees.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to para 4(i) (b) of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 2nd April, 1974 and suggest that the following paragraphs may be taken into account in regard to preventive action that may be found necessary to deal with the threatened railway strike. These suggestions are intended to be illustrative and I am desired to request that in the light of the local requirements and problems, they may be suitably supplemented or modified by the State Level Co-ordination Committee, the constitution of which has also been recommended in the aforesaid letter from this Ministry.

2. One of the important ingredients of effective preventive action will be the arrest and removal from the Scene of their activities of persons who otherwise would either contribute to the success of the strike or create serious law and order problems. It will be appreciated that the timing of such preventive arrests should be neither premature nor late. Premature arrests may precipitate strike and other law and order problems, even while attempts are being made to avert them. The action, if were too late, would give sufficient opportunity to the wanted persons to make their apprehension difficult. I am, therefore, desired to suggest that you may await our specific clearance regarding the date from when preventive arrests should be carried out.

3. While the actual timing of such arrests may await further intimation from us, advance action in regard to preparation of lists of different categories of persons to be arrested should be taken in hand immediately. In preparing such lists, it would be necessary to include the following broad categories :-

- (a) Activists and militants amongst the railway employees who are known to be taken prominent part in planning and organising the strike and who are likely to indulge in intimidatory activities against other railway employees, who may not be willing to participate in the

- (b) Persons other than railway employees who are influential among railway employees or actively instigating them to participate in the strike.
- (c) Other persons with different political affiliations who are likely to exploit the situations caused by the railway strike or otherwise create serious law and order problems.
- (d) Anti-social elements, especially in urban areas, who are likely to take advantage of the situation and indulge in acts of violence against person or property.

4. In preparing lists of persons to be taken into preventive custody, it would be useful for the concerned authorities in the State to keep in close touch with the General Manager and the Divisional Superintendents of the Railways concerned. The Intelligence Bureau will be providing necessary assistance to the State CID in the preparation of necessary lists.

5. For preventive action to be effective, it will be necessary to ensure that the lists of persons to be arrested are carefully prepared and scrutinised at an appropriate level. The importance of intensifying collection of proper intelligence in this regard as well as the maintenance of closest co-ordination with the railway administration may be impressed upon all concerned.

6. In planning out measures for preventive arrests, it would be necessary not only to take into account the specific requirements of the situation arising out of the railway strike but also to take an overall view of the likely law and order problems in the State as a whole, keeping in view the likely behaviour of the sensitive groups of the type mentioned in para 4 (i) (g) of our letter of the 2nd April, 1974.

7. The provisions of the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) could be profitably invoked while undertaking preventive action. Section (1) (a) (xiii) specifically enables detention of any person with a view of preventing him from acting in any manner prejudicial to maintenance of services essential to the community. It may also be noted that whereas the grounds of detention will ordinarily require to be furnished to the detenu within five days of the date of detention, section 8(1) permits the authority making the order of detention to furnish such grounds within 15 days in exceptional circumstances and for reasons to be recorded in writing. The corresponding extension of dates for approval of orders by State Government, etc., may also be noted in this connection. Whereas action for the Commission of specific offences should continue to be under the normal laws, there need not be any hesitation to resort to the provisions of the MISA in dealing with an extraordinary situation, such as a general strike by railwaymen. It is requested that all the concerned district authorities may be advised to familiarise themselves with the provisions of MISA and other relevant laws in this connection.

8. Developments subsequent to this Ministry's letter of 2nd April do not exclude the possibility of a strike taking place on any day after the 15th April. I am, therefore, directed to suggest that the preparation of necessary lists of different categories of persons who may be required to be taken into custody be completed by not later than 10th April. We will

We will keep the State Government informed of further developments and also communicate in due course our advice regarding the timing of arrests in connection with the threatened strike.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- C.V.Narasimhan.
Joint Secretary to the Government of
India.

No. 8/12/74-Poll. (D-I)

Dated 7th April, 1974.

Copy to the Inspectors General of Police in the States and Union Territory Administrations through the Chief Secretaries concerned.

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NO. NCCRS/2

NEW DELHI
27-4-1974

To

The Chairman,
Negotiating Committee for Railway Strike,
Rail Bhawan,
New Delhi.

- Sub:- 1) Regularisation of leave from 11/4/74 to the end of
Negotiations as duty.
- 2) Conversion of Privilege First Class Pass No. 89128
of 9/4/74 ex TVC to ASR & back issued by DS/MAS
as 'duty'.

Ref:- Labour Minister's letter Nos. L. 41025/14/74/IR III
dated 5 & 6/4/74.

In response to the above letters from the Labour Minister to the
Confederation and the Railway Minister's letter on 11/4/74 to the Convenor
of NCRS, I participated in the various meetings from 12/4/74 and now in the
Negotiating Committee from to-day, staying at Delhi.

From Madras I have come on my earned leave and Privilege Travel
Pass since the call was at short notice.

I request that instructions may be issued for the period from
11/4 onwards to be regularised as duty and the above Travel Pass to be
treated as for this purpose and its issue not to be debited against
my Privilege account.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(K. P. RAMASWAMY)
Station Master Rayapuram
Southern Railway, Madras
and Action Committee Member
NCCRS, NEW DELHI.

Copy to Convenor/NCCRS NEW DELHI for necessary action please.

NEW DELHI
27.4.74.

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Sub:- To be officially spared for
participation in the Meeting.

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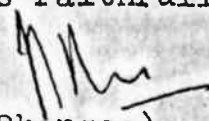
Ref:- Negotiating Committee Meeting
from 27.4.74.

In response to the Railway Minister's call
I, being a member of the NCCRS Action Committee,
am participating from today onwards in the above
meeting.

I request that period from today onwards till
the end of the negotiations may be instructed to my
department to be treated as duty.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(N.S. Bhangoo)
SI/DLI,
Northern Railway and
Member Action Committee
NCCRS/New Delhi.

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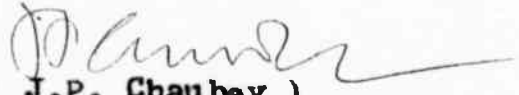
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