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Mr. George Fernandes' s Counsels, Mr. K.K. Luthra and Manjit C. Bhanu, Advocates have released for publication the text of a letter sent today by Mr. George Fernandes to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, from the Tihar Jail. The Counsels secured the text of the letter from Mr. Fernandes when they met him in jail today.

The text of the letter is enclosed.



For Counsels

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STATUS AND COMPASSIONATE GROUND SPORTS QUOTA NOT CONSIDERED ././  
REVOKATION PERCENTAGE OF FIVEHUNDRED REMOVED STAFF UNSATISFACTORY ././  
SITUATION GRAVE ././ SOLICIT IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION .. ..

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GOVERNOR NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE RAILWAYMEN NEW DELHI ..  
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Divisional General Manager  
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 483 Ry. Building  
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letter

all yours for your  
RS/1/74 dt- 4.7.74.

As mentioned in your letter  
no enclosure was received  
along with your letter.

So you are requested to  
kindly send the copy as  
mentioned in your letter.

yours faithfully,  
Chilant  
Divisional Secretary

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
FOR  
RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.  
September 1, 1974.

NCCRS/1/74

To  
All Unions/Associations.

Dear Comrades,

The National Convention of Railwaymen scheduled to be held on August 26, 1974, was postponed due to certain unavoidable circumstances. I deeply regret the inconvenience caused to many comrades due to this postponement. The Action Committee meeting in Delhi on August 29 and 30, 1974, has decided to hold the National Convention at New Delhi on October 4, 1974. The other decisions of the Action Committee are circulated separately.

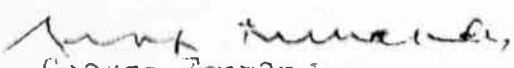
As some of you are aware, I had been to Stockholm, Sweden, to participate in the Conference of the International Transport Workers' Federation as a delegate from the All India Railwaymen's Federation which is an affiliate of the ITF. The Conference took place from August 7 to 15, 1974. I moved an emergency resolution at this Conference on the Indian Railway Strike situation. The resolution was referred to the Executive Board by a majority vote, though a large number of delegates were in favour of adopting it in the Conference itself. However, the Executive Board has decided to send a High-powered fact-finding mission to India in October, 1974. The Mission will consist of Com. Fritz Pechtel, M.P. (Austria), President, ITF; Com. Jack Jones, General Secretary of the British Transport and General Workers' Union (Mem: 1,500,000), Vice President, ITF; Com. Philip Seibert, M.P. (Federal Republic of Germany), President of German Railwaymen's Union and Member, Executive Board of the ITF; and Com. Y. Murakami, President of the powerful Japanese Railwaymen's Union.

I am preparing a report on the ITF Congress for the AIRF which I shall be happy to send to any one who may be interested in it.

The problems of victimisation and further negotiations are still before us and in a rather acute form. The government's attitude has finally been clarified by the Prime Minister, and she has said that whatever policy is being pursued is the policy laid down by her Cabinet. So we should have no illusions about the size or the implications of our problem. Only unity and relentless struggle can help us in the present circumstances. We are grateful to the Members of Parliament belonging to all non-Congress parties who have been championing our cause very effectively inside the Parliament. But obviously, they have their limitations. Ultimately, it is our unity and strength that will clinch a settlement.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes  
Congress

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
FOR  
RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

NCCRS/1/74

125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

August 31, 1974.

To  
All the participant units  
of the NCCRS.

Dear Comrades,

Enclosed are the decisions taken at the meeting of the Action Committee of the NCCRS held in Delhi on August 29 and 30, 1974.

I would request you to do every thing necessary to implement the various decisions of the Action Committee. I shall also appreciate knowing from you well in advance the number of the representatives from your organisation who will be participating in the Convention.

You will kindly recollect that at the time of the last meeting of the full NCCRS, it was decided that each participating organisation will make a further contribution of Rs. 50/- to meet the expenses of running the NCCRS Office. I regret to point out that so far only five organisations have paid their contributions. We have already incurred a liability of over Rs. 3,000/- to run the office of the NCCRS. Unless all participating organisations send this minimum contribution of Rs. 50/- it will be difficult to keep going our activities. The money received has already been spent on matters like stationery, printing, circularising, etc. We are using the staff of the AIRF without paying them compensation for the work they do.

May I request you to kindly send immediately the contribution from your organisation?

I am requesting the NRMU Zonal NCCRS Comrades to make the necessary preparations to organise the Convention.

In so far as the publicity of the National Convention is concerned, I would urge each participating organisation to produce posters and have them displayed everywhere. You will appreciate that with the resources at our disposal it will not be possible to spend anything on posterising, etc.

At the meeting of the June 26, 1974, it was decided that all organisations will prepare a detailed

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report on the victimisation and other anti-labour practices including torture, etc. during the strike and send such reports to the NCCRS Headquarters. I regret to say that so far we have received hardly any report of this nature. In order to make our submission before the ITF and also in order to educate the people we need these particulars immediately. May I request you to send us a detailed report without any further delay?

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.



George Fernandes  
Convener

George Fernandes,  
President.

AIRF/160-11

August 30, 1974.

Dear Com. Shankar,

c.c.RS/11/74

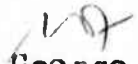
I have just now seen your letter of August 12. I have also received your telegram and other messages. I am indeed sorry it is not possible for me to be in your midst on 8th Sept. I have a week's tour of Kerala starting from 4th and ending on the 11th of September. I shall visit Hubli around the last week of September and I hope it will be possible for us to meet at that time. I am aware of the magnificent and heroic struggle of the railwaymen of Hubli Division. My only regret is that I have not yet been able to visit them and show my appreciation of their heroism in person.

Please convey to your convention my greetings.

I am sure the working class movement will emerge victorious in the war which the anti-people Government of Mrs. Indira Gandhi has declared against us.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri M. B. Shankar,  
Convener,  
Coordinating Committee of  
Dharwar City Employees' Associations,  
C/o. Insurance Employees' Union,  
Kudalmath Building, APMC Yard,  
Dharwar-580008.

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NCCRS/1/74

August 30, 1974.

Dear Com. Parvathi Krishnan,

I have your letter of August 29, which was delivered in my office today.


We had the meeting of the Action Committee yesterday and today. I am sorry you could not attend this meeting, though information was given at the AIUC Office and this morning at your residence.

Some of the issues raised by you in your letter came up for discussion in the normal course in our meeting today. There are no two opinions that our work needs to be better organised. At the next meeting of the Action Committee which will take place on September 17, in Delhi we shall discuss this question further.

Let me assure you that for my part I am deeply convinced that only through the effective functioning of the NCCRS it will be possible for us to secure justice for the railwaymen.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes

Com. Parvathi Krishnan, M.P.,  
Working President,  
Indian Railway Workers' Federation,  
24, Canning Lane,  
New Delhi-110001.

## INDIAN RAILWAY WORKERS' FEDERATION

21, CANNING LANE, NEW DELHI-110001

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August 27, 1974.

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Vice-President:

Saravathi Krishnan, M.P.

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Ram Avatar Shastri, M.P.

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General Secretary:

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Joint General Secretary:

Sri Krishna

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Treasurer:

S. R. Shivankar

Dear George,

I have been awaiting your return to India to write regarding the NCCRS and its functioning. You may recall that when we last met on 21 July, I had told you that some problems were there and you had promised to meet and have a talk after the July victimisation week. However, though I tried to get in touch with you, I could not succeed and the next I heard was that you were going abroad.

In the meantime, there was nothing being done about preparations for the 26 August convention. So, on more than one occasion, our office telephoned to the AIRF office but we were none the wiser. This was the position right up to 15 August when I had to go to Lucknow for a meeting.

On my return, to my surprise, I found the following letter from Comrade Priya Gupta awaiting me :

"I am directed to bring to your kind notice that the proposal "to call a National Convention of all the railwaymen in New Delhi on August 26, 1974, to decide the future course of action", - has since been postponed. Some members desire that for this and for fixing the date for National Convention, the NCCRS convention should meet. It has, therefore been decided to convene a meeting of the Action Committee of the NCCRS on August 21, 1974, at Delhi about 2.00 p.m. in 16-17 Vithalbai Patel House, Rafi Marg New Delhi, by which date Shri George Fernandes, convener of the NCCRS will arrive in India.

"This has got reference to the discussions held with S/Shri Samar Mukherjee, Ram Murthi, D.P.Thengari and N.S. Bhangu.

"All are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting".

Immediately on seeing it I rang up the AIRF office and could only get through to Comrade Chaubey and explained to him that as I had other work on that day I would not be able to attend it. He said he would try and get the time changed. Since then, nothing more has been heard.

I must say I was rather surprised both by the letter and the perfunctory call. Firstly, so many weeks had gone by and no intimation of any kind was sent out to the member unions of the NCCRS regarding the National Convention. Only



# INDIAN RAILWAY WORKERS' FEDERATION

24, CANNING LANE, NEW DELHI-110001

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visits to various places in some I found brisk preparations going on, in others total confusion. As a member of the Action Committee I was myself not in a position to give any clear picture.

And then, comes this letter. Surely, a meeting of the available members of the Action Committee could have been held to discuss the position and take a proper decision ?

Apart from this, I fail to see how discussions with P. Ramamurti and D.P.Thengari come into the picture in regard to meetings and programmes of the NCCRS, unless it indicates political alignments.

2. Amongst the railway workers today there is a great deal of questioning as regards their own future and the work of the NCCRS. Firstly, it is apprent that the "victimisation cell" set up immediately after calling off the strike has failed to function. Lists have been sent to them but no replies being received from them, no information being sent by them as to the progress in the moves and representations being made for reinstatement and cancellation of all victimisation.

3. The very functioning of the NCCRS has to be reviewed and improved. We do not have any regular office functioning, and when you, as Convener, are not there, then nothing takes place. The office should be set up in a business like manner so that routine work is properly carried out and meetings of the Action Committee held from time to time with a properly worked out schedule. Office bearers should be selected so that the absence of one or another need not hold up the work of the NCCRS and Action Committee.

The functioning of the NCCRS has left much to be desired from the very beginning, which, as you know, led to quite some difficulties during the strike itself, when you as the sole convener and some of us, members of the Action Committee, were in jail. However, just before and during the strike we did not raise these issues in the large interest of the strike and the movement itself. But, now, these questions brook no delay, and it is necessary to discuss and define the functioning of the NCCRS and its relationship with the AIRF as the only recognised body within it. From recent developments we are led to wonder whether you and your colleagues have come to the conclusion to function the AIRF only and keep the NCCRS in cold storage as a platform.

I would therefore be happy if we could meet and sort these issues with least delay.

With greetings,

*Parvathi Krishnan*

*George Fernandes,  
Member AIRF  
and Convener  
NCCRS*



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NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN STRUGGLE

SIRSA.

NCCRS/SRA/74-2

Dated 15/8/74

The Conviner,  
N.C.C.R.S.,  
New Delhi.



Sub:- Anti-ordinance week.

Dear comrades,

Anti-ordinance week was observed by the Railway employees of Sirsa under the banner of NCCRS/Sira from 9th to 15th instant. During the week gate meetings and corner meetings were held in front of all important offices and addressed by the NCCRS members. The staff was made aware of the importance of this week and repercussions of the ordinance in this days of rapid price rise.

Although the meeting was to be attended by the Divisional members and Conviner of NCCRS as per programme for which pamphlets were also published, it was also programmed to play tape record speech of Com. George Fernandes but the leaders of NCCRS/BN did not turn up as the tape record was out of order. Despite of the disappointments the meeting was a success one.


On 12/8/74 a public meeting was arranged at Union ground at Sirsa from 18/- hours to 22/- hours. This meeting was attended by the majority of staff. Representatives of all categorical Associations and Unions addressed the meeting. A few public leaders also addressed the meeting. The ordinance was criticized and challenged by all the speakers and urged the Govt. to withdraw such anti labour ordinance to maintain peace and harmony among the working class. The meeting passed the following resolution:-

-; RESOLUTION:-

This meeting of the Railway employees of Sirsa under the banner of NCCRS strongly condemned the ordinance upon wage and DA freeze and urges upon the Govt. to withdraw such ordinance which are harmful to the working class. The employees are already victim of starvation and the wage and DA freeze will create extra difficulties including mental torture to the workers

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Yours Comradely,

  
(O.P. Vaidya) 15/8  
Conviner,  
NCCRS/Sirsa.

Copy to the Divisional Conviner of NCCRS/BN for information who is requested to give next date for playing the tape record speech of Com. George Fernandes.

HCCRS/1/74

August 30, 1974.

Dear Com. Visinol,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated the 15th August, 1974, containing the report and the text of the resolution. More struggles are ahead of us and I hope you are doing every thing possible to keep the railwaymen united and strong.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

George Fernandes

Shri O.P. Visinol,  
Convener,  
National Coordination Committee for  
Railwaymen's Struggle,  
Mumbai.

**National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle**

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCORS/1/74

August 16, 1974.

To  
All the Members of the  
Action Committee of the NCORS.

Dear Comrades,

I am directed to bring to your kind notice that the proposal "to call a National Convention of all the Railwaymen in New Delhi on August 23, 1974, to decide the future course of action", - has since been postponed. Some members desire that for this end for fixing the exact date for National convention, the NCORS Action Committee should meet. It has, therefore been decided to convene a meeting of the Action Committee of the NCORS on August 21, 1974, at Delhi at about 2.00 P.M. in 18-17, Vithalrai Patel House, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, by which date Shri George Fernandes, Convenor of the NCORS will arrive in India.

This has got a reference to the discussions held with S/Shri Anwar Mukherjee, Das Gupta, D.P. Thengal and N.S. Bhangu.

All are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours fraternally

*Priya Gupta*  
(Priya Gupta)  
for Shri George Fernandes  
Convenor.

*Mr. George Fernandes*

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCCRS/1/74

August 16, 1974

To  
All the Members of the  
Action Committee of the NCCRS

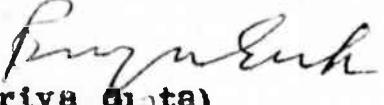
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This has got a reference to the discussions held with S/ Shri Samar Mukherjee, Ram Murthi, D.P. Thengari and N.S. Bhargi.

All are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours fraternally,

  
(Priya Gupta)  
for Shri George Fernandes  
Convenor.

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCOR/11/74

August 16, 1974

To  
All the Members of the  
Action Committee of the NCORs.

Dear Comrades,

I am directed to bring to your kind notice that the proposal "to call a National Convention of all the Railwaymen in New Delhi on August 26, 1974, to decide the future course of action" has since been postponed. Some members desire that for this and for fixing the next date for National Convention, the NCORs Action Committee should meet. It has, therefore, been decided to convene a meeting of the Action Committee of the NCORs on August 21, 1974, at Delhi at about 5.00 P.M. in 16-17 Vimal Bhai Patel Bldg, Park Road, New Delhi, by which date Shri George Fernandes, Convenor of the NCORs will arrive in India.

This has got a reference to the discussions held with S/Shri Sunder Ashkarjee, Shri Kurthi, S.P. Bhargava and N.C. Bhargava.

All are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours fraternally,

*Pritya Gupta*  
(Pritya Gupta)  
for Shri George Fernandes  
Convenor.

*Mr. J.P. Chakraborty*

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*19.8.74.*

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

NCCRS/1/74

August 16, 1974.

To  
All the Members of the  
Action Committee of the NCCRS.

Dear Comrades,

I am directed to bring to your kind notice that the proposal " to call a National Convention of all the Railwaymen in New Delhi on August 26, 1974, to decide the future course of action",- has since been postponed. Some members desire that for this and for fixing the ~~date~~ date for National convention, the NCCRS Action Committee should meet. It has, therefore been decided to convene a meeting of the Action Committee of the NCCRS on August 21, 1974, at Delhi at about 2.00 P.M. in 16-17, Vithalbai Patel House, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, by which date Shri George Fernandes, Convenor of the NCCRS will arrive in India.

This has got a reference to the discussions held with S/Shri Samar Mukherjee, Ram Murthi, D.P. Thengari and N.S. Bhangu.

All are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours fraternally

*Priya Gupta*  
(Priya Gupta)

for Shri George Fernandes  
Convenor.

*P.T. 1*  
*cc: M*  
*16/8/74*

*Copy to Shri Suresh Chandraji for his report*

ALL INDIA RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION

125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

AIRF/110/5

August 5, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

I have your cyclostyled letter of July 24. The letter clears up at least one controversy. At the meeting of the Central Trade Union Organisations and national trade union federations in New Delhi on July 1 and 21, where except the AIUC and the IMS, all other organisations were represented, the AIUC comrades said that you had personally told them that you had not received the invitation to the meeting. I was literally put in dock and had to do a lot of explaining to clear my position. Anyway, I am happy to note that my invitation had reached you.

S/11/27  
In the last para of your letter, you have stated the reason for keeping yourself away from the NCCRS-convened meeting to discuss the post-strike situation on the Railways. Your case is that the IMS has not been invited to join the Action Committee of the NCCRS.

It seems that you are having a misconception about the composition of the NCCRS and its Action Committee. Let me explain.

The NCCRS has about 110 unions and associations of railwaymen. These unions and associations are either organised in federations or are affiliated to some central trade union/organisations or are unaffiliated to any federation or central organisation. Some of them are large and influential, others are just plain nominal.

The Action Committee of the NCCRS has no Central trade union organisation representation. It has three federations: (1) AIRF, (2) BMS and (3) All India Railway Employees Confederation.

Then it has representatives of unions affiliated to the AIUC (who have since then converted themselves into the Indian Railway Workers' Federation and are, therefore, represented as IRWF and not AIUC).

There are unions affiliated to the CITU which are not affiliated to any federation nor do they have a federation of their own. So, there is the CITU-affiliated unions representation.

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The Loco Running Staff Association is neither affiliated to any Central Trade Union Organism nor to a federation. It was felt by everyone that it should be given full representation on the Action Committee.

The UIUCs are not on the Action Committee.

The IMS affiliated unions are represented through the AIRF, and so the IMS does not have any special representation.

I hope this will clear your misunderstanding about the constitution of the NCCRS and its Action Committee.

May I once again request you to associate the IMS with the programmes the NCCRS may chalk out?

May I also request you to participate in the convention of working people convened in New Delhi on the 28th of August to plan ways and means of fighting the wage-freeze ordinances of the Government?

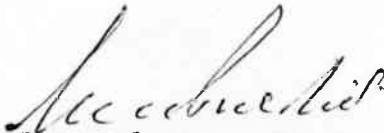
Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

George Fernandes  
President

Shri Mahesh Desai,  
General Secretary,  
Hindi Mazdoor Sabha,  
Bombay-1.

Copy to all the General Secretaries of the affiliated unions for information.

  
for General Secretary.



NGORS/1/74

August 5, 1974.

Dear Con. Thomas,

I have your letter of July 25, '74.  
I shall discuss the issues raised in your  
letter with my colleagues. We should do  
everything possible to maintain and strengthen  
the morale of the railway. I shall be paying  
a visit to the centres mentioned by you in the  
near future.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri K.T. Thomas,  
Vice President,  
Western Railway Labour Union,  
Tulapura,  
KOTA (Raj.)

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वेस्टर्न रेलवे लेबर यूनियन  
K. T. Thomas,  
Vice President.

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तुलापुरा,  
कोटा-२ (राजस्थान)

दिनांक २३-७-१९७४

क्र.मांक

Dear Com. George,

Thank you very much for your letter of July 7, 1974.

We are sorry that you had to postpone your visit to Kela. It is highly necessary that you should adjust your programme for an early visit to Kela.

As I had written to you earlier the attitude of W.R.U. towards reinstatement of dismissed workers is causing us concern. The union's attitude is that they do not advise individual workmen to return to work under humiliating conditions. Giving an undertaking for future loyalty and good behaviour is not necessarily humiliating. If workers give such undertaking for considering their break of service and reinstatement, the union does not come in their way.

In Kela division out of about 180 dismissed permanent employees 105 whose dismissal were on account of conviction are taken on duty suspending their order of dismissal ~~and~~ as their conviction is suspended on appeal by the appellate court. About 30 employees have been reinstated giving assurance of future good conduct and loyal and faithful service. These include workers of W.R.U. & B.R.M.S. Some of the W.R.U. workers who gave the required assurance have however not been reinstated. The rest which includes all out workers have not given any undertaking or assurance and therefore their appeals are still pending.

It is our information that other railways where workers were reinstated no such assurance was called for or.

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रजि. नं. २६५३

तुलापुरा,

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obtained. Due to economic hardship workers may give any undertaking to return to work. But this is bound to break ~~and~~ their morale in any future struggle. If a precedence is set here it won't take time for others to follow suit. Our suggestion is that the AIRF and its affiliates must organise resistance to this kind of the administration in humiliating the workers and breaking their morale. Could you possibly either as the president of AIRF or Convener NCCRS issue some directive to WRLU leadership on this subject? In this context your visit is surely bound to be helpful to boost up the morale of workers left leaders.

We are proposing to file writ petitions early next month in the case of all the remaining workers. Under the banner of NCCRS, we will soon give a call and start collection funds. We hope to be able to raise necessary finance which is substantial.

Due to heavy rains in this part of the country we could not so far organise any mass meeting in observance of Anti-Cretinisation Week. We hope to organise a few rallies soon.

I have instructed my central office at Bombay and our units at Ajmer and elsewhere to be in touch with NCCRS HOs.

Awaiting your reply

Fraternallly yours  
K. T. Thomas.

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

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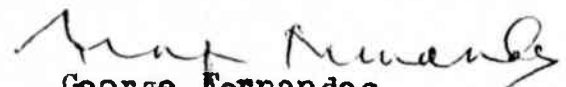
August 3, 1974.

The Minister for Railways,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

The NCCRS Dibrugarh, N.F. Railway, had addressed a letter to you on 22nd July, 1974, enclosing therewith a list of cases of workmen who have been singled out for punishment without any rhyme or reason. May I request you to have this matter investigated and take necessary steps to set right the matters?

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convenor.

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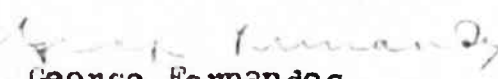
The Railway Minister,  
Govt. of India,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I have received a report of termination of services of 26 substitutes, most of whom had acquired temporary status on Kusunda, Eastern Railway. These men had not gone on strike, but the local officials who had recruited some new hands decided that the substitutes should be removed and these new hands provided with work.

I am told that these removed workmen are now on fast and their condition is serious. May I request you to take immediate steps and order the reinstatement of these workmen.

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convenor.

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NEW DELHI-1

NCCRS/I/74

August 3, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Government Of India,  
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

I have received the following telegram from  
Guntakal:-

"316 TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES OF GUNTAKAL DIVISION IN  
SOUTHERN RAILWAY TERMINATED UNDER 149 FOR  
PARTICIPATION IN MAY '74 STRIKE NOT REINSTATED YET  
INSPITE OF /STAY/ DIRECTIONS FROM HIGH COURT/  
ANDHRA PRADESH (.) PRAY INTERVENTION (.)"

I am indeed shocked at the attitude of the  
railway officials who have decided to defy the orders  
of the Court in regard to these workmen. May I request  
you to direct local officers of Guntakal Division  
to reinstate these workmen.

Yours faithfully,

*George Fernandes*

NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Mylandan,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the report of observance of 'Protest Week' in Guntakal Division.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri S. Mylandan,  
Convener/NCCRS,  
Guntakal Division

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NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN STRUGGLE.  
GUNTAKAL DIVISION.

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To

The Convenor  
NCCRS/South Zone  
Madras

Dear Comrade

Sub "Protest Week" from 22-7-74 to 28-7-74

In accordance with the direction of the NCCRS, observance of 'Protest week' has been started from 22-7-74. Badges are worn by the workers on duty. A big demonstration started from NCCRS Office at 10-30 hours which reached the premises of the Divisional Office at 11-30 hours; and, the 'Relay Hunger Fast' was commenced by the following serving Railway workers:

- 1) Com.V. Chandrasekar Welder/Diesel Shed/GTL and Branch President/SRU;
- 2) Com.T. K. Thirupalappa Sr.ATC and Zonal Secretary AIRCCA; JOINT
- 3) Com.CH. John, Pointman and Asst. Secretary/RLU;
- 4) Com.Mahanandi Fireman from DREU;
- 5) Com.V. P. Murniah Call Boy Diesel Shed and Br. Secy. RLU;

Com.S. Mylandan/SRU Com.K. Rajanna AIRSA Com.P. Narayanaswamy/RLU Com.G. Ganeshwarrao AIRSA and Com.A.M. Alagundigi DREU spoke on the occasion.

On 23-7-74 the following workers undertaken the Relay Hunger Fast.

- 1) Com.G. Srivastava RTM/GTL and Br. Secretary/SRU/GTL. Tech. Br.
- 2) Com.Syed Pearan Pointman/Guntakal;
- 3) Com.B. Venkiah Fireman/AIRSA;
- 4) Com.V. G. Krishnamurthy Fireman/DREU;
- 5) Com.M. C. Oshah APC/GTL and Divl. Treasurer; AIRCCA.

Yours fraternally

(S. Mylandan)  
Convenor/NCCRS/GTL Dn.

*S. Mylandan*  
23/7  
*S. Mylandan*

cc The Convenor/NCCRS/New Delhi.



NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974.

The Convenor,  
National Coordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle  
Jolarpet  
N. A. District

Dear Comrade,

Enclosed herewith please find a copy  
of my letter to the Chairman, Railway Board.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.



George Fernandes

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

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NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974.


Dear Com. Raval,

I have your Post Card of July 17.

I agree with you that we should hold our ground and fight back the disruptive tactics of the Railway Administration. I have said this publicly and I have also made similar suggestion to the AIRF affiliated unions.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Reoti Nandan Raval,  
Station Master,  
Ranpur (Western Railway)  
Pin 363610

NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Niyogi,

Thanks for your letter of July 17, '74.  
I am grateful to your organisation for the  
assistance rendered by you to the railwaymen.  
You must have forgotten to send me the Bulletins  
referred to by you in your letter.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely

*GV*  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Anil Kumar Niyogi,  
General Secretary,  
Divisional Insurance Employees' Association,  
C/o Shri Kumud Ghosh,  
New Town,  
JALPAIGURI (W.B.)

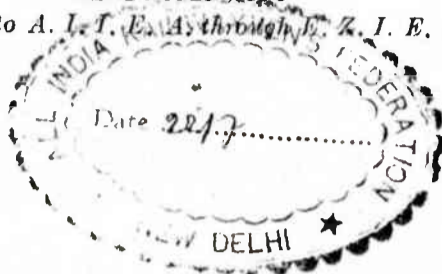
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# DIVISIONAL INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

JALPAIGURI

REGD. NO. 4670

( Affiliated to A. I. E. A. through N. Z. I. E. A. )



PRESIDENT :  
SRI SUHRIT DUTTA

GENERAL SECRETARY :  
SRI ANIL KUMAR NIYOGI

ADDRESS :

C/o. SRI KUMUD GHOSH  
NEW TOWN  
JALPAIGURI

Date 17th July, 1974.

Mr. George Fernandes  
Convenor,  
National Co-ordination Committee  
For Railwaymen's Struggle,  
125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi-1.

Dear Comrade George,

I am extremely happy to have received your letter NCCRS/1/74 dated 4.7.74 wherein you have expressed your eagerness to know in what manner and to what extent we the LIC Employees under Jalpaiguri Division are trying to send relief to the victimised Rly. Workers in their need. Your eagerness is justified and in order to mitigate it we have to let you know that all through the period of stress and strain of the Rly. workers throughout North Bengal we were as comrade-in-arms with them and in future also we shall be so. Apart from expressing organisational solidarity we have so far contributed through the local unit of 12th July Committee a sum of Rs. 204.50p. and Rs. 1000/- in two instalments. At the end of July '74 we are contemplating to donate a further sum of Rs. 1000/- to the victimised Rly. workers. Over and above of this amount, our units situated at Coochbehar, Alipurduar, Malda, Balurghat, Siliguri and Darjeeling have raised funds of their own accord and contributed the same to the local units of NCCRS there. In order to mobilise the public opinion and the organised working people in particular we have from time to time prepared campaign materials in support of the Rly. workers. Total campaign materials are split into six bulletins of which five have already been published. Although published in Bengali we are sending a set of the materials for favour of your perusal.

With kind regards.

Comradely yours,

Anil Kumar Niyogi  
General Secretary.

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

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Convenor :  
George Fernandes

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NEW DELHI-1

NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Samar Guha,

Enclosed herewith please find copy  
of a letter endorsed to you. Please do the  
needful in the matter.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

  
George Fernandes

Shri Samar Guha, M.P.,  
27, South Avenue,  
New Delhi-11.

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National Co-ordination Committee for Railwaymen struggle

NCCRS/SSA/7

The Conviner,  
NCCRS, New Delhi.



Dated 29/7/74.

Sub: Anti-Victimisation week.

Dear comrade,

The anti-victimisation week was observed from 22nd July to 28th July 1974 at the Branch level. From 22/7 to 27/7 gate meetings and corner meetings in different departments were arranged.

On 28th, last day the mass 'MAMA' was staged at 11.30 in the park in front of the railway station from 9.00 AM to 12.00 hrs. The employees of different departments took part in total 58 employees, strikers and non-strikers took part in this drama.

At 12.00 hours a procession from the park was arranged and it ended in the Union ground near loco where a open meeting was arranged. About 250 Railway employees attended the said meeting. The leaders of C.P.I. and I.S.R. also addressed the meeting which ended at 21/30 hours.

At the time of MAMA a memorandum was prepared and it has been sent to the Prime-Minister of India, copy of the memorandum is attached here with.

Yours Comradely,

*O.P. Vignani*  
(O.P. Vignani)

Conviner,  
NCCRS/SSA.

Copy to the NCCRS at Zonal level.  
Copy to the NCCRS at Divl. level.

NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Thakur,

I have your letter of 25th July, 1974, regarding the victimisation of 4 female employees under D. S., Tinsukhia and about the transfers of other workers. You have, however, failed to enclose the detailed list mentioned in your letter. I shall take up the matter with the Railway Minister and also send a spare copy of your letter to Com. Samar Guha.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri B. N. Thakur,  
Convener, NCCRS,  
Tinsukhia  
N. F. Railway.



To  
The Convenor N.C.C.R.S., New Delhi.  
( President AIRF )

Sub :- Victimization.

Dear Comrade,

I have been directed to inform you that the administration is still victimising the Railwaymen of this area. Fresh orders have been issued on 18-7-74, removing (4) four female employees including widow under DS/Tinsukia under Rule 149 and it is also gathered that about 20 more such cases are in process for removal within a very short period. All these employees were originally recruited by the General Manager under compassionate grounds for the existance of the members of the families of ex-Railwaymen who died prematurely or while on duty. Owing to such new orders the situation is badly effected causing serious agitation amongst railwaymen in general.

Further, some of the employees have been transferred to other s-tation with a harrasing attitude immediately after revoking the removal orders in the mid-session of schools when they are paniless.

However, detail list of victimised staff and also those cases already revoked are enclosed herewith-for necessary action please.

Honourable M.P.s may please be informed about the new cases of removals orderto raise these voice in the floor of the Parliament.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

*Beyond this 2500 dupltyes  
have been expenalled  
by Divisional S. P. D. M. R.  
By. Tinsukia for  
Hamer..*

*B. N. Shukla*  
Convenor N.C.C.R.S.  
Tinsukia Div. of Railway  
National Co-ordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's struggle  
Tinsukia

Copy to :-

Com. Samar Guha M.P. & Convenor of N.C.C.R.S  
N.F. Zone Maligaon for information and necessary  
action please.

Convenor  
National Co-ordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's struggle  
Tinsukia.

*Kindly hand over the  
copy of Mr Samar Guha.  
for Parliament floor.*

*B. N. Shukla*



NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974.

Dear Shri Chowdhury,

I have received your letter of July 20.  
Enclosed herewith please find the text of the  
resolution adopted by the NCCRS at its meeting  
on June 26.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

George Fernandes

Shri N. C. Roy Chowdhury,  
General Secretary,  
S. E. Railwaymen's Union,  
Union Building,  
Kharida,  
Khargapur (W. B.).

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August 3, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

I have received the following telegram from  
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Yours faithfully,

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(NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE RAILWAY MEN'S STRUGGLE)

—: पूर्ण रेलवे - धनबाद मण्डल :—

मुख्य कार्यालय

१२५/ई बाबर रोड  
नई दिल्ली

मण्डलिय कार्यालय

डिमिजन रेलवे इम्प्लॉईज  
को अडिनेशन कमिटी  
पुराना स्टेशन,  
धनबाद

क्षेत्रिय कार्यालय

२३/२४ ट्राण्डरोड  
कलकत्ता

To  
Hon'ble Prime Minister,  
Hon'ble Railway Minister,  
Hon'ble Labour Minister,  
Sri S.M. Banerjee, M.P.  
Sri Samar Mukharjee M.P.  
Sri A.B. Vaypaye M.P.  
Sri George Fiermandis Convenor NCCRS,  
New Delhi.



Sir,

While confirming the telegram " Twentysix starving Substitutes, Kusunda E.Rly. (acquired temporary status) removed for Railway strike are on fast. Condition serious. Immediate intervention solicited" it is expedient to inform you that all these substitutes were present during the period of last general strike. But some new appointed substitutes were sent to Kusunda. The abovementioned twentysix substitutes most of whom has already acquired temporary status, were not utilised to work even though they reported for duty. Later on they were removed most illegally with the sole intent to absorb the newly appointed substitutes against them.

These poor substitutes after rendering their satisfactory services for a considerable period, have been put out of employment and thus they are starving with their families in these hard days for having no other means of subsistence. Their condition has become very precarious.

It is therefore, hoped that their cases may be considered sympathetically and order may please be issued from their re-instalment in service in order to save the starving

P. T. O.

families in these hard days.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

K. K. Sarun

CONVENOR  
N.C.C.R.S./Kusunda

Copy to: 1. Divisional Superintendent E.Ply., Dhanbad;  
2. Regional Labour Commissioner, Dhanbad.  
3. Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad, for information  
4. and necessary action please.

CONVENOR  
N.C.C.R.S./Kusunda

NCCRS/1/74

August 5, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Govt. of India,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I have received a report of termination of services of 23 substitutes, most of whom had acquired temporary status on Kuzunda, Eastern Railway. These men had not gone on strike, but the local officials who had recruited some new hands decided that the substitutes should be removed and these new hands provided with work.

I am told that these removed workmen are now on fast and their condition is serious. May I request you to take immediate steps and order the reinstatement of these workmen.

Yours faithfully,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

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NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

No.F.Ply. - DIBRUGARH.

No. NCCRS/DMRT/3/74.

Date: 27/74.

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To  
The Hon'ble Union Minister for Railways,  
Rail Bhavan - New Delhi.

Sir,

Subj:-Removal of a certain specially selected  
Ply. workers on the basis of some unfounded  
allegations during and after the last Railway  
Strike.

Under the painful circumstances, we beg to draw your kind notice to the following matters for the favour of your kind information and immediate action please.

That, while more than 95% of the Railwaymen took part in the last strike at the call of the NCCRS, the Railway Authority has singled out some particular group of workers to be removed from service most of whom are devoted trade Union workers and efficient employees.

That, as far as Dibrugarh area is concerned, we think there is no case pending against any one of the so-called removed staff which can liable him to be tried under the law of the land and hence, they all were to be allowed to resume their duties long before. But it is a matter of deep regret that two months after the calling off of the strike only a few ( 17 ) staff out of 113 have yet been reinstated. As the recorded allegations in the removal orders are all vague and unfounded, so, one is to find out the "REAL" reason of the removal else-where and on thorough enquiry into the service history of each individual staff one or more of the following factors may be detected as playing behind the so-called removal, viz., 1) Cowdown the Trade Union activities 2) Personality or qualification cult 3) Nepotism 4) Election of workers' representatives in various recognised organisations. Some specific cases in support of our above statement are ~~not~~ mentioned in the enclosure No.1 for your ready reference please.

That, some forces are afoot to take advantage of this inordinate delay in dealing with cases of the removed staff and attempts are there to fill up the vacancies of the so-called removed staff by giving promotion to some of the fortunate favourites. That a good number of casual gang staff in relaying in Namrup area have been discharged indiscriminately as they remained absent from duty from 11/5/74 to 10/5/74 (though they performed the duties from 9th to 10th May 1974.)

Next Sheet

The unwarranted removal of a certain specially selected Rly. Workers without maintaining the formalities of D.A. rules, the attempt to replace them with some of the favourites, the indiscriminate discharge of some of the Relaying gang staff, and the motive to pressurise the Trade Union Workers through various agencies will definitely embitter the relation between the employers and the Employees and will certainly not help in the restoring the desired normalcy in Railway Services.

We therefore, on behalf of our organisation request you to please take appropriate action so that all the aforesaid attempts are stopped forthwith and all of the so-called removed or discharged Railwaymen are reinstated to their respective posts immediately.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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Secretary

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Secretary

United Com. Convenor Railwaymen  
United Committee  
of Rlymen, DBRT.

Secretary  
AIR/SA/DBRT

Secretary  
ESA/DBRT

Secretary  
AIR/MSA/DBRT

Loco Running Staff Association  
Dibrugarh Branch

Secretary  
Ministerial Staff Association  
N. E. Railway Dibrugarh

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Secretary  
Workshop Council,  
Dibrugarh.

N. E. Rly. *[Handwritten Signature]*  
Secretary  
YCSA/DBRT

Secretary  
Yard & Cabin Staff Association  
N. E. Rly. Dibrugarh (Branch)  
FOR NCCRS/DBRT.

E. C. C. R. S./DBRT

- c.c: Chairman RB.,
- c.c: GM/NF.RLY/PNO
- c.c: DS/IMG,
- c.c: Convenors and Members, NCCRS, New-Delhi for information and necessary action please.

1. Sri S. L. Kanoongoo: Sr. Clerk under DEN/II/DBRT, removed w.e.f. 20/5/74 as per Y.M.S. order on the allegation of participation in Strike, intimidation, instigation and indulge in violence to others. But he had been detained in Jain under MISA from 3/5/74 to 1/6/74. He was a very popular and selfless representative of EX N.F.Rly - C.C. Bank Ltd. and his removal has now been utilised in nominating/ electing (?) a person not liked by majority. He is the 4th Senior-most Clerk and one of the most efficient workers under DEN/DBRT.
2. Sri Ram Charan Singh: Ferro-Khalasi under DEN/DBRT, removed w.e.f. 20/5/74 on the same allegation as of sl. no.1. But he left Dibrugarh on 17/3/74 to avail sanctioned leave and remained at his native place in Gorukhpur on due extension of leave upto 16/5/74 during which he received two letters from DEN/DBRT viz:
  1. Extending his leave vide No. 208-E/135 of 6/6-4-74 received on 17/74 at TEGRID
  11. Calling him back for duty vide No. 208-E/135 of 6-8-74 received on 15/5/74

He started from Gurakhpur on 16/5/74 and with much difficulties reached Tinsukia and Dibrugarh on 26/5/74 vide T.C./TSK (for SM/TSK) enforcement in the body of his pass No. G-35105. He being the only matriculate Class IV staff in the Enrg. office of DEN had been utilized as tracer for about \_\_\_ years and when he prayed for his promotion as such the incharge became revengeful to him and snatching the instrument from him the same had been handedover to the brother-in-law of the incharge. His removal has been utilized in giving appointment to a medically unfit painter as a Ferro-Printer vide Den 10/10-924-28/74 which is the only avenue of promotion of Ferro Khalasi. This is also to be examined whether the said painter who has become almost being blind is capable of doing ferro-printing works.
3. Sri Bimalendu Chakraborty: ADM/DEN/DBRT removed w.e.f. 20/5/74 on the similar charges as of sl. No.1. He is the most technically qualified and efficient staff in the DEN/DBRT drawing office and the only person in his grade in the entire N.F.Rly. who could pass the section 'A' of AMIE (India). His incharge and some other other staff who have only one qualification to satisfy the superiors by flattery are envious to him. His popularity is due to his selfless service to the Rly. workers. His removal has been utilised in oppressing the Rly. men and indulging in malpractices. He is not a man to use even a harsh word to others what to speak of "intimidation" or "indulge" in violence as alleged in his removal order.
4. Shri Anarendra Debnath: Cabinman/DBRT )
5. Shri Haradhan Mazumdar: Pointsman/DBRT ) GOT appreciation from many due to their fearless service during the language disturbances in 1972 but ~~has~~ now been removed by the DVS/TSK.
6. Shri I.C. Kalita: Shunter/DBRT - obtained certificate of merit for outstanding service and was on duty in T.A. embodiment for the entire period of strike and then upto 14/7/74 but has been removed by the C.M. on the same allegations as of sl. No.1.
7. Sri Bidyut Chakraborty: He.D/man/WN/DBRT - Joined as Head draftsman w.e.f. 21/6/73 after one year training w.e.f. 21/6/72. Remained absent during strike but was allowed to continue duty w.e.f. 29/5/74 along with others upto 19/6/74 whenafter got his service terminated. Being B.E. (Mech) is the most qualified person in the DBRT Rly. Workshop and not even a trade Union worker. His termination will pave the way of promotion to some unqualified persons.
8. Shri R.K. Sinha - Chargeman: B/WN/DBRT - service terminated w.e.f. \_\_\_ without assigning any reason. Left DBRT on 22/4/74 on 15 days sanctioned leave, fell sick in his native place in Birbhum (WB), remained under the treatment of registered Medical practitioner of H.B. Government Health centre upto \_\_\_ on due intimation to W.M/DBRT, on recovery and after obtaining necessary duty fit certificate from AMO/DBRT Rly. Hospital continued his duty w.e.f. 17/6/74 upto \_\_\_



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9. Shri Rajmohan and others:- "Casual" Gangstaff in Relaying - Namrup. worked from 8th to 11th May in strike, could not continue thereafter and again reported for duty on 16/5/74 (during strike) but were not allowed to resume on the ground that "left duty during strike". But some of the favourites were absorbed having the same "offence". A thorough enquiry would reveal some malpractices in the affairs.

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Story of "Loyal" who have been sanctioned with an increment:-

Sri Arjun Singh - AICW/ODD.JOB/DEN/DBRT - got various punishments several times due to serious mis-conduct, inefficiency etc.

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NCCRS/1/74

August 3, 1974

Dear Comrade Vishnoi,

This is to acknowledge report of the  
'Anti Victimization Week' observance.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri O.P. Vishnoi,  
Convener/NCCRS  
SIRSA

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# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

To  
All the Action Committee  
Members of the NCCRS.

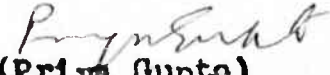
27th August, 1974.

Dear Conrades,

Yesterday during the informal discussion when among others were present the Convenor, Shri George Fernandes, Shri N.S. Bhangu, Shri S.K. Dhar, 8/ Shri Samar Mukherjee, M.P. Nrisingha Chakravorty, Lehiri, D.B. Roy, D.D. Vasist and the undersigned etc., - it was decided that the Action Committee of the NCCRS should meet in New Delhi on 29th at 10.30 Hrs. in the AIRF's Office and also continue on 30th August, 1974, at 10.30 A.M. onwards, in which the date for the postponed National Convention of the Railwaymen which was scheduled to take place in New Delhi on August 26, 1974, will also be decided.

All concerned are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

Yours fraternally,

  
(Priya Gupta)  
for Convenor/NCCRS

# The National Federation of P&T Employees

DADA GHOSH BHAWAN,  
1, PATEL ROAD,

No. F/50(5TK)/V.

NEW DELHI-8 July 11, 1974.

To

The Convener,  
N.C.C.R.S.,  
125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi-1

Subject: Common strategy to counter Govt's offensive on  
Railwaymen.

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Dear Comrade,

Ref: Your No.NCCRS/1/74 dated 1.7.74.

The following representatives of this Federation will attend the meeting of all Central organisations and national federations proposed to be held on July 20 and 21 at Vithalbhai Patel House, New Delhi:-

- 1) Com. O.P.Gupta, President, N.F.P.T.E.
- 2) Com. A.Piramanathan, Secretary-General, NFPE.
- 3) Com. V.A.Harsulkar, General Secretary, A.I.T.T.E.U. - Class III.

With greetings,

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last in file,  
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Mr George Fernandez,  
Bijulabh*

Yours fraternally,

(A.PIRAMANATHAN)  
SECRETARY - GENERAL

URGENT  
TELEGRAM

NCCRS

K. Hussain  
Signal Inspector  
N.E.Railway  
IZATNAGAR

K. HASSAN  
C/o Abrar Hassan  
Rly.Qr.No. 243  
Station Colony, N.E.Rly  
IZATNAGAR

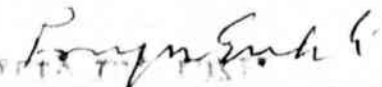
GEORGE FERNANDES ENGAGED AT DELHI UNABLE  
TO REACH IZATNAGAR NOW (.) HE WILL ADVISE  
DATES LATER (.)

PRIYA GUPTA

Not to be telegraphed:-

(Priya Gupta )  
General Secretary,  
All India Railwaymen's Federation,  
125-E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

Copy by post in confirmation.

  
General Secretary./AIRF

NCCRS/1/74

July 7, 1974.


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NCCRS/1/74

July 7, 1974.


Dear Comrade Mohinder Singh,

I have your letter of July 4, '74.

Enclosed herewith please find copy of my letter  
addressed to the Railway Minister.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Mohinder Singh  
Branch Secretary,  
N.R.M.U.  
Kalka Simla Branch,  
N-111- Railway colony  
Kalka



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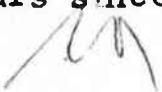
July 7, 1974.

Dear Comrade Kagalkar,

I have the copy of your letter of July 1, '74 addressed to the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central). The matter has been taken up by us with the Railway Minister.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri K.S. Kagalkar,  
Divisional Secretary,  
Pashchim Rly. Karamchari Parishad,  
C/O Mathukar B.,  
Sanvatsarkar,  
21, Ashok Bhavan,  
Station Road,  
RATLAM -4

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# पश्चिम रेलवे कर्मचारी परिषद

मण्डल-रतलाम

(भा. म संघ एवं भा. रे. म. संघ से संबद्ध, पं. क्र २५/६५)  
मण्डल / शाखा / कार्यालय



c/o Madhukar B. Senvatorkar,  
21, Ashok Sharma,  
Station Road, Ratlam.  
दिनांक 25 July, 1974

प्र क्रमांक.....

The Regional Labour Commissioner (Central),  
JABALPUR.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Victimization and harassment of Rly. staff.  
Unfair & Discriminating dirty practices adopted  
by Rly. officers - Wrongful dismissals/terminations-  
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Contrary to the tall talks and the promises given by the Rly. Minister, Prime Minister etc. given in the Parliament and outside, the Rly. Ministry and the Government have started taking revenge of the railway staff by resorting to the meanest type of victimization quite un mindful of humanity and human consideration.

2. In Ratlam Division alone, there are still 250 staff, who have either been dismissed or terminated or suspended besides many thousands whose services have been broken without following proper procedure/rules/laws. At every step step, the Rly. authorities have been taking law in their hand and doing maximum harm to the employees.

3. The following are a few of the representative cases of dismissal/termination and suspension done arbitrarily and deliberately ignoring the provisions & formalities specified in Sec. 28-F & G of the I.D. Act, P.W. Act and Art. 311 (2). Neither proper notices, final settlement of dues have been done, nor their appeals have been forwarded to the Appellate Authorities for needful action, and therefore, the dismissals/terminations are illegal and unenforceable and ineffective. A few names of dismissed/terminated employees are as under :-

<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Terminated</u>
Sri Hemnagarin B., IAR, En. Yd., RIM	Sri S.P. Chukla, IAR, En. Yd., STM
" B.S. Dubey, IAR, En. Yd., RIM	" S.P. Vijendra, AIC, etc
" Y.V. Singh, SI (Coupling)-STM	" Subhanshi S., Phal. (Telecom.)/RIM
" R.P. Tiwari, ACP (P)-STM	" Gerald, Phal. -do-
" M.S. Narandikar, Clerk/DS Office	" Banwarilal, S.M.R., Sig. A Telecom. Deptt.
" Mahesh Singh, S.C. Secy, AIC/STM	" Kishorilal, S.M.R. -do-
" Y.C. Joshi, ASM-Rajrangpur	" Chatur Behari, S.M.R. -do-
" L.M. Sharma, ASM-Dara	" Bilip, Phal./SMT Deptt., Show
" Uma Swaroop, ASM-DEAN	" Arya, S.M.R./Dudhara.

A few of the suspended employees are S/Sri S.S. Jain, Clerk, D.S. Office, Jabalpur, Daw Prasad Singh, Sr. Clerk/DMR, Home Yard, Ratlam, K.S. Agarwal, CA/Sr. DMR, Rajmal B., S.M.R., Jabalpur etc.

Until all the provisions of the I.D. Act, P.W. Act, Art. 311 (2) and Natural Justice are fully supplied with, none of the staff can be treated as dismissed/terminated, and withholding of their pay arbitrarily for more than 2 months i.e. for say June, 1974 is a serious crime, for which S/Sri M.S. Gupta, DS, M.C. Deena,

60, A.9.Siddiqi, DSTE, B.S.Kushwaha, J.R.Subramanyam, DM & DASS respectively may be taken up and immediate arrangements made to cancel all the dismissal/termination/suspension orders illegally issued and expeditious action taken to pay them their due wages for May and June, as non-finalisation of their cases has forced them and their children to die of hunger.

6. The behaviour of 2/Shri A.H.Siddiqi, DSTE and H.C.Meena, DFO is highly objectionable, provocative and revengeful and they seem to be the greatest enemies of bringing normalcy in the railway working. Shri Siddiqi is badly harassing, humiliating, insulting and intimidating the Signal & Telecom. of dire consequences by penal/instantaneous transfers, eviction from quarters, compelling them to do arduous, perilous duties for all the 24 hours without rest and food, falsely implicating the innocent staff in sabotage cases and bringing them to books by deterrent punishments, spelling records, refusal to give due promotions, etc.etc.

There are a large number of complaints against Shri Siddiqi and great discontentment among railway employees working under him. Everybody is astonished to see how and under what circumstances and reasons, this Shri Siddiqi, DSTE is kept at Ratlam for over 12 years at a stretch, when it is a rule that no officer should be kept at a place for more than 3 years and when nobody has been given such a special concession.

8. It is also feared by the Signal & Telecom. staff on RTM Division that because of the discrimination adopted by Shri Siddiqi, DSTE in doing special favours, undue concessions, out of way appointments and promotions, to Mohammedans and falsely implicating the innocent staff in sabotage and criminal cases, their service and life are insecure. They are condemned for whole of their life.

7. We are afraid that if deterrent and prompt effective action is not taken against Shri A.H.Siddiqi, DSTE, Shri H.C.Meena, DFO and Shri M.L. Gupta, DG-Ratlam and unless they are immediately transferred out of Ratlam, normalcy and peace in railway working in various establishments on Ratlam Divisional will never come and the situation will continue to deteriorate.

Hope for favourable and expeditious action.

Yours faithfully,

*K. S. Vagelkar*

(K.S.Vagelkar)

Divl. Secretary.

- Copy to (1) CIG (O) - New Delhi,  
(2) Shri L.N.Mishraji, Rly. Minister, Govt. of India, New Delhi.  
(3) Sant. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister, Govt. of India, New Delhi  
(4) Shri G.S. Gokhale, Working President, E.R.M.E., New Delhi.  
(5) Shri George Fernandes, M.C.C.R.S., 125/4, Babar Road, New Delhi

This Parishad has also received the complaints that in the face of grave national economic crisis, the above DSTE-Ratlam has been falsely giving Travelling Allowance to his favourites, which may kindly be investigated and action taken against him.

NCCRS/1/74

July 6, 1974

Dear Comrade Roy Choudhury,


I have seen the circular issued by you on 29th May. I hope everything is being done to preserve the unity of the rdalwaymen.

Did you file <sup>the</sup> police complaint about the Railway Official destroying your office and looting your property. If you have not, I suggest you do so immediately. In the meanwhile, I have taken up this matter with the Railway Minister.

From all available reports the struggle in Dhanbad Division did not come up to the expectations. Have you made an evaluation of the situation in your division during the strike? I shall appreciate having a detailed report from you.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri K.C. RoyChoudhury,  
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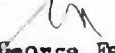
July 6, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

This refers to your letter of June 1, 1974 addressed to the Divisional Superintendent Tinsukia/Lumding. Kindly let me know the latest position on your railway.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener

The Convener,  
N.C.C.R.S.  
Mariani  
N.F. Rly.

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE  
MARIANI BRANCH

No. NCCRS/1/74

Date 1.6.74

3657  
5/6/74  
To  
The Divisional Superintendent,  
N.F. Railway, Tinsukia and Lumding.

Thru:-AME/AOS(M)/MDN

Dear Sir,

I, on behalf of the NCCRS, Mariani put forward the following demands for favour of your early disposal please.

- (a) Withdrawal of removal order imposed upon the innocent Railwaymen.
- (b) Condonation of Break-in-service vis-a-vis payment
- (c) Release of all arrested persons.

Under the circumstances I am to inform you that if the administration is failed to take suitable & action within a considerable time serious repercussion may take place amongst the Railwaymen at any moment.

An early action will be highly appreciated,  
Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

CONVENOR  
National Coordination Committee  
of Railwaymen's struggle  
Mariani branch

Copy to:-

- 1. Convenor, NCCRS, 125 E Babar Road, NEW DELHI
- 2. " " N.F. Rly. Mazdoor Union's Office Pandu

for information and n/a please.

*[Signature]*  
4/6/74  
Convenor  
NCCRS/Mariani.

NCCRS/1/74


July 6, 1974.

Dear Comrade Govind Pandey,

Please let me know the latest situation  
on victimisation in your jurisdiction.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Govind Pandey,  
Convener, N.C.C.R.S.  
GAYA.

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G A Y A

No. Gaya, dated the 2nd. June' 74.

From : Convener,  
N.C.C.R.S. Gaya Unit.

To : Convener,  
N.C.C.R.S.,  
New Delhi.

Convener,  
N.C.C.R.S., Eastern Zone,  
24/25, Strand Road, Cal. 1.

Sub: List of staff victimised during the  
General Strike from 1-5-74 to 26-5-74 at  
Gaya, Danapur Division.

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Please find the enclosed list of  
staff victimised during the General Strike from 2-5-74  
to 30-5-74 at Gaya for your information and necessary ac tion  
please. *The govt. forced us to go on  
strike from 2/5/74 as a result of  
arrest.*

*Govind Pandey*  
Convener  
N.C.C.R.S. Gaya Unit

Enc: One.

NCCRS/1/74

July 6, 1974.

Dear Comrade Choudhury,

I had told you that I would be visiting Gandhidham, Kota on July 18 and Ratlam on July 19. With the meeting of the Central Labour Organisations fixed in Delhi on July 20 & 21 certain amount of preliminary work has to be done before these meetings. I am therefore suggesting postponment of my visit to Gandhidham, Kota and Ratlam to the first week of August. I shall let you know the dates in a few days time. Kindly excuse the inconvenience.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Hari Singh Choudhury,  
Assistant General Secretary,  
All India Loco Running Staff Association,

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NCCRS/1/74


July 6, 1974.

Dear Comrade Sudama Singh,

I have the statement sent by you on the number of comrades arrested during the strike as also on the staff removed from duty. Will you please tell me what the latest situation in Katihar is ?

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Sudama Singh,  
Convener,  
National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
KATI HAR

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NCCRS/1/74

July 6, 1974.

Dear Comrade Chatterjee,

I am wondering whether you have made any evaluation of the circumstances in which the strike did not give us the desired results and also of the post-strike situation on the Railways. If you have, please send me a detailed note.


In your letter of May 30, '74 you had mentioned about this statement of Shri N.M. Pandey Zonal President of All India Station Masters' Association, North Eastern Rly., in which he had appealed to the Station Masters to call off the strike. Have you been able to secure a copy of that statement ?

You are aware of the decisions taken by the full meeting of the National Coordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle. We have to see that these decisions are faithfully implemented so that we succeed in securing justice for the railwaymen.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

Shri H.S. Chatterjee,  
~~C/A~~ President,  
All India Station Masters' Association  
ASANSOL Barakar, E. Rly

  
George Fernandes  
Convener

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INDIA RAILWAYS ASSOCIATION  
3/6/74  
POST-STRIKE POSITION On 30.5.74.

All India Station Masters' Association, Asansol Division.

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POST-STRIKE POSITION On 30.5.74.  
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Termination of services under <sup>DELHI</sup> Rule 14(ii) of 1968.  
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1) Sri H.S.Chatterjee(ASM)President/AISMA. 2.Sri Amal Chatterjee (ASM) Divl.President/AISMA/Raniganj. 3.Sri G.G.Goswami(ASM/Asansol Divl.Wkg.President/AISMA. 4.Sri N.C.Sarker(ASM/Jamtara) Divl.Secy. AISMA. 5. Sri D.D.P.Singh(R/ASM/Asansol)Org.Secy/AISMA. 6. Sri S.D.Sherma(ASM/Asansol)V.P./AISMA. 7.Sri P.K.Chakraborty(ASM/Sitarampur)Jt.Divl.Secy./AISMA. 8. Sri S.K.Sinha (ASM/Barakar) V.P./ERMU. 9.Sri N.R.Roy (ASM/Sitarampur)V.P./ERMU. 10. Sri Madhupuri (ASM/Baidyanathdham)President/ERMU. 11. Sri M. N. Bhattacharjee (ASM/Panagarh)Secy/ERMU. 12. Sri K.K.Des(ASM/PAN) Asstt.Secy./ERMU. 13. Sri N.K.Sen (ASM/Raniganj) 14. Sri A.S.Mot (ASM/Sitarampur) etc.

MISA & DIR cases pending against aforesaid persons, & others:

Sarbasri G.Sur (R/ASM/Asansol) and three others.

Office of the President  
A.I.S.M.A. Barakar E.R.  
30.5.74

My dear Com. Fernandes,

The historical event has lastly not ended happily in face of the fact that the position of all Zonal Railways of the East & West were on their heels. However, the 'calling off' decision made by the competent authority is not questionable. There were very many lapses on our part because of not being able to speculate the role of the so called democratic welfare State before hand.

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A ~~draft~~ demand for justice together with the picture of victimisation as received from the Divl.President/AISMA/Asansol division are enclosed herewith. Out of a thousand Railwaymen under the jurisdiction of NCCRS/Barakar approximately ~~twenty~~ <sup>ten</sup> Railwaymen have been removed under summary procedure of D.A.R 14(ii) of 1968. From this you can have an approximate nature of victimisation leaving aside the huge number of arrests under the DIR & MISA.

Revengeful actions in the nature of undertakings, transfers, threats of punishments, reversions etc. are in full swing.

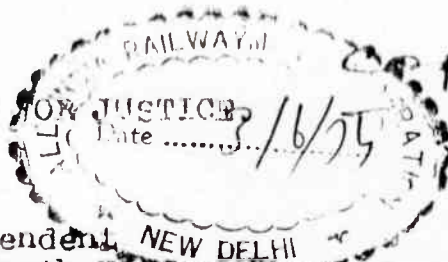
One Sri N.N.Pandey M.P Zonal President N.E.R reportedly posing as President/AISMA appealed to 'call off Strike' but the AIR broadcasted that President/AISMA has called off the Strike. This has duly been challenged. I have called for the original statement of Sri N.N.Pandey M.P. Zonal President/NER/AISMA.

Kindly acknowledge and let me have detailed position as quickly as possible.

With Sangrami congratulations to all those who fought heroically despite of brutal oppressions on Railwaymen wives and children including canvassing termination of services of the leaders and driving out children of the leaders from Railway Quarters. Railwaymen would not forget those who joined hands with brutal force in absence of male members.

*H.S. Chatterjee*

DEMAND FOR JUSTICE



The Divisional Superintendent, Eastern/South Eastern/North Eastern/North Frontier/Western/Central/Northern/South Central/Southern Railway.

Asansol Division.

Sub: Arbitrary en-mass termination of services in exercise of bad summary power of D.A.Rule 14(ii) of 1968.

Ref: Unknown

Sir,

Apropos to the judicial 'Show Cause Notices' & 'Injunction' issued by the Hon'ble Justice A.K.Mookherjee of Calcutta High Court to the Union of India, General Manager Chittaranjan Locomotives etc. on an application of Sri B.K.Bagu and others challenging termination of services under D.A.Rule 14(ii) of 1968, I would ~~xxx~~ very humbly request you to revoke the sforesaid order and consequential affects forthwith on the following grounds and others

1. That 14(ii) of D.A.Rule, 1968, is bad illegal, arbitrary, capricious and ultra vires to the Art.14, 15 and 311 of the Constitution of India.
2. That even if such rule is taken as valid for the time being, the nature of application on thousands of Railwaymen at one and the same time on the similar grounds, can very safely be termed as malefide.
3. That a similar provision of removing Government servants without granting any reasonable opportunity to defend, had been struck down as nullity by the Supreme Court of India.
4. That I emphatically deny the 'hearsay allegations' framed behind my back and I am constrained to feel that you have resorted to such summary procedure as you are confident that you are not in a position to establish the same through Disciplinary Enquiry even by appointing an officer of your choice. Thus the act is amounting to serious 'unfair labour practice' which is contrary to the national policy of a welfare State.
5. That the Supreme Court of India and High Courts have repeatedly denounced fruitless litigations making leakage to the public exchequer and prestige of the Government.
6. That it is not right for the welfare State like ours to be janus-faced and while formulating the humanist project of legal aid to the poor, contest the claims of poor employees under it pleading baseless and untested allegations.
7. That the State is a virtuous litigant and looks with unconcern on immoral forensic success, so that if on the merits the case is weak, Government shows a willingness to settle the dispute regardless of prestige and other lesser motivations.
8. That this petition is based on the National Policy on litigation evolved at a conference of Law Ministers of India way back 1957 and 54th report of the Law Commission of India.

I, therefore, hopefully addressing to a responsible officer may, if reasonable reaction follow, go a long way to avoidance of Governmental litigiousness and affirmance of the image of the Railway as deeply concerned only in justice - social justice. I also desire to be heard in person.

Kindly acknowledge.

Eastern Railway.  
Barakar Station.

Yours faithfully,

HS Chakraborty

Designation. ASM

Date

29/5/74

NCCRS/1/74

July 5, 1974

Dear Comrade Hassan,

I am indeed sorry for my failure to reach Izattnagar yesterday. Since day before yesterday night I was bed-ridden with a severe attack of flu from which I have somewhat recovered this evening. I have programme which will now take me to various parts of the country till the 18th. I shall come to Izattnagar on 19th evening. Please convey my sincere regards to all comrades.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri K. Hassan,  
Convener,  
N.C.C.R.S.,  
IZATTNAGAR.

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NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

Dear Courage Subramaniam,

I have the copy of your circular to your various offices. I hope you are doing everything necessary to cope with the new situation.

I have also the copy of your letter of June 13, '74 to the Convener N.C.C.R.S., S.E.R. Zone. I have discussed this matter with comrade Roy Choudhury when he was here for the Working Committee Meeting. I hope the meeting has since been convened. Please keep me informed about the developments.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri S. Subramaniam,  
General Secretary,  
South Eastern Rly. Labour Union,  
88-B, Garden Reach Road,  
CALCUTTA -

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# South Eastern Railway Labour Union

President :

0884 08 84 875

General Secretary : 88 B Garden Reach Road,

88 B, Nirmal Ch. Chunder St.  
CALCUTTA-123

Ref No. NCCRS/74

Date 13.6.74

To  
The Convenor,  
NCCRS SER Zone.

Dear comrade,

Re : Post Strike situation.

It is very much regrettable to note that although the strike has been called off about 18 days back the meeting of the Zonal committee of NCCRS has not been held. In view of the serious questions before us that is victimisation, relief to the affected persons and organisational steps to be taken Etc, this Union suggests an immediate meeting of the SER Zonal committee of the NCCRS for discussing these matters.

With Greetings,

Yours Fraternaly,

*S. Subramanian*  
General Secretary.

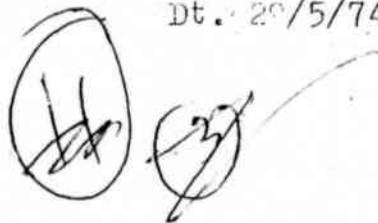
Copy to Comrade George Fernandez convenor NCCRS Delhi  
& Comrade B. Roychodhury AGS AIRF for information please.

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28/5/74

S. E. RLY. LABOUR UNION  
88B, Garden Reach Road  
Calcutta- 23.

No.. NCCRS/1974  
Dt. 28/5/74

To  
All Branch Secretaries &  
Central Office Bearers,  
S. E. Rly. Labour Union.



Dear Comrades,                      Re:- Post strike situation.

You are aware the historic and heroic strike was called off by the Action Committee of NCCRS on and from 28/5/74 and this union being a constituent of the NCCRS has no other option than to implement it. The contribution of this union's units during the strike is very much praise worthy. Many of our men have been arrested or dismissed and details are being collected and will be sent to branches very soon. Notable among the arrested are comrades P.V.Rama Rao Divl. Secretary WAT and B.N.Prasad Branch Resident of SHM. Warrants of Arrests were reported to have been issued against all our activists and central office bearers who participated in the strike. Among the dismissed persons are comrades Anil Kundu and P.Suryanarayan Central Office Bearers of Waltair, N.S.R. Reddy of Waltair B.N.Prasad and S.N.Bhattacharjee Branch Office bearers of SHM. At Waltair also several of men viz. S.Narayana, A.Tirumal Rao, M.Appa Rao, P.Appa Rao, D.Apparao, M.Surayanan and K.Ramulu are under suspension. This list is illustrative and not exhaustive and more information is awaited from the branches and areas of struggle.

2. In the post strike situation the following steps should be energetically taken by all concerned:-

- 1) The unity of Rly. men must be maintained at all costs and the forum of NCCRS should be activated for all intents and purposes.
- 2) Send to the Central office the lists of employees removed/dismissed, arrested under different sections, suspended, charge sheeted under D& A rules or any other rules. Defence counsels may also be arranged for defending cases.
- 3) Hold meetings of branches to coordinate our activities and make the Rly. men feel that we are alive to the responsibility of bringing all our comrades back to work.

Against Break-in-service and Pay cut we are waiting for NCCRS Hd. Qrs. directive and from our union a suggestion is being sent to them for instituting some cases in High Courts.

A detailed report on the strike evaluation be also sent for record in the office and for sending it in a compiled form whole to both the ALNF and NCCRS.

Struggle fund or membership drive should proceed as usual interrupted.

Please arrange an early compliance of this circular and post this office information every week including assistance required from the central for meeting with the situations.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally



( S. Subrahmaniam )  
General Secretary.

NCCRS/1/74


July 4, 1974

Dear Comrade Niyogi,

This is to thank you for the resolution adopted by the 18th Annual Convention of your Organisation on the Railway Strike. We are grappling with the new situation and need the help of all our friends every where. I hope our comrades in Jalpaiguri are in touch with you and you are doing something substantial to help provide relief to the victimised employees.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Anil Kumar Niyogi,  
General Secretary,  
Divl. Insurance Employees' Association,  
C/o Shri Kumud Ghosh,  
New Town,  
Jalpaiguri (W.B.)

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# DIVISIONAL INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

JALPAIGURI

REGD. NO. 4670

( Affiliated to A. I. I. E. A. through E. Z. I. E. A. )

PRESIDENT :

**SRI SUHRIT DUTTA**

GENERAL SECRETARY :

**SRI ANIL KUMAR NIYOGI**

ADDRESS :

C/o. **SRI KUMUD GHOSH**

NEW TOWN

JALPAIGURI

**13.6.74.**

Sm. Indira Gandhi,  
Prime Minister,  
Govt. of India,  
New Delhi.

Madam,

We are enclosing herewith a resolution adopted in the 13th Annual General Conference of our Association. The resolution reflects the sympathetic sentiment of the Insurance Employees of Jalpaiguri towards the Railway Employees and it truly expresses deep consternation over the fact that the Govt. of India instead of solving the intolerable hardship and privation of the Railway Employees as the social being and welfare state ought to be, have chosen to suppress the rising crescendo by means of unprecedented terror and undemocratic measures. If this is any indication, the Insurance Employees are afraid of the future of democracy and trade union functioning everywhere. We believe that the Govt. of India will soon take the initiative to solve the genuine problem of the Railway Employees in order to restore a state of normalcy in the Railways.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary.

Copy to:

(1) Sri L.N. Misra, Minister of Railways, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

(2) The Chairman, Railway Board, \_\_\_\_\_

(3) The Convenor, N.C.C.R.S., \_\_\_\_\_

Encls:-1

Anil Kumar Niyogi  
General Secretary.

This 18th Annual General Conference of D. I. E. A., Jalpaiguri held on 1st and 2nd June, 1974, extends its warmest greetings to two million Railwaymen who went on strike on May 8 in vindication of their 8 points charter of demands. The strike which started on 8 May and continued for 30 long days in an unprecedented event in the history of the trade union and working class movement of India.

This conference notes with great consternation that the Govt. unleashed barbaric methods to intimidate and repress the Railway employees in an unprecedented scale. Thousands of employees were arrested, many thousands were victimised and even served with dismissal notices. Railway colonies all over the country have become the special targets of brutal intimidation by the armed police, who did not hesitate to torture and beat up the womanfolk and children of Railway employees in a desperate attempt to break the worker's morale and force them back to duty literally at the point of the gun.

This conference firmly stands by the just and legitimate demands of the Railwaymen and fully endorses their view point that it is within the means of the Railways to meet these demands without creating new burdens upon the common people.

This conference notes with deep concern that by denying the just demands of Railwaymen and by restoring to barbarous methods to suppress the struggling employees, the Govt. has virtually launched a war against the working class movement in the country with the object of stifling the surging struggles of working class against high prices and inflation and thereby to shift the entire burden of the economic crisis that has engulfed the whole fabric of our national economy, on to the working class.

This meeting is convinced that the struggles of the Railwaymen have not ended in failure, on the contrary, it has shown the great awareness amongst the mightiest section of working men in our country. Their heroic struggle for 30 long days has opened up a new vista to the Indian working class. The toiling people of the country rose in a mighty solidarity campaign that started on the day the Govt. treacherously made the pre-emptive arrests under the cover of negotiations, in thousands of protest rallies and demonstrations which reached a new high on May 15 when an

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All India General strike was observed. We feel ourselves proud that the AIIEA was an active participant in the General Strike. The conference also notes with deep satisfaction that the success of the strike amidst brutal atrocities on the part of the Govt. machinery not only aroused wrath of the Indian working class it had also evoked widespread International solidarity campaign which was unique in many respects in the trade union history of our country.

This conference urges upon the Govt. of India to read correctly the writings on the wall and take sympathetic attitude to just and legitimate grievances of the common men of the country instead of confronting them. The working class of the country has become all the more powerful out of the heroic battles that have been fought by the Railwaymen and they will not hesitate to move into ever greater actions in future for betterment of life and living which are being constantly depressed by the desperate state of affairs of the country's economy.

This conference demands of the Govt. of India for immediate release of arrested Railwaymen, withdrawal of all suspension and dismissal orders served on them and end all sorts of victimisation of the employees. It also demands that negotiations on all the points of the Railwaymen's charter of demands be started without any loss of time with the 'National Co-ordination Committee of the Railwaymen's Struggle' and a negotiated settlement be reached to the satisfaction of all concerned.

This conference while sending its high tributes to the Railwaymen in praise of their heroic and mighty struggle also assures them of the full support of the indurance employees and appeals to all trade unions to rally more actively and determinedly behind the Railwaymen who have fought the interest and rights and basic principles of the trade union movement as a whole.

Proposed by :

Seconded by :

*S. L. S. S. S.*

President

Date: 2/6/74

NCCRS/1/74


July 4, 1974.

Dear Comrade Mohinder Singh,

I have your letter of June 16, '74.  
Enclosed herewith please find copy of  
my letter to the Railway Minister on  
the subject.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

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Shri Mohinder Singh,  
Branch Secretary,  
Northern Railwaymen's Union,  
N-111, Railway Colony,  
KALKA.

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NCCRS/1/74


July 4, 1974.

Dear Comrade Mishra,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the copy of your representation to the Loco Foreman. I hope you are doing the useful to set right the wrongs which you have mentioned in your letter. We have to make it absolutely clear to the Railway Officials that there will be no normalcy on the Railways unless they restore normalcy in their relations with the workers.

With greetings,

yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri S.N. Mishra,  
Convener/N.C.C.R.S.,  
Darbhanga Branch/N.E.Rly.,  
DARBHANGA.

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NATIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF RAILWAY MEN  
FOR STRUGGLE

DARBHANGA BRANCH

Dated 3-6-74.

To,

The Loco Foreman,  
N. E. Railway, Darbhanga.

Sub: - PROTEST AGAINST WRONG DECISION, HARRASSING ATTITUDE  
OF THE RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION.

Dear Sir,

The N.C.C.R. Darbhanga Branch on behalf of the Railway Employees of Darbhanga protest bitterly against the wrong decision of the Railway Administration regarding sanctioning of Special Increment, Special Promotion and Special Appointment on the posts of removal and terminated Railway Employees. All the victimisations should soon be withdrawn.

Further I beg to draw your kind attention towards the irregularities in booking of running staff Darbhanga shed for your information and to take necessary steps to stop such irregularities to avoid mass complaints or any other disturbances.

The most of staff began to resume their duties from 6 hours of 28-5-74 as per instructions of NCCRs and appeal of and assurance of our honourable President Sri V.V. Giri that there will be no victimisation after joining their duties. They also instructed that there should not be any friction amongst the strikers and non-strikers.

That the administration had adopted the harrassing attitude towards the employees participated in the strike so that they will agitate and on the basis of which they may be put into troubles by lodging criminal cases etc.

That the staff already <sup>booked</sup> put for working a certain train is changed unnecessarily at the last moment of departure of train and another staff are booked in place of them.

That improper staff are booked to work the train whereas proper staff are left sitting idle as for example substitutes are booked on the post of fire men, II, Fireman II on the post of Fireman B, Fireman B are booked on the post of shunter, Shunter ~~are booked~~ are booked on the post of Driver C, Driver C on the post of Driver B etc. whereas the proper designated staff are available.

That due to booking the improper staff for officiating in higher grades not only the proper staff are debarred off duty but a great loss in paying the allowance is occurred to the Government.

That such staff who <sup>have</sup> not yet passed the Fireman promotion <sup>course</sup> from STS/KP and who are quite ignorant regarding Boiler Safety are booked to officiate as Fireman B.

That ME II/SPJ Shri Pachauri misbehaved the strikers when they were resuming duty. He also threatened them. He further remarked on the Rough Booking of 30-5-74 "No body will disturb the permanent Crew formed by me on 8-5-74 and after it is till further". He remarked these lines at that time when the staff met him regarding their difficulties in booking.

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That the AIE II/PJ at DBG fixed four sets of crew on one Engine and he instructed the LF/DBG that when the certain engine will be booked, the certain fixed staff will be booked on the Said Engine, ~~of the LF/DBG staff will also be~~ detained in shed for repairing the fixed staff will also be detained in shed as stated by LF/DBG on 31-5-74 thus the formula "First in first out" is not being observed.

That on 31-5-74 Driver R.C. Singh with Staff were booked SC/23 but ALF(R) 00 to 8 <sup>Shree</sup> turned out the power with Driver Ranjee Das with staff and the booked staff are not called to harrass the staff although the ALF(R) 16 to 00 hrs. of 31-5-74 had clearly instructed in the Diary.

Under the above circumstances the undersigned requests you to kindly look into the matter seriously and arrange to remove all the irregularities the soonest possible otherwise any sorts of break in piece will be counted on the account of the administration as the staff are not ready to tolerate such type of revenging attitude at all.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- S.N. Mishra <sup>ms</sup> 2/6/74

Convener

National Co-ordination of Railway men  
for struggle,  
N. E. Railway, Darbhanga Branch.

Copy forwarded to:-

1. The Divisional Supdt., N. E. Rly. Samastipur.
2. The Divisional Supdt. (M), N. E. Rly. Samastipur.
3. The General Manager, N. E. Rly., Gorakhpur.
4. The Labour Commissioner, Bihar, Patna.
5. The Supdt. of Police, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga.
6. The District Magistrate, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga.
7. The Divisional Secretary, AILARSA, Samastipur.
8. The General Secretary, AILARSA, Garhara.
9. The Secretary General AILARSA, Landing.
- ✓ 10. The Convener, National Co-ordination Committee of Railwaymen for Struggle, New Delhi.
11. The President of India, New Delhi.
12. The Prime Minister of India, New Delhi.
13. The Rly. Minister, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
14. The Labour Minister, Govt. of India, New Delhi, for information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,

( S. N. MISHRA )

Convener

NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

Dear Comrade Dey,

I have the copy of your letter to the Divisional Superintendent, N.F. Railway. Will you please let me know what developments have taken place since you made your complaint.

Enclosed herewith is copy of my letter to the Railway Minister on the subject.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Encl: One.

Shri Bijoy Krishna Dey,  
C/o J.C. Dey,  
Qr. No. L/335,  
Brickfield Colony,  
P.O. Lunding,  
ASSAM

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To  
The Divisional Superintendent,  
N. F. Railway,  
Lumding.

( Through Proper Channel ).

Sir,

Sub:- Appeal against unlawful eviction and  
seizure of all my goods and properties.

With deep concern and great regret I like to note my serious  
resentment on the unlawful eviction of my Qrs. seizing and damaging all  
my properties breaking the doors in absence of myself and my  
family which creates a blackest example of repression on the rightful  
and democratic railwayman.

I like to put the followings questions in view of your brutal action  
tearing up the democratic principles and damaging the legal sanctity.

What right you have got to snatch away all my properties and  
belongings which I have built with my flesh and blood toiling years  
together.

Let me know what is my fault for which administration let loose its  
repressive machinery nakedly violating the legal and democratic  
perspective.

Do you know that I am a suspended Rly. Employee subjudised under  
court of law and still in service and regular rent is being recovered  
from me for the Qrs. from which I have been evicted?

What intention lies in evicting me and when two Qrs. on 23.6.74  
when calling off of the Rly. men's agitation announced through AIR  
on 27 th evening.

Lastly, have you not encroached upon the jurisdiction of court  
attacking a staff who is protected under court of law?

It is clear that this eviction is most illegal, irregular and  
motivated. So before appearing to the court of law I demand  
immediate handing over of the Qrs. No. 647/C which has been  
awarded to some other staff after eviction and return of all my  
belongings and properties, costing approximately Rs 12000/- to me  
from where those had been taken away with full compensation of  
my loss or damage if any.

Hope you will act accordingly without any delay to regularise  
your irregular action. If not there will be no other alternative than  
to take resort of the court of law for justice.

Yours faithfully,

Bijoy Krishna Das.  
CGI / DAO - Lumding

Dated Lumding, the  
13 th June/1974.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- 1) D/O/LMG. He is requested to take necessary action in saving the  
staff who is under your control from undue harassment and inhuman  
repression.
- 2) TA & CAO/MLG, Gauhati-11.
- 3) GM/N. F. Railway/MLG. He is requested to intervene into the matter  
personally to make an end of this harassment and repression with

- 4) Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 5) Rail Minister, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 6) Labour Minister, Shramashakti Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 7) Labour Commissioner, Eastern Zone, Calcutta,
- 8) Convenor, N.C.C. R.S. New Delhi.

Address: B. K. DEB  
40 T. G. Dey  
GR No. L/335  
Brickfield Colony  
Po Lending  
Assam

NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

Dear Comrade Guha Roy,

This is to thank you for the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of your Union on the Railwaymen's Struggle. I hope you are also taking steps to help the victimised railwaymen who number over 70,000 all over the country.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri P. Guha Roy,  
General Secretary,  
Paharpur Works Employees' Union,  
M-81, Paharpur Road,  
CALCUTTA - 24

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NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

Dear Comrade Banerjee,

I have the copy of your letter to the Divisional Superintendent, Howrah. As you are aware, we are pursuing the matter of victimised employees seriously and we should be able to get this problem resolved in the near future. In the meanwhile, I hope you are doing everything necessary to keep the railwaymen's unity and strength.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri P.U. Banerjee,  
National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's struggle,  
Katwa Branch

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**National Co-Ordination Committee (Railway Men's Struggle)**  
**KATWA BRANCH**

No.....

Date.....

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2/1/74

The Divisional Superintendent,  
Eastern Railway,  
Katwa.

Through Post Office.

I am directed to draw your attention to the current strike situation. Since the strike has been called off on 21st May '74, yet no suitable measures have been taken so far to bring the overall situation into normalcy.

Several punitive measures have been taken against thousands of staff for joining the strike, etc. Staff are still under strict discipline, thousands of staff under order of removal and thousands of substitutes have been deputed since the onset of the strike. There is a threat of break service and tripping without pay for the strike period. These measures have been adversely affecting the morale of the employees and is bound to affect on their office work in day to day work and to disturb the work. To restore normalcy, the situation should be tackled with all the sympathy to remove any further bitterness.



*for*

**National Co-Ordination Committee/Railway Men's Struggle**  
a non-strike. KATWAG BRANCH

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The undersigned therefore urge upon you to take following steps if at all normalcy is desired sincerely.

(i) All the court cases should be dropped and the staff still under police custody should be released immediately for which the appropriate authority to be approached.

(ii) All removed staff should be re-instated without further delay.

(iii) There should be no break service for joining a strike.

(iv) Payment for the strike period to be given in full.

(v) No transfer order should be issued as a punitive measure.

(vi) All substitutes and casual labour should be taken back to duty ~~only~~ immediately.

(vii) Facilities to all classes to be restored.

(viii) The last but not the least important is this that there should be no any discrimination of strikers and non-striker by giving extra facilities to non-striker.

National Co-Ordination Committee Railway Men's Struggle  
KATWA BRANCH

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Date.....

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As this will create permanent suspicion of strikers and non-strikers which will deteriorate the work and will help to increase the permanent bitterness.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

*P. H. Banerjee*

- Copy to :
- 1) Sri V. V. Giri, The National President of India.
  - 2) General Manager, Eastern Railway, Calcutta.
  - 3) The convenor General, N.C.C., Eastern Railway, Calcutta.
  - 4) The convenor, All India N.C.C.C., New-Delhi

NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.


The Secretary,  
South Central Rly. Mazdoor Union,  
Branch Office,  
VIJAYAVADA.

Dear Comrade,

I have your telegram of June ~~enclosed~~ enclosed  
herewith please. ~~fine~~ my letter to the  
Railway. ~~the~~ matter is being pursued

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

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NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

Dear Comrade Dutta,

I am acknowledging copies of your letters of June 19, 23 and 26 addressed to the Divisional Superintendent, Northern Railway. I hope the problems are being resolved.

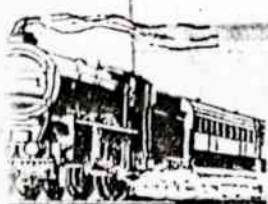
With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri M.P. Dutta,  
Divl. Secretary,  
Northern Railwaymen's Union,  
120-E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi.

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# NORTHERN RAILWAYMEN'S UNION

Registered & Recognised

Affiliated to : ALL INDIA RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION & HIND MAZDOOR SABHA

## DELHI DIVISION

Divl. President :  
Com. Amar Singh  
Divl. Secretary :  
Com. M. P. Dutta

Divisional Office :  
120-E, BABAR ROAD,  
NEW DELHI-110001

NRMU

No. NRMU/DLI Divn./74 / 401

Dated June 25, 1974

Re: Victimization of 107 Coml. Staff  
by SDA D.S. Office, New Delhi.

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Dear Mr. Verma,

Tolerance has a limit, we have sent you a dozen letters re: creation of normalcy in Delhi Divn. but your Administration has not moved inspite of General Manager, Northern Railway assurance to our General Secretary NRMU on 18.6.74 and Railway Minister assurance to Mr. Madhu Limaye, M.P. on 14.6.74.

In case you under the complete influence of SDA New Delhi against whom several vigilance cases are alleged to be under process, our General Secretary may be informed so that we can approach General Manager and higher ups for getting justice as we can prove that corruption is being smelt at your office level and SDA New Delhi level for getting Ticket Collector, RWS's Reservation Clerks, Enquiry Clerks, Parcel Porters, Parcel Clerks, Goods Clerks dismissed and removed blank signed forms of removal were given by SDA to SAs/UDLS to get such persons removed who do not dance at his or SDAs to tune.

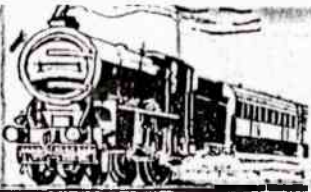
Some persons have been regarded as strike breakers actually these were Pimps of SDA and had not moved from their houses even.

Please intervene immediately as we hope when your goodself come to know the real and heart rendering ~~task~~ tales of 107 Coml. Staff you will punish the culprit who ever he may be as we know your mind since long and you are a godfearing Officer.

Yours sincerely,

( M. P. Dutta )

*Copy to Comptroller General of Accounts*



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NEW DELHI-110001



Ref No. NRMU/DII Divn./74

3947  
15/6/74

Dated **June, 13** 1974

The Divisional Superintendent,  
Northern Railway,  
New Delhi


Dear Sir,

Re: Unlue harassment by DUE (DRL)/TWO

It has been brought to our notice that certain senior subordinates have taken full advantage of Hly. Minister's attitude to crush strange & united Trade Union movement of 8th May, 1974.

Some substitutes were working in Diesel Shed at TNO regularly upto 7th May, 1974. DUE Diesel got them re-approved on 7th May, 74 vide letter No. Confid dated 7/5/74 and new substitutes were got engaged from 8th May, 1974 by free and foul means benefiting the products of certain individuals. The enclosed list is self speaking, they are neither leaders nor active workers of NRMU. Please help them for rehabilitation to create normalcy at TNO station under advice to us

Yours faithfully,

  
(M.P. Dutta)  
Divl. Secretary.

Encl:

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Copy to:-

1. General Secretary, NRMU / New Delhi
2. General Secretary / ARE / New Delhi
3. Convener / NCCRS / New Delhi.



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NEW DELHI-110001**

**NRMU**

( No. NRMU/DLI Divn./74

Dated 26.6. 1974

Sub: Filling up vacancies of Dismissed  
or Removed employees after May Strike.

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Dear Shri Verma,

It has been brought to our notice that vacancies of Guards Grade IV TTE's, TKR'S and Drivers vacancies are being filled by your office to suit the interests of some opportunists elements. It is hoped that General Secretary/NRMU has discussed with General Manager this aspect on 18.6.74. and he has promised to sympathetically consider Union's views.

Please intervene and ask DPO's and Executive Officers not to fill such vacancies as the appeals of the employees are likely to settled within a week also and normalcy is expected to be restored before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,

  
(M. P. Dutta)  
Divl. Secretary

Shri G.K. Verma,  
Divl. Supdt.,  
Northern Railway,  
New Delhi.

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in DSDLI is not Talant*

NCCRS/1/74


July 4, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

I have the copy of your letter of June 7, '74 to comrade Kanai Banerjee. I hope the matter has been resolved satisfactorily. I do not have to emphasise the imperative need of/reserving our unity in the present circumstances.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

The Branch Secretary,  
Eastern Ry. Workers Union,  
144, Lenin Sarani,  
Calcutta.

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# EASTERN RAILWAY WORKERS UNION

( Affiliated to ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS )

H. Q. BRANCH

SECRET—SANAT RAHA, M. P.

144, LENIN SARANI  
CALCUTTA-13

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Com. Kanai Banerjee,  
Convenor, H.C.C.R.S.  
H.Q. Unit, E. Railway.

Dated 7th June 1974

Dear Comrade,

We are now faced with a new phase of struggle. The strike struggle is over leaving large number of victimised brothers. At this critical juncture the unity of Railwaymen to be kept alive and developed. It is expected that you, who were constantly among the struggling Railwaymen during the ordeal of strike struggle, should not be swayed away by the provocative propaganda of 'Market Press' and allow ourselves to be victim of mock-revolutionary stunt and sentiments.

While we talk of unity and try to activate the same we cannot get rid of our preconceived idea about the politics of united front. There is no doubt that we had and have much more difference about forging unity and its reality among Railwaymen. I cannot forget to remind you that you held a very sectarian view about united front of Railwaymen being a 'Branch Chief' of ERMU. Your 'Brother' dominating policies and attitude nonetheless became a cause of disruption in the united front which was pretested many times by our union in the NCCRS. We were alive to the situation that may be caused by your motivated and skill to disrupt the unity and very cautiously exercised our strength and wisdom upto the day of our strike struggle is over.

I regret to mention that on the day of 28th May/74 you convened a meeting of the workers of H.Q. area at your own in the NCCRS HQ Unit Office Koilaghat without consulting any of the other components and delivered a venomous, deliberate, preponderous lecture condemning the role of some all I.T.U. leaders and gave a call to purify the NCCRS by kicking out those leaders and their followers. This high handed arbitrary action in the name of NCCRS tantamount to disruption of the unity of the Railwaymen and to bring about motivated political tide of vile attack against one of the components of the NCCRS.

It is also worthy to mention that despite our request made through Jt. Secy. Com. C.R. Sengupta to hold the meeting outside and after 5 p.m. you tried to hold the meeting during office hours inside the office premises for the reason best known to you. As the NCCRS has no constitution of its own and determined to run its business on consensus basis, I am sorry to tell you that you have again deliberately disregarded our request and thereby crossed the limit of 'consensus norms' in maintaining the unity of the NCCRS.

While we are awaiting a reply of our letter dt. 3.6.74 regarding holding of meetings of NCCRS to discuss the issue, a leaflet has been issued & distributed among the staff of H.Q. in which some distortion of facts in para 3 has been ventilated in the name of NCCRS central convenor Com. George Fernandez. I like to know whether the same leaflet has been published by you as convenor NCCRS, HQ Unit and if so, what are the reasons to put such distortion regarding ending off the strike. So question arise:-

# EASTERN RAILWAY WORKERS UNION

( Affiliated to ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS )

H. O. BRANCH

TO - SANAT RAHA, M. P.

144, LENIN SARANI  
CALCUTTA-13

No. ....

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Dated ..... 197

Can you deny that convenor George Fernandes never told to the press the difference in the NCCRS the strike has been called off.

Can you deny that the differences between Com.George and Com.Priya Gupta listed in the question of withdrawal of strike.

Can you deny that Com.George never told the press that, suggestion put by in any way acted as reason of call off the strike.

Can you deny that in the statement of the NCCRS Action Committee from Tib for the withdrawal of the Strike the three reasons for call off of the strike are as(1) The Action Committee having given deep consideration to the strike situation on all the sonal Rlys and in other Rly.Establishment & aware economic consequences of further prolonging the action & conscious of the responsibility thrust on it in the circumstances, hereby resolves to unilaterally call off the strike with effect from 6 a.m. on Thursday Mat 28th."

Can you deny that knowing all this bare facts and even before receiving all round assessments and review of our strike situation from the Central NCCRS attempt to publish such leaflet is unwise baseless, motivated to suit your partisanism and thereby to cause serious damage towards the unity of the Railwaymen.

Can you deny that while the urgency of augmenting the process to fight the use of victimised comrades is the prime need of the hour your arbitrary, ultra sectarian attitude to disrupt the unity of the Railwaymen by convening NCCRS meeting at your suit will delivering lecture at your own political line publishing motivated vile leaflet is attacking at the very root of the unity helping us thus helping the heavy hands of the anti-unity forces and enemies of Railwaymen's struggle.

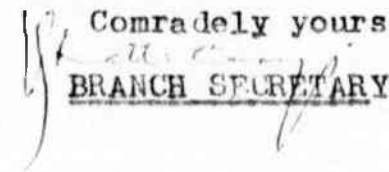
Can you deny that there are large number of Railwaymen participants in the strike are not even the members of any of the union. Why then in the said leaflet it has been advised to consult 'union'(I do not know which Union)instead of NCCRS which is still alive.

I like to close this chapter reminding you the necessity to continue the work of NCCRS as it was before and during the strike period so that all out solidarity of the Railwaymen particularly in the HQ area could be maintained and developed to fight out the problem of return of our comrades who are still out of work and to raise funds collectively or unionwise to extend due help to victimised brothers.

In view of the above facts I would comradely request and appeal you to respect the other constituents of the NCCRS and come back from the out-lined path of disunity that you have already taken only by which we can maintain the glorious valour of our battle that we have fought unitedly upto the last.

I reserve the right to publish it as and when necessary, before it is too late in the interest of the general members of the Railwaymen.

Comradely yours,

  
BRANCH SECRETARY

Copy to N.C.C.R.S.(Central) New Delhi.  
I.R.W.F., E.R.W.U., A.I.T.U.C.,  
N.C.C.R.S.(Zonal) E.Rly.  
Members, N.C.C.R.S. HQ.Unit.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Kalyan Singh,

I have your telegram on the observance of Anti-Victimisation Day at Bikaner. I hope you are doing everything necessary to maintain unity and the fighting spirit of the railwaymen.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri Kalyan Singh,  
Convener,  
National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
Workshop Branch,  
Bikaner.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.


The General Secretary,  
Paschimanga Ganatantrik Mahila Samity,  
8/1, Dr. Amal Roy Chowdhury Lane,  
Calcutta-9

Dear Com.,

I have the copy of your letter to  
President Giri. I am grateful to you and to your  
organisation for the steps taken by you to help  
the railwaymen and their families during our  
struggle. I hope we shall continue to have your  
support in the coming days.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri V. V. Giri,  
President of India,  
Rashtrapati Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Through General Manager, Eastern Railway,  
Calcutta & General Manager, South Eastern  
Railway, Garden Reach, Calcutta.

Dear Shri Giri,

1) On behalf of the Paschim Banga Ganatantrik Mahila Samiti, we express our deep concern at the manner in which the Government resorted to most brutal repressive measures on the railway workers all over India and West Bengal in particular during and after recent Railway strike. The railway colonies and their womenfolk and children of workers were made a special target of attack in the name of "teaching a lesson" to them. We feel indignant at the atrocities committed on women and girls in Kisangunj in New Delhi, Kanchrapara, Naihati, Andal, Liliha and Kharagpur in West Bengal, Lamsing in Assam, Bombay and other places by CRP, BSF, State Police, Congress goondas and women Home Guards during the strike. We would like to cite only a few incidents to highlight the cruelty they have been committed since we ourselves have made inquiries about some of them.

A) Smt. Manjushri Dasgupta from Babu block colony in Kanchrapara lost her four teeth with a serious injury on her head as a result of lathicharge on the 12th of May by the C.C. Mr. Hazrah himself.

B) Smt. Krishna Chatterjee, a young woman from New colony, Kanchrapara, became unconscious when the police dragged and beat her so savagely that a bunch of her hair came out in his hand, the scalp profusely bleeding, on the 16th of May.

C) Four young girls were dragged by police and arrested when they were taking bath at Itkhola colony on the 12th May.

D) Smt. Appalamma, a blind old woman was so much beaten on the 18th of May, that she could not stand erect when we met her at "cutting khuli" colony at Kharagpur.

During the Railway strike the terrorisation of the families of Railwaymen was so intense that they could not sleep peacefully in the night due to prequent police intervention with the sole object of breaking their morale. For nights together the C.R.P. and police hounded and charged the workers in the colonies while torturing their womenfolk and children.

It was reported in the press that combing operations in the worker's colonies at Chittaranjan, Asansol, Malda, Andal and other cities and towns in West Bengal took place during the strike. Women were arrested, the strikers were forced to sign bonds at a rifle point. Those who have refused to sign the bonds, have been hunted out of their places of residence. House to house raids took place in Malda.

Railway workers were served with discharge notices and their families were evicted along with their belongings.

proved the Congress rulers have miserably failed in this and the women and children stood heroically with their husbands and brothers in spite of the terror let loose.

2) The aftermath of the withdrawal of the strike is causing us a grave concern with thousands of workers still in jail, under MISA and DIR, about 50,000 served with dismissal orders and about 30,000 persons evicted or served with eviction orders from their houses. Break-in-service was imposed on over lakhs of workers. Penal transfer orders have been served against many.

Nowhere in the history of any democratic country, the workers have been made to suffer as in India just because they demanded the minimum wage. Never before in India was there such a terror spread over all parts of the country. Nowhere in the world, the womenfolk of the strikers were made to suffer such indignities at the hands of the Congress goondas and police. Nowhere the women and children were thrown out in the street at the dead of night with their belongings, just because they happen to be the wives and children of Railway workers.

Among the arrested under MISA and DIR there are a number of women belonging to the rail colonies. There are some women leaders of political parties and trade union. Those strikers who have been arrested are not yet being released. Those being released are compelled to give bonds of "surrender" before joining duties. Those who want to join are not allowed and they are detained or discharged. Thus victimisation of the workers for participating in the strike continued unabated, even after the withdrawal of strike. More arrests are taking place and fresh warrants are being issued.

3) In West Bengal more than thousands of arrests have taken place, and railway workers are being discharged and victimised. The services of the temporary workers have been disposed of. These 'casual' or 'Temporary' workers in the railways are continuing in services for several years. In Santragachi workshop, lists of the workers who had joined after 1964 were prepared by authorities and not one of them was allowed to resume duties. Armed policemen were posted to see that do not enter the workplace. In Kanchrapara colonies the atrocities by congress goondas continue.

4) Smt. Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister said at the time of withdrawal that there would be no bitterness. Shri L.N. Mishra, the Railway Minister, welcoming the decision even went further and said, "the Railway workers will be treated as members of one family and the Government would treat them as parents treat their misguided children. Shri U. S. Dixit, the Home Minister, stated, "there was no question of the Government adopting a vindictive attitude towards railwaymen who had participated in the strike". You, the President, have said that "withdrawal of the strike would greatly help to create a better climate and better understanding". We have not come across to any 'parents' who have treated their children so vindictively, as it is done in the case of the railworkers. The whole machinery of the Railway Board and the Central Government came down to suppress the workers so that they should not raise any of their demands henceforth. The aftermath of the strike did not show the assurances given by the Prime Minister and the Railway Minister were meant for implementation. The bill passed between the

1) It was obvious for a lame person even to see that the treatment meted out to the workers by Railway authorities affected the working and functioning of the railways, with the result, the workers have gone on spontaneous strike at many places like Kurla and Matunga workshop in Bombay. Their due wages are not paid. Do you think with so much vindictiveness towards the workers and their families after the withdrawal of the strike, the railways will run smoothly? The recent application of restrictions on the movements of the leaders like George Fernandes while visiting the colonies in Calcutta and elsewhere will not help to improve the situation. According to the Railway Minister himself, they had to suffer a loss of more than Rs.1500 crores due to the Railway strike, which in our opinion, could have been avoided and the amount utilised for meeting the urgent demands of the railway workers.

We firmly believe that 17 lakhs railway workers are ~~the~~ backbone of the economy of our country and if they and their women-folk are made to suffer ~~with~~ no fault of theirs, ~~the~~ situation will ~~not~~ worsen and all the sections of the people will have to suffer for that who are dependent on railways for food, coal, raw materials and other things.

The railway workers represented their case through the NCCRS, which is a united body of all sections of the workers. The Railway Minister had negotiations with this body only before the strike. How can the Railway Minister, now deny to open negotiations with the same body? Will the workers be wrong to conclude from this that the Railway Minister wants to divide the workers when he insists that he will have nothing to do with NCCRS?

2) The Paschim Banga Ganatantrik Mahila Samiti therefore, approaches you as President of India, and also as one who has taken "pride while considering the problems of the railway workers" with the hope that you will intervene in the matter and see that justice is done to the railway workers. We, therefore, demand:

- a) Immediate release of all the railway employees and other detained under MISA and DIR;
- b) To reinstate all the discharged or victimised workers;
- c) Withdrawal of all cases of break-in-service;
- d) Payment of all due wages to the workers;
- e) To hold public inquiry into the atrocities on women in the railway colonies during the strike;
- f) To open negotiations for the unsettled demands with the NCCRS, the only representative body of all the railway workers.

We hope, you will give a serious thought to our memorandum and act in the interest of the railway employees without any delay.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Nambiar,

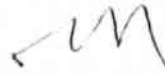
I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging your letter of 3rd June which arrived in Delhi on June 12. I am constantly on the move, hence the delay.

Please accept my greetings for the magnificent struggle of all the railwaymen at Mangalore. I have received glowing reports of the unity and fighting spirit displayed by all of you. I am indeed proud of your achievements.

The victimisation cases are being dealt with at various levels and I am hoping that we shall soon have a solution to these problems. In the meanwhile, I hope you are doing everything necessary to preserve the unity and the fighting spirit of the railwaymen in your jurisdiction. I am hoping to visit Mangalore in September, 1974, and spend some time with all of you.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri K.P.N.Nambiar,  
Convener,  
Coordination Committee for  
Railwaymen's Struggle,  
Railway Station,  
Mangalore. (Karnataka).



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21/6/24

To:

Comrade George Fernandes,  
Convener National Coordination Committee,  
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade:

Sub: Termination of Service of the  
Temporary Employees due to  
General Strikes.

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Herewith I am enclosing a list of temporary  
Employees/CPC whose services have been terminated due  
to the participation in the May 8th general strike.  
Before absorbing as C and W Khalesi, Loco Khalesi,  
Electrical Khalesi, R.F. Servant and Traffic porters  
on the date mentioned against their names, they have  
already served in the Railway for an average of five  
years prior to getting C.P.C. scale. I request the  
case of Mangalore also may be taken up on a national  
level along with others.

Yours faithfully,

*(K.P.N. NAMBIAR)*

(K.P.N. NAMBIAR) 3/6/24  
CONVENER, COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR  
RAILWAY MEN'S STRUGGLE  
RAILWAY STATION,  
MANGALORE.

Copy to:

1. Secretary, AINF, New Delhi.
2. Indian Railway Workers Federation, New Delhi.
3. Railway Employees Con-federation, New Delhi.
4. A. K. Gopalan, M.P., New Delhi.
5. B. M. Banerjee, M.P., New Delhi.
6. Maddu Limai, M.P., New Delhi.
7. Thengadi, M.P., New Delhi.
8. Convener, Zonal Coordination Committee, Madras.
9. Convener, Divisional Coordination Committee, Olayakot.

NCCRS/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Girdayal Singh,

I have your letter of June 14, 1974.  
You must have seen the decisions taken by the  
NCCRS meeting on June 26. I shall be in  
Izatnagar on July 4, when I am looking forward  
to meeting you.

With greetings,

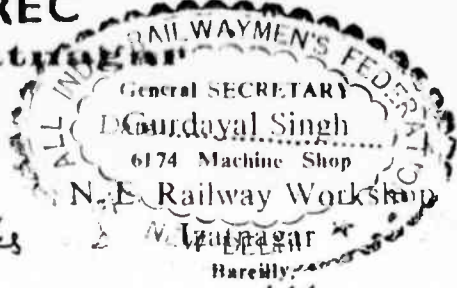
Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Girdayal Singh,  
General Secretary,  
All India Rly. Class IV Staff Association,  
251, Kuwarpur,  
Bareilly (U.P.).

All India Railway Class IV Staff Association  
Affiliated-AIREC

Office/izant...



PRESIDENT  
M. C Murgesan  
6/B Pump House Road  
Railway Colony  
HORANUR-S Railway  
AIRCFSA 1/24

To Shri George Fernandes

Date 14/6/24

Respected Comrade Namaste,  
Please send me merits and next  
Program of our N.C.C.I

here so many person have been victimised  
Please suggest to Termination cases.  
what should be done and what is your  
line for us about these cases.

Now what is policy decide about against  
administration:

I hope you soon send me answer  
of my letter.

Thanks for Coordination.

Yours faithfully,

Id:- Gurdayal Singh  
251- Kuwarpur  
BAREILLY, U.P.



D. Gurdayal Singh  
General Secretary

All India Railway Class IV  
Staff ASSOCIATION

NGCRS/1/74

July 3 , 1974.

Dear Com. Radhakrishnan,

Thank you for the resolution adopted by the District Council of the Kerala Non Gazetted Officers' Union on June 8, 1974. We are facing the situation created by the government and seek your support in every possible way.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri P. Radhakrishnan,  
Secretary,  
Kerala Non Gazetted Officers' Union,  
Cochin-16



# KERALA NON GAZETTED OFFICERS' UNION

Date 7.3.76  
DISTRICT CENTRE, ERNAKULAM.  
NEW DELHI

SENT: P. P. PAVAN  
TARY: P. RADHA KRISHNAN

COCHIN - 16

Phone: 24034

To

The Prime Minister of India,  
New Delhi  
The Minister for Railways, New Delhi.

Date 9-3-1976.

Sir,

A resolution adopted in the District Council meeting of our Union is forwarded herewith for urgent necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

District Secretary.

Copy to the Convener, N.G.O. Reg. New Delhi.  
Resolution adopted in the District Council meeting of the Kerala N.G.Os Union held on 8th June 1974 at Ernakulam.

The Union requests the Prime Minister and the Minister for Railways to reinstate in service all the employees terminated from service, suspended from service and also to withdraw all vindictive actions initiated against the employees. The Union also requests the Government to take all measures to restore normalcy in the industry and to restart the conciliation talks and to settle the issues without dragging them to another strike.

sd/- President.

/True copy/

District Secretary.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Moitra,

I have the resolution adopted by the Barkakana NCCRS on the occasion of the observance of Anti-Repression Day. I hope you are doing all that is necessary to help the Workmen who are victimised even while we are doing our best to get them reinstated from our level. Enclosed please find a copy of my letter to the Railway Minister on the situation in your jurisdiction.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

George Fernandes

Shri P.C.Moitra,  
Convener,  
National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
Barkakana  
Distt. Hazaribagh (Bihar)

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

The Convenor,  
Rashtriya Rail Mazdoor Sangharsha Samanwaya Samitee,  
C/o. Office of the Western Railway Employees Union,  
Qr.No. 442, Near FMS Office,  
Ratlam (Western Rly.)

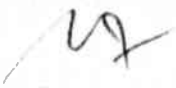
Dear Comrade,

I have the copy of your letter of June 17,  
addressed to the Labour Enforcement Officer (Central),  
Ratlam. Enclosed please find a copy of my letter  
to the Railway Minister on the subject.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

  
George Fernandes  
Convenor

RASHTRIYA RAIL MAZDOOR SANGHARSHA SAMANWAYA SMITHE.



C/o Office of the W.R.E.U.  
Quarter no 442,  
Near R.M.S. Office,  
Railway Station, Ratlam(WR).

To,  
Labour enforcement Officer,  
(Central)  
RATLAM.

Dated: 17th June 1974.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Serious breach of P.W. Act-  
Unfair practices adopted by  
and harassment caused by DS-  
Ratlam and G.M..W.Rly.. Bombay

....

We are very much pained to bring to your kind notice the unfair practices adopted by the above railway authorities consequent upon calling off the All India Railwaymen's strike and much against the promises and assurance given by the President and Prime Minister that no victimisation will be done nor any repressive or revengeful action will be taken against the railway employees. The railway authorities have been adopting Don-Quixotic attitude and taking revenge to finish the employees.

Breaching the payment of Wages Act, the General Manager, W.Rly, Churchgate, Bombay-20 has stopped payment of subsistence allowance to the staff under suspension.

While there are clear instructions to take all staff on duty except those who are directly involved in sabotage cases, the railway authorities at Ratlam and elsewhere on Western Railway are not at all in a mood to take them on duty and give relief even to the worst affected employees. The inhuman and repressive actions taken by the Rly. authorities have no parallel in the international history.

The Railway authorities have taken law in their hand and have openly ~~start~~ started breaching it, without the sanction of the parliament.

Without any proof, show cause notices, reasonable opportunities for defence as required under Art.311(2) of the Constitution a large number of staff have been arbitrarily dismissed/terminated/suspended or their services broken for no fault on their part.

No payment is made to them for the last about 2 months even in respect of the period they have worked.

All these are adding fuel to the fire and if the railway authorities are not checked well in time or at the right earnest, we are afraid, the mounting dissatisfaction among suffering employees which has already crossed the tolerance limit may burst ~~xxx~~ out violently at any time and the situation may go out of hands, which it will be very difficult to check.

In the circumstances, it would be in the fitness of things and we would request you earnestly to kindly take up all the above issues with the railway authorities and arrange to

- (1). Take all the staff on duty immediately.
- (2). Pay them all their wages including subsistence allowance which is stopped illegally.



(3) Withdraw all victimisation cases including penal transfers, charge-sheets, etc.

and help create a cordial atmosphere congenial to smooth running of railways and increasing production.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

*K. K. Galkar*

for CONVENOR.

copy to:-

Sri. George Fernandez, Convenor, NCCRS, 125-E  
Babar Road, New Delhi.

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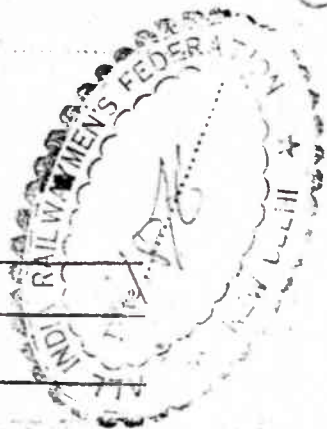
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SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES

PRESIDENT ALL INDIA RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION

125 E BABAR ROAD NE. DELHI ..

NEW DELHI..

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ANTI VICTIMISATION DAY OBSERVED PEACEFULLY DEMONSTRATION AND  
DHARNAS BY 186 VICTIMISED PERSONS OF BIKANER WORK SHOP  
RESOLUTION PASSED IN MASS MEETING .. ..

KALYANSINGH CONVENDOR NCCRS WORK SHOP BRANCH BIKANER .

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**National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle**

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
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NCCRS/1/74

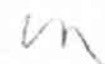
July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. ~~Sudarshan~~ Mehta,

I have the copy of your letter of June 17, 1974, addressed to the General Secretary, Northern Railway Workers Union, New Delhi. The matter is being attended to by us. I am hoping that we shall be able to get all our men reinstated in a short time. In the meanwhile, I hope you are doing everything necessary to maintain the unity and the fighting spirit of the railwaymen.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Sudarshan Mehta,  
Convenor,  
Coordination Committee,  
221-A, Rly. Colony (New),  
Jullundur City.



To

The General Secretary,  
N.Rly ~~XXXXX XXXXX~~, Workers Union,  
New Delhi.

(Put)  
Subject:-Refusal of AEN/JRC to put back on duty to I.O.W.  
Staff after withdrawal of <sup>cases</sup> by P.I.Branch  
Under Section 107/151.

Respected Comrade,

On 9.5.74, 21 employees of Bridge Workshop Jullundur Cantt and 9 employees of IOW/JRC were arrested in connection with General Strike of Railway. All the employees remained in District Jail upto 31.5.74. On 31.5.74 they were all released from Jail by order of Court when the cases against 21 employees of IOW/JRC were withdrawn and the Court ultimately discharged all the employees on 31.5.74.

The staff of Bridge Workshop Jullundur Cantt. reported for duty on 7.6.74 when there was a general notification was notified on the same date in the Bridge Workshop by ABE/JRC to resume duty, all the Workshop employees reported for duty on N.C.C.R. line.

I hereby report to resume duty, I would remain dutiful to Railway administration. On the above said wording ABE/JRC allowed all the employees to resume duty w.e.f. 8.6.74.

The remaining 9 employees of I.O.W./JRC also reported for duty on the same lines. But AEN/JRC has refused to put back on duty the IOW staff, and pressure is being ~~exerted~~ <sup>exerted</sup> upon the staff to fill the loyalty pledge and the staff is being harrassed by the authorities concerned and they are being threatened that their suspension allowance will be blocked and they will be marked absent arbitrary.

Thus the whole matter is being brought to your notice for information and necessary action whereas the Staff has repeatedly reported for duty on 3.5.74 and 12.5.74 on the lines of N.C.C.Rs. There is a resentment among the staff and the staff is being humiliated by AEN/JRC unnecessarily. It is also added for your information that the other striking staff at JRC and twenty one employees of Bridge Workshop have been allowed to resume duty by all authority concerned on the lines of NCCRS 'EE'. I would remain dutiful to railway administration. Only AEN/JRC is taking a discriminate Policy towards his staff and creating harrasment among the staff.

There is a great resentment among the staff.

Yours Commaradely,

Copy to:-

1. Gorege Femandus,  
125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi.

2. D.P.O.N.Rly. Ferozepur Cantt.  
3. D.E.N. Railway, Ferozepur Cantt.

(Sudarshan Mehta)

Convienior Co-Ordination Committee,  
Jullundur City. 17/6/1974

221-A Railway Colony  
New Delhi

**Railway Co-ordination Committee**

( UCR )

NEW JALPAIGURI ( N. F. RLY )

( 13 )

estd  
12/1/74

com: J. Fernandez  
NCCRS/NSP

Ref. No NCC/NSP/11/74

Date The 5th June 74

To Comrade, George Fernandez.  
Convener/NCCRS/Delhi.

Dear Comrade

The undersigned have the pleasure to intimate you that the executive committee meeting of NCCRS/NSP was held on 1.6.74 to Review the Big men General Strike at the call of NCCRS and her called off.

Resolutions of the said meeting is enclosed here with for your information and necessary action please.

With Revolutionary greetings  
Yours Comradely.

DA/one

J. Fernandez  
Secretary 5/6/74  
Railway Co-ord Committee  
New Jalpaiguri

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

I have your letter of 19th June and the text of the resolution adopted at the meeting on the occasion of Anti-Repression Day on 18th June. I am taking up with the N.F. Railway Mazdoor Union Comrades the points mentioned in your letter.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

The Secretary,  
All India Loco Running Staff Association,  
C/o. National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
N.F. Railway,  
Dibrugarh.

To

Comrade \_\_\_\_\_

Dated, Dibrugarh.  
The 19th June, 74.

Dear Comrade,

Please find herewith a copy of the resolution adopted on the occasion of "Anti-Victimisation Day".

The N.F.Rly. Mazdoor Union (AIRF)/Dibrugarh Branch has been behaving mysteriously after the formation of the N.C.C.R.S. at Delhi. They do not recognise the significance of the N.C.C.R.S. They are more interested to keep and exert their own Organisation strength than to think positively of united action. Prior to the struggle they did not want to form the N.C.C.R.S. at Dibrugarh and then when the same was formed they tried to disrupt it by inserting about a hundred names of the members of their union along. They hold meeting separately in the name of their union where they made futile attempt to take the whole credit ~~xxx~~ by themselves.

We wrote letter to Sri K.K.Ganguli, President, NFRMU & Convenor, W.C.C.R.S., DBRT for holding a committee meeting after the struggle, but in vain we approached him for formulating a joint programme to observe the "Anti Victimisation Day" but neither did they co-operate us nor did they observe it separately thereby creating a great confusion among the general workers.

Now, they have started with the campaign that because of their recognition they are of the only organisation who can save the struggling Rly. men from victimisation.

This has done much harm to the united action and will do more harm if it is not stopped at this moment.

With greetings.,

Yours Comradely,

Convenor/UCR.

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Secy/WSC.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 19.

Dear Com. Kashyap,

This is to thank you for the resolution adopted by your organisation on the railwaymen's struggle. I am looking forward to your continuous support in our agitation.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri G.R.Kashyap,  
Secretary,  
Telegraph Engg. Employees Union Class III,  
Auto Manual Branch,  
Ludhiana (Punjab).



NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Sen Sarma,

I have your letter of 5th June and the proceedings of the Executive Committee's meeting held on 1st June, 1974.

I note that you are not very happy on the decision to call off the strike unilaterally. I am sorry I cannot agree with your evaluation of the situation that prevailed when the strike was called off. The Railwaymen's movement has to have a national perspective. While it is true that the strike ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> still strong on the N.F. Railway, the situation was different in most other places. In my opinion we should have called off the strike a few days earlier since there was no use in prolonging it further.

I am not writing this in order to raise a controversy, but as my submission in the debate you must be having on the subject.

We are attending to the problems arising out of the strike.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri R. Sen Sarma,  
Jt. Convener,  
National Coordination Committee for  
Railwaymen's Struggle,  
N. F. Railway,  
New Jalpaiguri (Assam).

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Subrahmanian,

I have the copy of your letter to the  
General Manager, dated the 21st June, 1974.

I have also a copy of your cyclostyled bulletin .

I hope you are doing everything necessary to  
revitalise the movement on your railway while  
we are doing the needful to resolve the cases  
of victimisation, etc.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



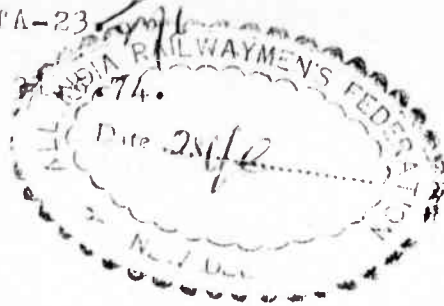
George Fernandes

Shri S. Subrahmanian,  
General Secretary,  
S.E. Railway Labour Union,  
88B, Garden Reach Road,  
Calcutta-22.

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S.E.RLY. LABOUR UNION  
88B, GARDEN REACH ROAD, CALCUTTA-23

No. LU/REF

Dated: 28.5.74.



To  
The General Manager,  
South Eastern Railway,  
Garden Reach.

Dear Sir,

Re :- Victimization of Rly. Employees in connection  
with the Strike of May '74.

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This Union regrets to bring it to your notice that inspite of the strike being called off from 28.5.74, still a large No. of Railwaymen all over the system have not yet been allowed to resume duties. These men are of the following categories :-

- (a) Those who are removed/dismissed from service without being given an opportunity to show cause or prove their innocence.
- (b) Those who are suspended without being arrested by the Police.
- (c) Those who are arrested by Police and suspended.

The Union urges your Administration to instruct all the Officers to put the Rly. men under categories (a) and (b) on duty and with regard to the cases coming under the category (c) also, State Government be approached for expeditious review of their cases and their release by Courts immediately. Till then, they can also be allowed to resume their duties irrespective of the Court Case or not as the parties concerned are unnecessarily kept under suspension.

The Union further notes with dismay the eviction notices issued to several Railwaymen to vacate their quarters. This move of the Rly. Administration is not legally correct as the quarter holders are the allottees and are bonafide tenants and are paying rent every month. The Union urges that such notices wherever issued should also be withdrawn.

With regard to the imposition of Break-in-Service and Pay cut, the Union desires to inform you that this issue is being now discussed by NCCRS and AIRF with the Railway Board and till a settlement is arrived at, both the above steps may be kept in abeyance as these penal measures might be a big handicap for the restoration of healthy relationship between the Labour and the Management in Indian Railways.

An early action on the lines suggested above will be very much appreciated.

Encl: Nil.

Yours faithfully,

*S. Subramanian*  
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Copy to ALL HODs and Divisional Supdt.s, S.E.Rly. for information.

S. L. RLY. LABOUR UNION  
ESE, Garden Reach Road  
Calcutta- 23.

No.. NCCRS/1974  
Dt. 20/5/74

Branch Secretaries &  
All Office Bearers,  
Rly. Labour Union.

Comrades, Re:- Post strike situation.

You are aware the historic and heroic strike was called by the Action Committee of NCCRS on and from 28/5/74 and this union as a constituent of the NCCRS has no other option than to implement the contribution of this union's units during the strike as very praise worthy. Many of our men have been arrested or dismissed and they are being collected and will be sent to branches very soon. Among the arrested are comrades P.V.Rama Rao Divl. Secretary WAT B.N. Prasad Branch President of SHM. Warrants of Arrests were reported to have been issued against all our activists and central office bearers who participated in the strike. Among the dismissed persons are comrades Kundu and P. Suryanarayan Central Office Bearers of Waltair, N.S.R. of Waltair B.N. Prasad and S.N. Bhattacharjee Branch Office bearers SHM. At Waltair also several of men viz. S. Narayana, A. Tirumal Rao, S. S. Rao, P. Appa Rao, D. Apparao, M. Surayanan and K. Ramulu are under suspension. This list is illustrative and not exhaustive and more information is awaited from the branches and areas of struggle.

In the post strike situation the following steps should be tactically taken by all concerned:-

- 1) The unity of Rly. men must be maintained at all costs and the forum of NCCRS should be activated for all intents and purposes.
- 2) Send to the Central office the lists of employees removed/dismissed, arrested under different sections, suspended, charge sheeted under D.L. rules or any other rules. Defence counsels may also be arranged for defending cases.

Hold meetings of branches to coordinate our activities and make the Rly. men feel that we are alive to the responsibility of bringing all our comrades back to work.

Against Break-in-service and Pay cut we are waiting for NCCRS Hd. Qrs. directive and from our union a suggestion is being put to them for instituting some cases in High Courts.

A detailed report on the strike evaluation be also sent to the record in the office and for sending it in a compiled form to both the AIRF and NCCRS.

Struggle fund or membership drive should proceed as usual uninterrupted.

Please arrange an early compliance of this circular and send this office information every week including assistance required in the central for meeting with the situations.

With greetings;

Yours fraternally

*S. Subrahmaniam*

( S. Subrahmaniam )

Secretary.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Das Gupta,

Your letter of 21st June reached me after the NCCRS meeting. I am sorry I did not receive your telegram. Com. Pritish Chandra attended the NCCRS meeting on June 26 and also spoke in the meeting.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Suresh Das Gupta,  
Secretary,  
United Trades Union Congress,  
43, Lenin Sarani (Dharamtala Street),  
Calcutta.

Under aegis of P. V. S. P. S.

Phone: 24 9000, 24-1830

# UNITED TRADES UNION CONGRESS

ALL INDIA COMMITTEE

4B, LENIN SARANI (DHARAHATA STREET) CALCUTTA

Sudbas Ghosh

Sri S. K. Pramanik

EXPRESS



Dated 21st June, 1974

To  
Comrade George Fernandez,  
125A, Babar Road,  
New Delhi-1.

Dear Comrade,

Please refer our telegram dated 17th regarding N.C.C.R.S. meeting on 26th June, at New Delhi. I am sorry to inform you that till now we have not received any communication from your end.

Please confirm the date and time of the proposed meeting on 26th June, 1974, so that advance travel arrangements may be made.

With greetings,

Comradely Yours,

*S. Dasgupta*

( Suresh Das Gupta )  
Secretary.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Sharma,

I have your letter of June 7, containing the resolution on the Martyrs of the Railway Strike. I have also the copy of your letter to the Railway Minister of the same date. The railwaymen are grateful to you for the support extended by you to the struggle. They are facing tremendous victimisation and need all the help of our friends in overcoming the post strike problems. I am sure we shall have your support and cooperation at all times.

With kind regards,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Kishan Chand Sharma,  
General Secretary,  
Municipal Workers Lal Jhanda Union,  
Trade Union House,  
Katra Shahan Shahi,  
Chandni Chowk,  
Dalhi-6.

# मुनिसिपल वरकर्स लाल झण्डा यूनियन

(रजिस्ट्रेशन नं० १३८७)  
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(Registration No. 1387)  
(Affiliated with Centre of Indian Trade Unions)

Trade Union House, Karam ShahanShahi, Chandni Chowk Delhi-6

MWLJU/B.S.(74)02/...

Dated.....June.....7.....1974

The Convener,  
National Co-ordination Committee of Railwaymen's Struggle,  
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade,

Herewith enclosed the copy of the Resolution passed by our Union on martyrs of Railway strike.

" THE MUNICIPAL WORKERS LAL JHANDA UNION, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI PAYS ITS RESPECTS TO COMRADE B.S. MISHRA, COMRADE SRIPAL DEVI, AND COMRADE RAMASWAMY FOR SACRIFICING THEIR LIVES IN UNIQUE AND HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE RAILWAY MEN. UNION PUTS ON RECORD ITS PROFOUND AND HEARTFELT GRIEF ON LOSS OF OUR INVARIABLE COMRADES. HISTORY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEIR MARTYRDOM WITH THE GREATEST REVERENCE AND INSPIRATION "

With warm greetings,

Yours Comradely,

(Kishan Chand Sharma.)  
General Secretary

Copy for information to:-  
General Secretary,  
Centre of Indian Trade Union,  
172, Lenin Sarani,  
Calcutta.



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f. MWLJU/R.S.(74)01/.....

Dated.....June, 7,.....1974 .

The Minister for Railways,  
Government of India,  
Raddi Bhavan,  
New Delhi.



Sir,

The Municipal Workers Lal Jhanda Union of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, affiliated to the Centre of Indian Trade Unions condemns the Government of India for brutally repressing two millions brave and bold Railmen and putting their family members to ineffable atrocities. The stand of the Government has removed the mask of so-called socialism from its face and exposed its real bourgeois, capitalistic character. The Government of India has left far behind even the other capitalist Countries in this respect, which has been admitted by their press, that throughout dealing of the Government with the strike, there prevailed of jungle law.

The Union also condemns the cowardly attacks, at the instance and with support of Government and Police, on strikers and their families by Indira and Nehru Brigade consisting hired goondas and anti-social elements.

The Union demands that the Government must stop treating Railway Employees in Fascist way and must stop all the coercion. All the revengeful actions must be stopped by releasing all arrested persons, taking all employees on duty without any interruption etc. and withdrawing the cases against them. All their reasonable demands must be conceded too.

Yours faithfully,

  
( Kishan Chand Sharma )  
General Secretary

Copy for information to:-  
The Convener, N.C.C.R.S.  
The General Secretary, C.I.T.U.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Roy,

I have your letter of June 16, 1974,  
requesting for an article for publication in  
your Souvenir. I am so hard pressed <sup>for time</sup> at the  
moment that it will not be possible for me  
to do a full length article just now. May  
be on other occasion that I will be able to  
do.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri R.K.Roy,  
President,  
Election Commission of India  
Employees Union,  
C/o. Election Commission of India,  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road,  
New Delhi-1.

UNITY IS STRENGTH

# Election Commission of India Employees Union

( RECOGNISED )

C/O Election Commission of India  
Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road  
New Delhi:-1.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
NEW DELHI-11

Dated June 16, 1974.

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To

Comrade George Fernandes,  
President, National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
New Delhi.

Comrade,

The Election Commission of India Employee's Union has decided to hold its Annual Conference on 27th July, 1974. For this purpose we propose to bring out a Souvenir giving the illustration of activities of the Union in the field of Trade Union. I would request you to send an article for publishing in the Souvenir in English/Hindi Language by the 30th June, 1974.

Yours sincerely,



(R.K.ROY)  
PRESIDENT.

Election Commission of India  
Employees Union

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.


Dear Com. Dutta,

I have your telegram. Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my letter to the Railway Minister. The matter is being pursued further. Please let me know the latest situation.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

  
George Fernandes

Shri A.K. Dutta,  
General Secretary,  
S.E. Railway Cash and Pay Staff Council,  
Kharagpur.

NGCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. Mohd. Hasan,

I have your letter of 17th June. Thank you.

I am grateful to you for the confidence you and your colleagues have reposed in me. I hope we shall be able to revitalise the railwaymen's movement by learning from the mistakes of the past and prepare the workmen for a much more decisive struggle in the near future.

We are dealing with the victimisation and other matters and I hope things will get normalised very soon. In the meanwhile, I hope you are doing every thing possible to maintain the unity and the fighting spirit of the railwaymen. Please send me a list of your members who have been victimised in any form.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri Mohd. Hasan,  
Executive President,  
All India Trains Clerks Association,  
Qr.No. 129/1, Rly. Colony, Opp. DCM,  
Delhi-110006.

# ALL INDIA TRAINS CLERKS ASSOCIATION

REGD. No. 1428

Head Office : SAMASTIPUR ( BIHAR )

Sub Office : Qr. No. 129/1, RLY. COLONY, Opp. D. C. M. DELHI-110006

o. 78/ALTNEA/74

Dated 17-6-74

The Convener - N.C.C.R.S  
New Delhi.

Respected Comrade,

I am in receipt of letter no NCCRS/1/74  
DT-6/6/74. You will be pleased to know that over 90%  
of our members have participated in the Strike on your  
call. There is a lot of victimisation i.e., removal,  
dismissal, suspension, break in service and transfer  
etc etc. I have also been removed from the service.  
Detailed data of victimisation of this category is being  
collected from the Zonal Secretaries and will be  
submitted at a later stage.

Our category has full faith in your  
leadership and is confident that all victimisation  
will be done away with in the course of time.

Hope you will achieve all success  
in this struggle.

Thanks,

Sincerely yours

Mohammed Hasam  
(MOHAMMAD HASAN)  
Executive President.

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

Dear Com. R.P.Singh,

This refers to your letter of 15th June, 1974. Please convey my greetings to the workers in DLW for the magnificent strike. If the Railways do not take the necessary steps to restore normalcy in the near future, we shall have no other alternative but to prepare ourselves for another struggle. I am sure, DLW workers will not be found wanting should such a situation face us.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri R.P.Singh,  
Convener,  
DLW Joint Action Committee,  
Varanasi (U.P.).

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D.L.W. JOINT ACTION COMMITTEE, VARANASI.

15th June, 1974.

To

Shri George Fernandes,  
Convenor, N.C.C.R.S.,  
New Delhi.



Dear Comrade,

The Joint Action Committee, D.L.W., Varanasi was successful in total mobilisation for the General Strike. The committee created such a momentum that it ~~soon~~ stopped the brain of the D.L.W. Administration and no action was taken by the Administration upto 15th May, 1974.

Struggle fund was collected as much as about 50% of your desire. Volunteer were enrolled who worked with the core of their heart during strike.

S/Shri I.D.Singh, Ved Prakash (Mazdoor Union), I.D. Singh (Men's Union) and R.D. Singh (Ministerial staff Association) mainly of the Action Committee remained in jail from 16th May, 1974.

The relief work-detail will be sent afterwards as the Treasurer is not available at D.L.W.

Besides Zonal Railways, you are requested to give first preference for production units D.L.W., C.L.W. & I.C.F. Particularly for D.L.W. - you are requested to spare Shri J.P. Chaubey to come down over here and have a talk with the General Manager regarding finalisation of the suspension and removal cases

It is to worth mention that the Jt. Secy. of the staff Council Shri P.N. Singh moved his all members of the council to make the strike a success. He has received removal order in the jail.



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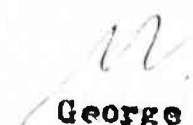
July 7, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

The Pashchim Railway Karmchari Parishad has forwarded to you copy of a letter dated July 1, '74 addressed to the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Jabalpur containing a list of railwaymen whose services have been terminated in some form or the other. From all available indications the action taken by the Railway Authorities is vindictive and designed to victimise the workmen. I am to request you to take immediate steps to reinstate these workmen, withdraw all pending cases and help us to restore normalcy.

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

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Copy forwarded to Shri K.S.Kagalkar, Divl. Secy.  
Pashchim Rly. Karamchari Parishad, C/o Madhukar B.  
anvatsarkar, 21, Ashok Bhavan, Station Road,  
RAILAR for information.

NCCRS/1/74

July 7, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I have received the following information from the Northern Railwaymen's Union, Kalka/Simla Branch. The victimisation of railwaymen still continues and only on the 2nd July, '74, 7 more workmen have been suspended from services. Their names are as follows:-

1. Jagdish Chand, S.S. Fitter Under HTXR/KLK,
2. Daya Ram, Fitter under HTXR/KLK,
3. Rasila Ram, Fitter Under HTXT/ELK,
4. Hans Ram Singh, Under HTXR/KLK,
5. Rameshwar, under HTXR/KLK,
6. Kundan, S.S. Fitter under HTXR/KLK &
7. Ram Rachpal, B/Smith under HTXR/ELK.

3 more workmen, namely:-

1. Badri Nath, Telephone Attendant DSL/KLK,
  2. Chet Ram, Tool Checker, DSL Shad/KLK &
  3. Ghanita Pal Singh, DSL, Fitter/KLK,
- have been removed on the same date.

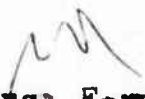
With continuing victimisation of railwaymen the position in Kalka/Simla is as follows: Removed - 2, Terminated - 8, Suspended - 17 and waiting for orders - 10.

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You will appreciate that the continuing victimisation of railwaymen is not conducive to restoration of normalcy. May I request you to take immediate steps to set aside these orders and help to restore normalcy.

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

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July 3, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi

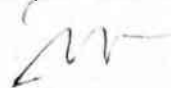
Dear Sir,

I have received the following telegram from the South Eastern Railway Cash and Pay Staff Council at Kharagpur:

"OUT OF INNUMERABLE STRIKERS THE SERVICES OF NINE CASHIERS AND SOME CASUAL STAFF TERMINATED AND ONE CASHIER ARRESTED IN SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY CASH AND PAY DEPARTMENT DURING ALL INDIA RAILWAY STRIKE WITHOUT ANY CHARGES(.) ~~THE~~ NORMALCY ALREADY RESTORED COMPLETING TWENTY DAYS ARREARS WORK OF THREE BATCH PAYMENTS WITHOUT GETTING ANY PAY FOR THE PERIOD OF ARREARS WORK(. ACTION SOLICITED TO REINSTATE ~~AND~~ RELEASE ALL VICTIMISED PERSONS IMMEDIATELY AND ARRANGE FOR WAGES OF STRIKE PERIOD BY SANCTIONING LEAVE DUE TO MAINTAIN FURTHER NORMALCY

May I request you to do the needful and help us to restore normalcy in railways?

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener

TELEGRAM

Address

GEORGE FERNANDEZ RAILMEN NEW DELHI

125, Balwar Rd

Date  
Stamp

Time of { Booking \_\_\_\_\_  
          { Receipts \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

The sequence of entries at the beginning of this telegram is—  
class of telegram, time handed in, serial number, office of origin,  
date, service instructions (if any) and number of words.

This form must accompany any enquiry respecting  
this telegram.

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... A K DUTTA GENERAL SECRETARY S E RLY CASH AND PAY STAFF

**National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle**

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCCRS/1/74

July 6, 1974

The Railway Minister  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I am reproducing herewith text of some of the telegrams and messages received by me since the strike was called off.

There are more such messages, telegrams and letters, all of which only go to prove that the Railway Administration is doing everything possible to prevent restoration of normalcy on the Railways. I shall appreciate knowing from you what you propose to do in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Ends: As stated.

George Fernandes  
Convenor.

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NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

enior,  
ge Fernandes,

125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi

1. "SHRI GAMKHAR DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT WESTERN RLY.  
AJMER CREATING TROUBLE BY USING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE  
SUSPENDING TRANSFERING STAFF UTILISING POLICE FORCE  
SITUATION VERY TENSE PRAY IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION "  
ABU ROAD
2. "FOUR HUNDERED PERMANENT THOUSANDS TEMPORARY RLY. STAFF  
DISMISSED(.) ARRESTS CONTINUING(.) MASS SCALE TRANSFERS  
ORDERED(.)"  
ABU ROAD.
3. "AFTER STRIKE WITHDRAWN LABOUR UNION GENERAL SECRETARY  
AND THE OTHERS ARRESTED UNDER MISA(.) HOUSES OFFICES  
FOR ARRESTS FORTYTHREE REMOVED FROM SERVICE(.) CASUAL  
WORKERS RETRENCHED IN HUMAN POLICE TROUBES GOING ON  
INTERVENE TO STOP VICTIMISATION AND POLICE TORTURES(.)  
CHITTARANJAN.
4. "DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT AJMER VICTIMISING UNION  
OFFICIALS BY WAY OF TRANSFER ALTHOUGH RECOGNISATION NOT  
YET WITHDRAWN PRAY RETENTION ORDERS(.)  
ABU ROAD
5. "OFFICE BEARERS ACTIVE WORKERS OF DIVISIONAL OFFICES  
UNIT VIJAYAVADA TRANSFERED TO OUT STATIONS ON  
RESUMPTION TO DUTY PRAY INTERVENTION CANCELLATION  
ORDERS(.)  
VIJAYAVADA
6. "HAZORSTIMGH KRISHAN KUMAR HAMPRAKASH MADHUSUDAN AND  
OMPRAKASH REPORTED FOR DUTY TODAY AFTER NOON NOT  
TAKEN BACK DAY BY ACCOUNTANT OFFICER TOURIST(.)  
JULLUNDER
7. "KOLLENGODE EXTRA LABOURERS JOINED YESTERDAY REFUSED  
DUTY ALL WAITING AT WORKSPOT PRAY INTERVENTION(.)  
KOLLENGODE
8. "RAILWAYMENS UNION OFFICE BEARERS AND OTHERS DETAINED  
IN BERRHAMPUR JAIL UNDER MISA NOT YET RELEASED(.)  
DEMANDING RELEASE(.)  
BERRHAMPUR  
"STAFF VICTIMISED PAY STOPPED ACTION SOLICITED(.)  
MALDA.

9. "DIVISIONAL RAILWAY EMPLOYEES COORDINATION COMMITTEE OFFICE AND DIVISIONAL OFFICE OF NCCRS DHANBAD DESTROYED AND PROPERTIES VALUED ABOUT EIGHT THOUSAND TAKEN AWAY BY LOCAL RAILWAY AUTHORITY OF TWENTY SEVENTH INSTANT IMMEDIATE ACTION SOLICITED(.)"  
DHANBAD.
10. "EMPLOYEES REMOVED FROM SERVICE UNDER DISCIPLINE AND APPEAL RULES 14(11) NOT ALLOWED RESUMPTION ALSO LAST MONTH'S PAYMENT TO LARGE STAFF HELD UP WIRE INSTRUCTION"  
MALIGAON
11. "RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION REFUSED TO ACCEPT GAYA RAILWAY MEN ON DUTY TILL SIGN BONE POSITION STILL SAME ACTION SOLICITED(.)"  
GAYA
12. "22 EMPLOYEE SERVICE 8 TO 15 YEARS SERVED 14 DAYS TERMINATION NOTICE ON DATE BHOPAL(.) RAILWAYMEN'S ACTION COMMITTEE BHOPAL(.)"  
BHOPAL
13. "FALSE COMPLAINT BEING IN POLICE AFTER JOINING(.)"  
BAREILLY
14. "STRIKING RAILWAYMEN DENIED EARNED WAGE FOR APRIL 1974 TERMINATION CONTINUES PLEASE ENSURE IMMEDIATE PAYMENT SAVE THOUSANDS FROM STARVATION(.)"  
GAYA
15. "WORKERS ARRESTED UNDER SECTION 107 151 NOT BEING RELEASED EVEN ON BAIL IN HARIANA TAKE UP WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES(.)"  
HISSAR
16. "D.S. WESTERN RAILWAY RAILMEN INTENTIONALLY DELAYING RELEASE OF FORTYTHREE PERSONS DETAINED UNDER MISA INTERVENE IMMEDIATELY(.)"  
UJJAIN
17. "STAFF OF DEHRADUN AND SONNAGAR OFFICERS OBSTRUCTING RETURN OF NORMALCY(.)"  
DARMIANAGAR

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18. "RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION REFUSE TO ACCEPT GAYA RAILWAY MEN ON DUTY TILL SIGN BOND POSITION STILL SAME ACTION SOLICITED(.)"  
GAYA.
19. "NORMALCY NOT YET RESTORED REMOVAL, TERMINATIONS ASTOUNDING MANY NOT YET ALLOWED TO RESUME(.)  
POSTPONE WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING (.)"  
TIRUCHIPALLI
20. "DISMISSALS AND TRANSFERS ON AMSS SCALE(.)"  
VARANASI
21. "STRIKE WITHDRAWN WORKERS DENIED DUTY HARASSED BY DEY OAE ASR WORKSHOP PRAY INTERVIEWE(.)"  
AMRITSAR
22. "KASGANJ RAILWAY STAFF WENT TO JOIN DUTY BUT AREA MANAGER REFUSED TAKE ACTION(.)"  
KASGANJ
22. "ALL PROPERTIES LOCCED BY SOME RAILWAY OFFICERS AND POLICES FROM RAILWAY QUARTERS OF K K DHAR AND B K DEV AT FIVE HOURS ON TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT ACTION SOLICIED(.)"  
LUMDING
24. "DIBRUGAR RAILWAY AUTHORITY REFUSED RESUMPTION ALL REMOVED(.)"  
DIBRUGARH
25. "STAFF NOT ALLOWED TO RESUME WITHOUT BONDS ALL CFC SUBSTITUTES TEMPORARY UNION ACTIVISTS DISMISSED(.)"  
BURNPUR
26. "SUBSTITUTE GANGMEN OF KOLLENGODE SERVED WITH TERMINATION NOTICE PRAY INVESTIGATION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE (.)"  
VADANUR
27. "OVER 15,000 DISMISSED 5000 IN JAIL CONNECTION WITH RAILWAY STRIKE IN SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY STOP POLICE RESIST TO FIRING AT KHARAGPUR ON MAY 28 JATHICHARGE AT BANKURA ON MAY 29 ARRESTS DISMISSEDSTILL CONTINUING STOP THIS HORRIBLE SITUATION THREATENING INDUSTRIAL PEACE AND STALLING RESTORATION OD NORMALCY STOP REQUEST IMMEDIATE REKEASE OF ALL ARRESTED WORKERS REINSTATEMENT OF ALL PERMANENT TEMPORARY AND CASUAL RAILWAYMEN  
AND IN...

28. "SINCE CALL-OFF OF RAILWAY STRIKE UNION WORKERS BEING ATTACKED BY GOONDAS INFRONT OF RAILWAYMEN CONGRESS OFFICE IN PRESENCE OF PLAIN DRESSED POLICE AT KHARAGPUR BOMBS THROWN INTO RESIDENCES OF STRIKERS AND WOMEN THREASTENED STOP IN MORNING OF 30TH MAY THOUSAND OF WORKERS MADE TO LINE UP IN WORKSHOP GATE FOR INDIVIDUAL CHECKUP FOR ARREST STOP LOCO CARRIAGE SPEEDS INTRUDE BY BOARDER SECURITY FORCE STOP ENTIRE KHARAGPUR TURNED INTO A CONCENTRATION CAMP WITH IN HUMAN REPRESSION AND GANGSTARIEM MOUNTED AGAINST STRIKERS STOP SOLICIT IMMEDIATE INTERVENSTION TO PREVAILED DISASTEROUS CONSEQUENCES AND TURMOIL(.)"

KHARAGPUR

29. "THREE HUNDRED FIFTYONE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF BARODA DIVISION REMOVED OR DISMISSED NOT YET REINSTATED STAFF ARRESTED UNDER D I R AND RELEASED ON BAIL EITHER SUSPENDED OR REMOVED ALSO NOT TAKEN BACK ON DUTY BY DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT BARODA SUBSTITUTES CALSO FOUR STAFF AND CASUAL LABOURS NUMBERING IN THOUSANDS SUMMARILLY(.) DISCHARGED GREAT DISCONTENTMENT PREVAILING IN THE STAFF CLEAR DISREGARD S+OF ASSURANCES GIVEN OF NO VICTIMISATION THROUGH PRESS BY HONOURABLE PRESUDENT PRIME MINISTER AND RAILWAY MINISTER(.) MOVE WITH THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO REINSTATE THE REMOVED DISMISSED AND SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY(.)"

BARODA .

HCCRS/1/74

July 5, 1974.

My Dear Samar Gaba,

Thanks for your letter of June 29 '74. It came too late to be read in the National Executive. I am in agreement with your suggestion and shall do so accordingly. I seek your cooperation in Parliament and outside in fighting the cause of victimised railwaymen as also in settling their outstanding problems.

With greetings, and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Samar Gaba,  
Member of Parliament,  
(Lok Sabha),  
New Delhi.

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HCCBs/1/74

July 8, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhawan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I have received the following report from  
Dhanbad:-

"On the date of announcement of withdrawal of this strike i.e. on 27.5.74, the Divisional Railway Employees' Co-ordination Committee, Old Station, Dhanbad which was functioning as Divisional Office of the D.C.C.R., Dhanbad Division was destroyed and the properties worth about Rs.8,000/- taken away by the local Railway Authority, Dhanbad as an act of vengeance most illegally and unconstitutionally. This office on being formally inaugurated by Shri Chandrika Prasad, Hon'ble Member of Parliament on 11.10.71, has so long been functioning as Divisional Office of D.R.S.C.C., Dhanbad Division with due recognition by the Government."

May I request you to hold an inquiry into this matter immediately and take the necessary action against officials responsible for this criminal act.

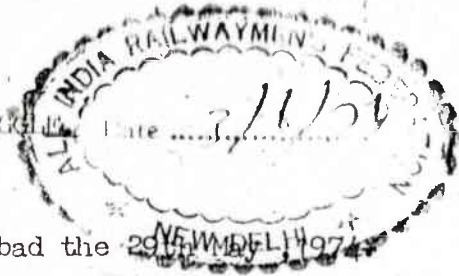
Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

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NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE OF RAILWAY MEN'S STRUCK

Dhanbad Division, EASTERN RAILWAY.



Dated, Dhanbad the 20/11/74

To  
All Convenors of N.C.C.R.S.,  
Presidents/Secretaries,/All Associations/Councils,  
Unions etc.,  
Dhanbad/Gomoh/Katrasgarh/Pathardih/Dugda/Kustunda/Koderma/  
Hazaribagh Road/Barkakana/Patratu/Tori/Barwadih/Chopan Branches.

Dear Comrades,

The twenty day long historic All India Strike of Railwaymen, has been withdrawn by the N.C.C.R.S.(Centre) from 6.00 hours of 28.5.74 directing all the employees to join duty to restore normalcy.

The assurance to restore congenial relation with the employees on strike, have been given by the Hon'ble President of India, Prime Minister and others without taking any revengeful action against any employees. But the informations, received from different places, speak that this policy is not being maintained.

Nearly, Thirty thousand arrested Railway employees and others have been in jail and some thousands have been removed or retrenched. The Central Government has given directive to release all the arrested employees with the exception of those who are said to have been implicated in the cases of violence and sabotage.

By the time, various foul tricks are being played to create disunity amongst Railwaymen. Efforts for disruption of the historic solidarity of Railwaymen all over India, are being made from within and outside. All are, therefore, required to be move cautious at this critical moment.

Now, our tasks and responsibilities are more to maintain and build up unity and solidarity of Railwaymen and other working class. The historic unity of Railwaymen all over India, must not be damaged for any reason. We have got to assess the failures, we have got to utilise the bitter experiences and the lessons of this longest heroic struggle of Railwaymen despite all repressions and sufferings, we have got to build up unity and ideal Trade Union in Railway. Our task is great to render all help to the sufferers of this historic struggle and for this, sufficient Fund is to be raised.

Railway Minister has told that he is prepared to sit for negotiation. It is said that Govt. has accepted six demands and the other two main demands ~~xxx~~ i.e. Need-based minimum wage and the Bonus, are to be settled.

The demand for wage parity with other Central Govt. undertakings, has achieved the popular support and therefore, the National wage Policy is gaining ground. The issue of Bonus under consideration of Bonus review Committee, has also acquired the popular support for its justification of payment to Railwaymen.

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On behalf of N.C.C.R.S., Dhanbad Division I convey you and all Railway brothers "SANGRAMI GREETINGS" with the earnest appeal for ideal and unity to achieve our objective.

RAIL WORKERS' UNITY ZINDABAD.

WORKING CLASS UNITY ZINDABAD.

Comradely yours,

K.C. Roy Choudhury  
(K.C. Roychoudhury.)

Joint Convenor,

National Co-Ordination Committee of Railwaymen's Struggle, Dhanbad.

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

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Convener :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I have received the following complaint from Kalka:-

"The undermentioned worker recently released from jail and after putting back to duty has been transferred to the stations shown against his name. Kindly contact C.M.E., Northern Railway and get these orders cancelled.

Shri Kewar Singh, H.S. Miller Grade I, T.No.976  
MW Shop, Kalka - Transferred to JUDW."

May I request you to do the needful and help in restoring normalcy ?

Yours faithfully,



George Fernandes  
Convener.

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# National Coordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

( राष्ट्रीय रेल-मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति )  
( EASTERN RAILWAY )

BIMAL DEY.  
CONVENER.

23/24 STRAND ROAD,  
CALCUTTA-700001  
ERMU'S CENTRAL OFFICE

o. NCCRS/74.

Dated, Calcutta 18-7-1974.

My dear George,

You may remember I <sup>read</sup> wrote out to you an article in Bengali appeared in the "Ganadabi" said to be an organ of the Socialist Unity Centre. I travelled many places of the Eastern Railway and observed that great confusion is being created by Sri Prittish Chanda styling him as an invitee member of the Action Committee of the N.C.C.R.S. His line of speech is clearly against the unity in the N.C.C.R.S. as he openly criticises the leadership of the N.C.C.R.S. excluding himself and his party.

Sri Chanda accuses Socialist Party, C.P.I.(M) and C.P.I. and says that the victimisation and unilateral withdrawal of the strike had been due to inexperience and anti-working class thought of those parties who are in the NCCRS. I do not know how he can style himself as an invitee member in the Action Committee and I have denied that there is any invitee member in the structure of the N.C.C.R.S. not to speak of the Action Committee.

I feel that such sectarian and disrupting propaganda of any person should go unchallenged. I request you to kindly circulate your opinion about the membership of the U.T.U.C. (Lenin Sarani) in the N.C.C.R.S. of which Sri Prittish Chanda is the General Secretary. The point of invitee membership should also be clarified and the constituent members of the N.C.C.R.S. should be apprised of the real circumstance.

Com. George Fernandes,  
Convener,  
N. C. C. R. S.,  
125-E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

(Bimal Dey)  
Convener/N.C.C.R.S.

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NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
FOR  
RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

George Fernandes,  
Convener

125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

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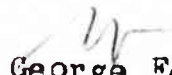
September 30, 1974.

Dear Com. Shrikrishna,

I am indeed sorry for the delay in acknowledging receipt of your letter of 20th August and the resolution. On the basis of our discussions during the last meeting of the Action Committee, I hope it will be possible for us to activate the NCCRS despite all the difficulties.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Shrikrishna,  
General Secretary,  
Northern Railway Workers' Union,  
65/68, New Rohtak Road,  
Karol Bagh,  
New Delhi-5.

# NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

## VIJAYAWADA DIVISION

for :  
A. V. SUBBAIAH

POORNANANDAMPETA  
VIJAYAWADA-520003  
D/14-8-'74.

To

The Convenor,  
N.C.C.R.S.,  
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade,

Sub:- Reinstatement of dismissed employees in BZA Divn.

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90 employees were dismissed in Vijayawada Division during the General Strike. Of these, 37 employees were dismissed under 311(2)(b) of the Constitution and ~~3~~ 3 employees were terminated under 149 RI and the balance were dismissed consequent on convictions by the Courts.

*have* As per the directive from you, all the dismissed employees ~~were~~ submitted their appeals to the DS/BZA. During July, '74 the administration has moved to take action on these appeals and as a first stage, the cases of employees who were convicted and dismissed were considered and only 16 employees were taken back to duty in BZA Division. As regards the employees dismissed under 311(2)(b), they have not started any action.

It is understood that the cases of the remaining employees consequent on convictions are kept pending on the plea that their appeals are not couched in proper language, as their appeals do not express any regret and have not assured as loyal workers in future. This is nothing but the actions of the Officers at lower level. In S.C.Rly, the CE, CPO and DS/BZA are supposed to be Officers who do not want to show any leniency to the staff, irrespective of the decisions of the Railway Board or the GM/SC.

The progress made in taking back the dismissed employees in Vijayawada Division is very less compared to SC & UBL Divisions. The figures for the four divisions are given below:

Division:	Total No. of dismissed:	Dismissed under 311(2)(b)	Reinstated during 31-7-74.
Secunderabad	.. 193	111	49
Hubli	.. 337	53	207
Vijayawada	.. 83*	39	16
Sholapur	.. 10	10	—

\* This figure pertains to permanent employees, the remaining 7 pertains to casual labourers on monthly rates.

While the administration in BZA Divn., is so adamant towards strikers and dismissed employees, they are misusing their powers very nakedly in regard to the appointments of sons of so called loyal employees. In July, '74, the DS/BZA has announced a list of 43 candidates for appointment for class III posts in BZA Divn. In this list there are none of class IV employees whose sons were selected, but the sons of Class II Officers,

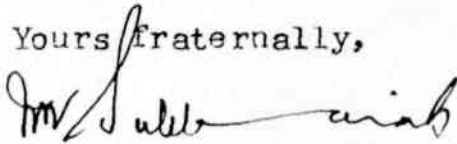
Supervisory Officials like LFs, PWIs, SMs were selected. One particular feature is none of the sons and relatives of the Office Bearers of the Employees Sangh (INTUC) were selected by the DS/BZA. It is understood that the Sangh leadership has approached the Railway Minister and GM/SC for their share in this spoils and succeeded in obtaining orders from GM for appointment of sons and relations of Office Bearers of Sangh.

The sons and daughters of the Divisional President, Divl., Secretary, Branch Chairman of TEL, NLR, Branch Secretary of NDL are some of the few who were benefitted now. It is pertinent to note that all these Office Bearers have not worked during the strike period as they were either on deputation or on special casual leave.

The above facts are placed for your appropriate action.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



(Convenor)

Copy to: The Convenor, Zonal Committee,  
Secunderabad.

George Fernandes,  
Convener

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
FOR  
RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

NCCRS/1/74

September 30, 1974.

Dear Con. Subbalaah,

Will you please let me know the  
latest situation in regard to reinstatement  
of victimised employees in your Division?

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*2/9*  
George Fernandes

Shri M.V. Subbalaah,  
Convener,  
National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
Poornanandampeta,  
Vijayawada-520003

NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 24, 1974.

Dear Com. Roy Choudhuri,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 16th September, 1974, containing the resolution adopted by the zonal Convention of the NCCRS held at Kharagpur on 16th September, 1974. I hope you are doing everything possible to provide relief to the victimised workers and to get their reinstatement in service.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

George Fernandes

Shri N.C. Roy Choudhuri,  
Zonal Convener, NCCRS,  
Union Building, Kharida,  
Kharagpur. (S.E. Railway).

NCCRS/1/74

September 24, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

I have the copy of your letter,  
dated the 16th September, 1974, addressed to  
the Railway Minister. I am looking into the  
matter.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

The Convener,  
NCCRS,  
Bhira Gunta Branch,  
Bhira Gunta.

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# NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAY MEN'S STRUGGLE

Branch: BITRAGUNTA

BITRAGUNTA

Date 16.9.1974

*President  
This is a scandal  
considerable material  
To deal with it  
That should be  
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The Hon'ble Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub:- Corruption and atrocities of Loco Foreman/  
Bitragunta, S.C. Railway, Vijayawada Division.  
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The Loco Foreman, Bitragunta is a notorious  
corrupted fellow without any scruples is only after Money,  
Power and Women. He will commit any irregularity if offered  
any of the above three.

The main source for him to commit this irregularity  
is the Divisional Superintendent/Vijayawada and his  
unflinching support. These can be established by his  
recent actions during post strike period. His continuous  
mismanagement and support of Divisional Superintendent/  
Vijayawada has resulted in flouting even the instructions  
given by DM/Vijayawada.

The recent recruitment of Casual Labour and retro-  
nechment without instructions from the Divisional Office is  
a glaring example of his mis-deeds. He took Rs.200 to Rs.500  
+ from each Casual Labour and appointed them, from each  
Casual Labour and appointed them, retrenching the serviced  
workers, contravening the industrial dispute act.

THEFT BY Loco Foreman:-

He is indirectly involved in thefts and he gets his  
share in the spoils in the forms of bottles. The whole of  
his wine budget is not with the shares of the theft. To  
Conceal his activities now and then he reports on some workers  
to establish his innocence of thefts. Recently he got one  
Material checker transferred from here on the plea that  
he is hand in glove with the thefts in shop. In fact he  
is the person who brought to light several facts relating to  
thefts and this was reported even to the General Manager,  
Vigilance, S.C. Rly., and to the Superintendent, Special  
Police establishment, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. On several  
occasions the stores lock was broken opened and Brass was  
reported and some were hushed up.



# NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAY MEN'S STRUGGLE

Branch: BITRAGUNTA

BITRAGUNTA

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## REGARDING BOOKING OF DIESEL DRIVERS:-

No procedure or rule followed. Keeping trained Drivers and Assistants, untrained men were booked to handle goods service in spite of Board's circular and Divisional Office instructions. Due to this high-handedness the administration is incurring heavy financial losses, by way of overtime and officiating. After strike 'A' and 'B' Grade drivers were booked to handle diesel goods and 'C' grade drivers were booked to officiate in 'A' link.

## SPECIAL DUTIES:

There are certain gang who are rather can be called as criminal wasters looting the Railways. These gang is supposed to be on special duty doing nothing in the interest of the administration nor turn out any work. Their job is only to carry tails and find out the source of income to the Loco Foreman/Bitragunta. There are about 12 'B' and 'C' Grade drivers earning about 10,000 Rs. a month (Ten thousands) in this nefarious so called special duties. In fact the necessity of special duty does not arise, after partial Diesel service. There were cases where the diesel trains were stopped in the mid-section due to lack of knowledge of Diesel Locomotive by untrained drivers and Assistants, which resulted in heavy detention for mail and express trains and single line working has to be introduced.

We request you to take suitable action in consideration to above facts to eliminate corruption in Railways.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

*Sye Rajee*



NCCRS/1/74

September 24, 1974.

Dear Com. Singh,

I have your letter of September 1, 1974, enclosing therewith the resolution passed at the meeting held on 31st August, 1974, regarding the assault on Shri Sheo Prasad. I hope Com. Sheo Prasad is now recovering and all necessary actions is being taken by the police against the ruffian who attacked him.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

George Fernandes

Shri V. C. Singh,  
NCCRS,  
Dehri-on-Sone.

# National Co-Ordination Committee

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RAILWAY MEN'S STRUGGLE

DEHRI-ON-SONE

Ref. No. ....

Date... 1-9-74 ...

To, The Sri George Fernandes  
Convener Central NCCRS Babar Road New Delhi  
and President AIRF  
Re: Assault on Sri Sheo Prasad AGC/DGSB  
on 30.8.74.

Dear Com,

I am extremely sorry to inform you that on 30.8.74 Sri Sheo Prasad AGC/DGSB, while coming from office was brutally assaulted by Sri Sitaram Singh Aotg. Head signaller and his two sons and their friends for nothing in the broad day light on open platform in the presence of two GHP constables. Sri Sheo Prasad has sustained grievous lathi and blows injuries and is admitted in the P.V. hospital HGS. It was a calculated plan of murder but fortunately he survived. The reign of terror has been let loose at DOS and the security of life and property is in danger.

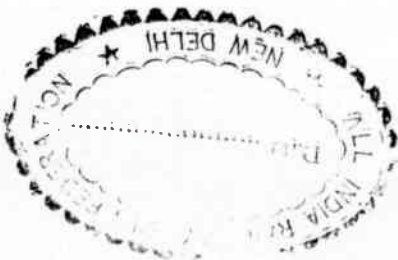
It is, in this connection a meeting of the railway employees at DOS was held on 31.8.74 and some resolution was adopted a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Please condemn this action through meetings and processions by sending a copy of the resolution to the concerned authorities for action into the matter.

With best wishes.

Yours Comradely,

V. C. Singh  
N.C.C.R.S./105.



NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Com. Shrikrishna,

I have received your letter of 10th September. We have discussed these matters at our meeting on 17th instant where you were present. I regret any inconvenience caused to you and to Com. Parvathi Krishan.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri Shrikrishna,  
Member, Action Committee/NCCRS,  
65/68, New Rohtak Road,  
New Delhi-5.

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16/9/74

From:-  
SHRIKRISHNA,  
Member, Action Committee,  
N.C.C.R.S.  
65/68, New Rothak Rd.  
New-Delhi-5  
Dt. 10th Sept'74.

Dear Comrade,

I have received your Circular No: NCCRS/1/74 dated 31st August, 1974 along with the decisions of the Action Committee of NCCRS of which a meeting<sup>s</sup> said to have been held at New Delhi on the 29th and 30th Aug '74.

At the outset, I would like to point out with regret that no intimation was received by me regarding the meeting of the ~~me~~ Action Committee held on 29th and 30th Aug., 1974 and, therefore I am surprised to know from your circular that a meeting of the Action Committee was held on the above dates.

It is noted that the next meeting of the Action Committee has been called on the 17th September. But no time of the meeting has been indicated in your circular. I may inform you that Com. Parvati Krishnan and myself have to attend Court of law on the 17th instant at Delhi and, therefore, we may be able to attend the meeting of the Action Committee only after we are free from Court.

It has not been possible to consult Com. Parvathi ~~Kir~~ Krishnan after the receipt of your letter mentioned above as she has gone out of Delhi. I am also going out tonight and shall be back ~~here~~ here on the morning of 16th instant only.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
(Shrikrishna)

Com. George Fernandes,  
Convenor, N.C.C.R.S.,  
125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi.

NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Parvathi Krishnan,

I have your letter of 4th September, 1974. We had a meeting on the 17th September, where most of these matters were discussed. I hope it will be possible for us to improve our functioning.

With greetings,

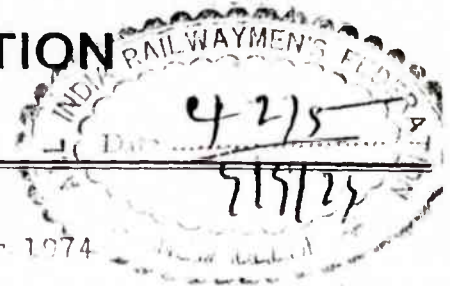
Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Mrs. Parvathi Krishnan, M.P.,  
Working President,  
Indian Rly. workers' Federation,  
24, Canning Lane,  
New Delhi-110001.

## INDIAN RAILWAY WORKERS' FEDERATION

21, CANNING LANE, NEW DELHI-110001



4 September 1974

President :

S. A. Dange

Working President :

Parvathi Krishnan, M.P.

Vice-Presidents :

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Sarjoo Pandey, M.P.

N. Avatar Shastri, M.P.

B. Sivarama Sharma

General Secretary :

K. Kumaran

Joint General Secretary :

Pri Krishna

Secretaries :

S. Deshpande, M.P.

M. Biswas

Gopinathan

Cassur : :

R. Shivankar

Dear George,

On 2 September I received your letter of 30 August. After receiving it I tried to get in touch with you over the phone as I would have liked to meet and discuss some urgent questions as I had indicated in my earlier letter. But I was informed that you were away from Delhi and would not be returning till the 12 September.

As regards the meeting of the Action Committee held on 29 and 30 August I would like to clear your misconception. No information whatsoever was given to either Shrikrishna or me regarding the meeting on the 29th. As for the 30th, it appears Comrade Priya Gupta rang my home in the morning after I had already left for a meeting. My husband informed him that I would be available at the AIRC office at 11 a.m. He told my husband about the Action Committee meeting and Krishnan said he would inform me if I happened to ring him before 11 a.m. which I did not do. In fact I did reach the AIRC even before 11 a.m. and was there throughout the day till 5 p.m. when I had to go to Parliament. There was no message at all from your office. It was only when I returned home at 7 p.m. and my husband inquired whether there had been an Action Committee meeting that I learnt anything about it at all. I am sorry about this, but I would like to point out that Comrade Shrikrishna also had had no information. So your observation needs to be corrected.

This is exactly what I meant about functioning of the Action Committee and the NCCRS. However, I have noted from your letter that there is to be an Action Committee meeting on the 17th though you have not indicated any time. I shall endeavour to be in Delhi on that day and on planning my programme so as to reach you here on the evening of the 16th.

I would like to know what transpired at the two day meeting of the Action Committee. Though we were not enabled to attend through absence of notice of the same, it would be worthwhile if we could at least be informed about the decisions taken. This is necessary because we are suddenly on occasions shown circulars and letters from the NCCRS office of which we are totally unaware and this is neither helpful nor correct. I would, therefore, be grateful if at least this minimum could be maintained.

Please do find some time to meet and discuss the issues which I would like to thrash out with you.

With kind regards,

Yours fraternally,

*Parvathi Krishnan*  
( Parvathi Krishnan )

Comrade George Fernandes  
Convener, NCCRS and President AIRC,  
1252 Bahar Road, New Delhi 1

NCCRS/1/74


Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

I have your letter of 30th August, 1974.  
I am indeed sorry for the delay in acknowledging it.  
I am conscious of the problems that are coming in the  
way of our unity and we are doing every thing possible  
to overcome them. I hope there will be an understanding  
of the need for such unity from all Sections of  
our leadership.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandez

Secretary,  
Eastern Ry. Workers' Union,  
Jamalpur (Monghyr).

# इस्टर्न रेलवे वर्कर्स यूनियन

जमालपुर (मुंगेर)

पत्रांक

दिनांक 30-8-1974

From:-  
Secretary,  
E.Rly. Workers' Union,  
Jamalpur Branch, Dt. Monghyr (Bihar).

To  
The Convenor, N.C.C.R.S.,  
125 E, Babar Road,  
N & W D E L H I.



Re :- Activity of the N.C.C.R.S., Jamalpur  
Branch, Dist. Monghyr (Bihar).

Dear Comrade,

As an active supporter and a constituent member of the N.C.C.R.S. I am to lay before you a few facts for your personal perusal and prompt action thereon in order to save the working class unity among the Railway workers.

Comrade, you can definitely presume that the post strike condition of the railway workers at Jamalpur are not different there what is prevailing throughout India. There is demoralisation as well as set back among them and some are even frustrated and pitifully expecting mercy from the Railway Administration. They are psychologically discented and a victim of political frustration. At this juncture, the maintenance and preservation of working class unity shall be the call of the hour and our supreme task is to give a rebuff to every onslaught of the Administration by building a broad bound working class unity in the N.C.C.R.S. But I am sorry to let you know that Sri Ramlakhan Gupta, M.L.C. (J.S.)/Bihar, Sri Shihnandan Jha, M.L.A. (S.S.P.), Jhajha, (Bihar), Sri Madhu Limaye, M.P., Sri Prithish Chandra, S.U.C. leader and General Secretary of U.T.U.C., Sri G.B. Gokhle, M.P. (J.S.) and working President of B.M.S. and a member of the Action Committee of the N.C.C.R.S. and Sri Samar Mukherjee, M.P. (C.P.M.), member, Action Committee, N.C.C.R.S. all visited this place on different dates on and from 10-7-74 and held mass meeting and even rally of the Railway workers. They all had one end in

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view that was simply to debunch the A.I.T.U.C. leaders particularly Com. Dange, in the eye of the railway workers in particular and mass of people in general. All of their speeches definitely created some adverse effect in the mind of the workers and has created disunity among the rank and file of the railway workers. As a constituent member of the N.C.C.P.S., I shall request you that you should take some positive step in order to maintain unity among the railway workers that these political opportunism should not be repeated and prolonged any further and inform us about the same without delay.

Yours cordially,

*Himanshu*  
Secy E.R.W.U, JMF

Copies for reference to

- 1) Convenor NCCPS, E.R.U 23/2  
Shraw Road, CCC
- 2) The Genl Secy, I.R.W.F  
2-4 K.M. Mungshi Lane CCC
- 3) The Genl Secy, E.R.W.U  
114, Lenin Saren, CCC-13

*Sd/-*  
Secy E.R.W.U JMF

NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

The Convener,  
NCCRS,  
N. E. Railway,  
Samastipur Division,  
Samastipur.

Dear Comrade,

I have your cyclostyled letter of 13th Sept. on the National Convention of the NCCRS scheduled for 4th October, 1974. I am also grateful to you for the detailed report containing the circular.

I must, however, express my appreciation for the excellent work you Comrades in Samastipur are doing. Our struggle is not over. We should stand united even while we strengthen our respective organisations. I hope you will continue with the work of militant activities.

The joint meeting of the Action Committee and the Zonal Conveners have decided to postpone the National Convention to some time during the winter session of the Parliament in early December. A copy of the circular is enclosed herewith for your reference.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

NCCRS/1/74

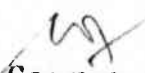
Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Com. Upadhaya,

I have received a copy of your circular dated 4th September, 1974 in connection with the Zonal Conference of Guards convened by the NFIR. I must say that I appreciate your comments about the NFIR and its leadership. What surprising me a bit was your failure to comment on the role of the NFIR during the recent strike, that ~~was~~ would have made your circular complete.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri C.L. Upadhaya,  
General Secretary,  
All India Guards Council,  
72, Takia Ganeshganj,  
Lucknow.

NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Com. Prasad,

I have the copy of your letter of  
4th September, 1974, addressed to Com. N.C.Roy Chowdhury.  
I am attending to the matter.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri M.N. Prasad,  
Member of the Zonal NCCRS,  
S. E. Railway,  
qr. No. L/91E,  
North Settlement,  
P.O. Adra  
S. E. Railway.

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10/9/74  
All India Loco Running Staff Association

REGD NO. - NAT/38

S. E. RLY. ZONE

FROM M.N. Prasad.  
Jt. Genl. SECRETARY



Camped at, XXXXXXXX  
ADRA XXXXXXXX

Qu.No. L/91B  
North Settlement  
P.O. Adra. S.E.Rly.

Dated 4/9/74.

To,

Com. N.C. Raichoudhuri.  
Zonal Convenor,  
NCCRS/EX S.E.Rly.

Dear Com.,

By serving the notice of Zonal Convention on 16/9/74. the decision of NCCRS/meeting a held at Raipure on 18/8/74. is being violated. So I suggest to call a meeting of sub-committee formed at Raipure ~~to~~ to fix up the date of branch, divisional, and Zonal NCCRS before holding the Zonal convention. In view of the above it is desirable that the Zonal Convention on 16/9/74. may be postponed and to be decided in sub-committee meeting.

Hoping that proper step be taken.

Yours Comradly,

*M.N. Prasad*  
4/9  
(M.N. Prasad)

Member of the Zonal NCCRS.  
S.E.Rly.

Copy to:-

1. Sri George Fernandez.  
Convenor/National NCCRS. (Action Committee)
2. Sri Samar Mukherjee  
Member/National NCCRS. (Action Committee)
3. Sri S.K. Dhar.  
Member/National NCCRS (Action Committee)

NCCRS/1/74

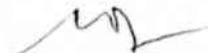
19th Sept. 1974.

Dear Com. Dutta,

I have the copy of your letter, dated  
9th September, 1974, addressed to Com. N.C. Roy Chowdhury.  
The matter was discussed in the last meeting of the  
Action Committee. We are taking certain steps to set  
right these problems.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri S. Dutta,  
Member, NCCRS,  
All India Rly. Comml. Clerks' Assn.,  
Adra Division,  
Adra.

All India Rly. Commercial Clerks' Association. *Under Certificate*

(H. O. Delhi, Regd. No. 1121)

SOUTH EASTERN ZONE

ADRA DIVISION

Date 9. 9. 74.

Ref

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13/9/75

From Member / NCCRS,  
To ~~XXXXXX~~ / ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

To Com. N. C. Roy Chowdhury,  
Zonal Convenor / NCCRS, SERLY. Zone,  
Kharipur.

Dear Com.

Sub:-Zonal convention.

Though I did not receive the letter of zonal convention is fixed on 16.3.74 at KGP but I could come to know through a reliable sources that it is fixed on 16.3.74. It is nothing but the violation of Raipur decision. Still the branch, divisional committee is not held.

So I suggest that the making of sub-committee which is formed at Raipur for the purpose to be called and the date of branch, divisional convention to be fixed. And the zonal convention to be held. Moreover the joint leadership to take initiative to solve the dispute in NCCRS of different places as per Raipur decision.

Further I suggest that before holding the zonal convention the decision of Raipur to be executed, as such the date of convention which is fixed by you unilaterally on 16.3.74 to be postponed and above stated step be taken as per Raipur decision.

Further, it is very regretted to inform you that we are not being informed regarding the Divisional Zonal and Central NCCRS meeting properly.

Hoping that proper step be taken so that ~~xxxx~~ successfully convention may be held.

Yours comradely,

*S. Dutta*

(S. Dutta)  
Member, NCCRS

Zonal Committee, (All India  
Rly. Comm. Clerk. Assn. Adra).

copy to:- Com. George Fernandes,  
Convenor, NCCRS,  
Samar Mukherjee,  
4, Ashoka Road  
New Delhi.

NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

I have your letter of 28th August, 1974, asking for an article for MOVE-MEN. Will you please send me copies of the MOVE-MEN issued during the current year? I am sorry, I must confess my ignorance about the good work done by you since I have not seen a copy of the Journal so far.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes

MOVE-MEN,  
C/o. Central Printing Press,  
76, B. B. Ganguly Street,  
Calcutta-700012



# MOVE-MEN

A MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR THE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE AND THE PEOPLE WHO MOVE THEM

C/O. CENTRAL PRINTING PRESS, 76 B. B. GANGULY STREET, CALCUTTA-700012

Dated. 28.8.74

Dear Comrade,

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9/9/74

"MOVE - MEN" is a monthly English journal devoted to railway labour movement. It believes in united trade union struggle for a better tomorrow. Naturally it was in the front row during the recent railway strike and worked for strengthening the NLRB. It still believes in and works hard for unity and struggle through the medium of NLRB.

It is in its 3rd year of publication and is widely circulated throughout India.

It has been decided to bring out a special Diwali issue which will be mainly devoted to railway strike. All the central C.O.s are approached for articles.

The topics of discussion for this issue are :-

1. Review of recent railway strike and the present tasks before us.
2. Should the NLRB be converted into a single union? Is the time ripe for this? Should this be the aim? If so what are the steps necessary?
3. Are the days of traditional trade union action over in view of "failure" of recent railway strike?
4. Should the political parties or outside leaders be kept away from railway trade union field?
5. Prospects of fight against recent ordinance.
6. Your view on ordinance and National Wage Committee's (Prof. Chakraborty) interim report.

MOVE-MEN will be grateful to have your valuable contribution on any of the above topics in about 2500 words latest by 30.9.74. Eagerly awaiting your esteemed reply.

To  
Sri George Fernandes  
Convener, NCCRS.  
90 AIRF  
125/E Bahar Road  
New Delhi

With greetings,

Om Singhla.  
for Move-men.

NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Com. Raghavan,

This is to thank you for the copy of your letter, dated September 4, 1974, addressed to Com. Somnath Dube, Bombay.

I am grateful to you for the help given by you to the victimised railwaymen.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

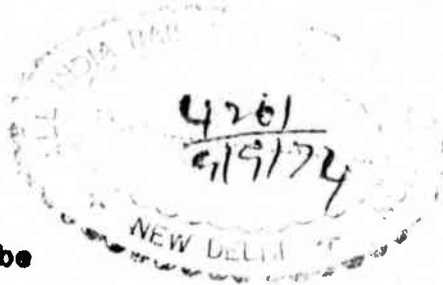
George Fernandes

Shri A.C. Raghavan,  
Convener,  
Middle Class Employees' Coordination Committee,  
C/o. Voltas & Volkart Employees' Union,  
19, Graham Road, Ballard Estate,  
Bombay-400001.

# Middle Class Employees' Co-ordination Committee

C/o. Voltas & Volkart Employees' Union,  
18, Graham Road, Ballard Estate,  
BOMBAY-400 001.

Ref. No. F.4/9



Date September 4, 1974

Com. Somnath Dube  
CONVENOR  
Trade Union's Joint Action Committee,  
C/o. Hind Mazdoor Panchayat,  
204, Raja Rammohan Roy Road,  
Bombay - 400 004.

Dear Comrade

## Railway Employees 'Relief Fund'

We refer to your letter dated 24th July 1974 on the above matter.

Since the receipt of your letter, we had already remitted to you our first instalment of Collection of Rs.1,500.00. We now enclose a cheque No.0392493 on Bank of Baroda for Rs.4,000.00 as our second instalment of the collection on account of the above fund from our various constituents, receipt of which kindly acknowledge.

It is our sincere desire to disburse all the coupons that we have taken from you and as such we are still continuing with our effort of collection. Once the collection reaches our hand, further remittance will be effected.

Meanwhile may we have a report of the total collection received by the Joint Action Committee from various constituents for the information of our constituent members.

With fraternal greetings,

Yours comradely

  
( A.C. Raghavan )

cc: The Gen. Secretary, National Railway Mazdoor Union,  
Seva Sadan, Parel, Bombay - 400 012.

→ The Convenor, National Co-ordination Committee for  
Railwaymen's struggle, 125/E, Railway Quarters,  
Babar Road, New Delhi.

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Gram : CITUCENT Phone: 23-3708  
CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS

COMMITTEE FOR DEFENCE OF VICTIMISED  
RAILWAY WORKERS & CENTRAL GOVT. EMPLOYEES

172 Lenin Sarani, Calcutta 700013.

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2nd September 1974

To  
All organisations extending legal aid  
to victimised workers & Central Govt. Employees.

Comrades,

The Committee in aid of victimised Railwaymen, pursued the cases under Rule 14 (ii) and 311 (2) (b) in the High Court of Calcutta. The judgement is in favour of workers and we are reproducing below the main points of the judgement for information of all concerned.

The judgement has highlighted the gross irregularities committed by the railway authorities in their anxiety to suppress the railway trade union movement. It further highlights the vindictiveness towards the leading cadres of the movement and striking workers.

The decisions should be made known to all the railway workers so that they can press the administration to vacate all the victimisation measures with retrospective effect.

For further clarifications, Comrades may contact the Committee on the address given above.

With Greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*M. K. Pandhe*

(M. K. Pandhe)

Secretary

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NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Com. Pandhe,

Will you please send me a detailed note on or a complete text of the judgement delivered by the Calcutta High Court in connection with the dismissed railwaymen?

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri M.K. Pandhe,  
Secretary,  
Centre of Indian Trade Unions,  
Committee for Defence of Victimized  
Mly. Workers & Central Govt. Employees,  
172, Lenin Sarani,  
Calcutta-700013

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CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS

COMMITTEE FOR DEFENCE OF VICTIMISED  
RAILWAY WORKERS & CENTRAL GOVT. EMPLOYEES

172 Lenin Sarani, Calcutta 700013.

2nd September 1974

To  
All organisations extending legal aid  
to victimised workers & Central Govt. Employees.

Comrades,

The Committee in aid of victimised Railwaymen, pursued the cases under Rule 14 (ii) and 311 (2) (b) in the High Court of Calcutta. The judgement is in favour of workers and we are reproducing below the main points of the judgement for information of all concerned.

The judgement has highlighted the gross irregularities committed by the railway authorities in their anxiety to suppress the railway trade union movement. It further highlights the vindictiveness towards the leading cadres of the movement and striking workers.

The decisions should be made known to all the railway workers so that they can press the administration to vacate all the victimisation measures, with retrospective effect.

For further clarifications, Comrades may contact the Committee on the address given above.

With Greetings,

Yours fraternally,

M. K. PANDHE

(M. K. Pandhe)

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NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE  
EASTERN RAILWAY, DHANBAD DIVISION

Ref:- NCCRS/CM/DHN/74

Dhanbad, dated, 2nd Sept, 1974.

*Q.4. 437/11/33  
Hill colony Dhanbad*

Dear Comrade George,

The Railway Authorities of Dhanbad Division are determined to crush the trade union activities by imposing several punitive measures on the active workers day by day.

Now, we are thinking to observe "SAFETY IN TO-TO MOVEMENT" at Dhanbad Division from 2nd Week of Sept/1974. The position of victimisation of the last strike is stands still and also further victimisation is coming out day by day.

Kindly give your views in this matter and also send a copy of resolution adopted in the meeting of Central Trade Unions held at Delhi on 28.8.74 without delay. I am not in a position ~~to~~ to leave Dhanbad at present.

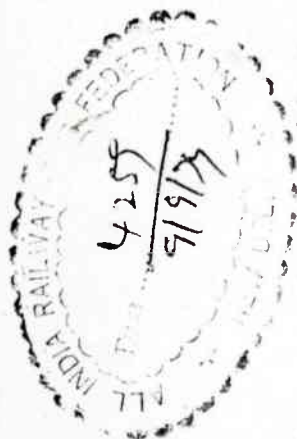
With regards,

Encl:- One letter of Convener/NCCRS/  
Dhanbad Unit

Comradely yours,

*(C. M. Singh)*  
21/9/74

To  
Shri George Fernandes,  
Central Convener/NCCRS  
Dew Delhi



NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Com. Singh,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2nd September, 1974.


The Railway Administration is obviously desparate. That alone can explain their attitude to the problems of the railwaymen. It is not only in Dhanbad Division that we are experiencing such massive attacks, they are there all over the railways. We have no alternative but to keep fighting.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the resolution adopted at the National Convention of the Working People. I have already taken up the case of Com. Gangul.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Enc: as above.

  
George Fernandes

Shri C.M. Singh,  
P.O. NCCRS, Eastern Railway,  
Dhanbad Division,  
P.No. 437/11/33, Hill Colony,  
Dhanbad.



NCCRS/1/74

Sept. 19, 1974.

Dear Com. Bimal,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your circular dated 22nd August, 1974, containing the decisions of the Zonal Convention of the NCCRS held on 21st August, 1974. I have your circular, dated 28th August, in regard to the relief to the victimised railwaymen.

I hope your efforts to keep the NCCRS united and in a fighting spirit will be crowned with success.

Please send me a report of the programme of mass squatting and anti-victimisation day.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

V V V  
George Fernandes

Shri Bimal De,  
Convener, NCCRS,  
23&24, Strand Road,  
Calcutta.

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE.

(Eastern Railway)

(E.R.M.U.'s Cent. Office)

43 & 24, Strand Road,

Calcutta.

BIMAL DEY

CONVENER.

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PS/NCCRS/74.

28. 8. 74.

To



Dear Comrade,

You are aware of the pitiable circumstances under which thousands of Railwaymen removed due to the last great 'May' 74 Strike are passing their days. It has not been possible for us to cope with the problem of giving relief to these victimised employees and to most of the cases such employees are to remain happy with Rs.10/- to Rs.50/- per month. At few places it may be more.

We received only a total sum of Rs.8132/- from:-

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|--|----|----|------------|
| (1). Coordination Committee of West Bengal Govt. Employees Union & Assn. | -- | -- | Rs.2800-00 |
| (2). Shipping Corporation Employees Union.                               | -- | -- | Rs. 500-00 |
| (3). L.I.C. Employees Association.                                       | -- | -- | Rs.2975-00 |
| (4). Reserve Bank of India Employees Association.                        | -- | -- | Rs.1500-00 |
| (5). E. Rly. E.C.C.S. Employees Union.                                   | -- | -- | Rs. 357-00 |

up to the date although we approached almost all the Trade Union Organisations including the Central Trade Unions in West Bengal to render help and assistance to the victimised railway employees through the forum of N.C.C.R.S.

We have now decided to meet you to approach your organisation through you for some assistance between 4 & 5 P.M. on 2nd Sept./1974.

We shall be thankful if you may kindly be available in your office so that we may meet there.

Expecting all co-operation.

Yours Comradely,

(Bimal Dey)  
CONVENER- N.C.C.R.S.

Copy to:- All Constituent Organisations of N.C.C.R.S.(Eastern Rly).  
All Branch Secretaries, Eastern Rly. men's Union.

Copy to:- Sri George ... Convener, N.C.C.R.S. for information.

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( Bimal Dey )

Convener - N.C.C.R.S.  
Eastern railway.

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR  
RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

Convenor:  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi

Date: 18th Sept. 1974

To

All Participating Union of  
the NCCRS.

A joint meeting of the Action Committee of the NCCRS and of the Zonal Convenors of the NCCRS was held in Delhi on September 17, 1974.

The following attended the meeting:-

1. Smt. Parvathi Krishnan
2. Shri Sri Krishna
3. Shri Kumaran
4. Shri Priya Gupta
5. Shri Nrisihan Chakravarty
6. Shri P.R. Menon
7. Shri Bidu Sen
8. Shri J.P. Chaubey
9. Shri Bimal Dey
10. Shri S.K. Dhar
11. Shri Bhangoo
12. Shri George Fernandes
13. Shri Samar Mukherjee
14. Shri H.S. Chowdhury.

The following decisions were taken :-

1. The National Convention of Railwaymen scheduled for October 4, 1974 was decided to be postponed. The Convention will be held some time in early December to coincide with the winter session of Parliament. It was noted the local, divisional and Zonal Conventions of the NCCRS had still not been held, and these should be held before the National Convention. The meeting also took note of Shri Jayaprakash Narayan's movement of rail and road transport from October 2, 1974. It was felt that this would also come in the way of holding the Convention on October 4, 1974.

2. It was decided to hold all local conventions of the NCCRS before October 10, 1974; divisional conventions before October 30, 1974; and Zonal Conventions before 15th November, '74.

The Conventions should be used to strengthen workers unity from grass-roots, to reinforce and to reiterate our resolve to achieve our demands and to fight for the reinstatement of all victimised workmen.

3. It was decided to keep the Zonal NCCRS informed of the progress in settling the victimisation cases.

4. All participating unions were asked to send their contribution of Rs. 50/- to the NCCRS immediately.


5. The next meeting of the Action Committee will be held on 30th September, 1974 at 10.30 A.M. and the one

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after that on 10th October at 10.30 A.M.

6. It was decided to call another meeting of the Zonal Convenors before the National Convention of Railwaymen is convened.

  
George Fernandes  
Convenor.

NCORS/1/74

September 30, 1974.

Dear Com. Satyanarayan,

I have your letter of 15th Sept. 1974, regarding the victimised Coal Khalasis on the Eastern Railway. I have represented the matter to the Railway Minister.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri Satyanarayan Sarkar,  
President,  
Indian Railways Cool & Ash Handling  
Mazdoor Union, Handel Junction,  
Distt. Hooghly.

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
FOR  
RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

George Fernandes,  
Convener.

125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

NCCRS/1/74

September 30, 1974.

My dear Bimal,

You had mentioned to me both orally and in writing about some of the criticism which the UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and Shri Prithish Chanda have made against the Socialist Party and the Action Committee of the NCCRS. Will you please send me some extracts of these writings?

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Bimal Dey,  
Convener,  
National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
23/24, Strand Road,  
Calcutta-700001

MCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

I have received the following complaint  
from Kalka:-

"The undermentioned worker recently released  
from jail and after putting back to duty  
has been transferred to the stations shown  
against his name. Kindly contact C.M.E.,  
Northern Railway and get these orders can-  
celled.

Shri Kewar Singh, H.S. Miller Grade I, T.No.976  
MW Shop, Kalka - Transferred to JUDW."

May I request you to do the needful and  
help in restoring normalcy ?

Yours faithfully,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

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# NORTHERN RAILWAYMEN'S UNION

KALKA-SIMLA-BRANCH

(REGISTERED & RECOGNISED)

Affiliated to :- All India Railwaymen's Federation & Hind Mazdoor Sabha.

President  
Shri J. P. Choubey  
General Secretary  
Shri D. D. VASISHT

Central Office  
115 E, Babar Road  
NEW DELHI.

Branch Office  
N III, Railway Colony  
KALKA.

{ AIRF Phone : 40947  
Central Office Phone : 46558

Ref. No. NRMU/KLK/Strike/74

KALKA/SIMLA. 16.6.74



The General Secretary  
N. Rly Men's Union  
New Delhi

Reg:- Transfer of Union workers

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The undermentioned workers recently released from jail & after putting in to duty have been transferred to the stations shown against their names. Kindly contact CME N. Rly and get these orders cancelled.

① Sh. Kewar Singh H.S. Miller grade I. TNO 976  
MW Shop KLK ——— transferred to JLUW

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Yours faithfully  
Mohinder Singh  
Branch Secretary

Copy: Conveor  
NCCRS  
New Delhi



# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCCRS/1/74

July 4, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.


Dear Sir,

The following telegram has been received by me  
from Vijayavada:

"EIGHTYSIX EMPLOYEES ON VIJAYAVADA DIVISION DISMISSED /./  
NEITHER VIOLENCE NOR INTIMIDATION /./ MANY WERE  
ARRESTED PRIOR STRIKE /./ SOME ABSENTED /./  
EMPLOYEES FORCED QUARTERS VACATION /./ STAFF  
AGITATED /./ REQUEST WITHDRAWAL EVICTION ORDERS  
AND RESTORATION JOBS /./ REVERSION TRANSFERS  
CONTINUED /./ EMPLOYEES SONS STOPPED /./ LABOUR  
LAWS VIOLATED /./ UNION DENIED INTERVIEWS /./  
PROVIDENT FUNDS LOANS DENIED /./ PRAY INTERVENTION /./"

May I request you to do the needful in the matter and  
help in restoring normalcy on the Railways,

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convenor.

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NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.


The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

I have been informed by the railwaymen at Patna that the workmen who have been suspended during the strike have not been paid subsistence allowance in Patna. I am also informed that the payment for the period in April and in May has also not been made. Other forms of victimisation and harassment is also continuing in the Division.

May I request you to do the needful to set right matters and help us to restore normalcy on the Railways?

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

NGCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is an extract of the resolution adopted by the Railwaymen's meeting at Parkakana.

May I request you to reinstate all the workmen, withdraw all the cases and do all that is necessary to restore normalcy on the railways?

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above.

  
George Fernandes

NCCRS/1/74

July 3, 1974.

The Railway Minister,  
Rail Bhavan,  
New Delhi


Dear Sir,

I have received the following telegram  
from Calcutta:

"VICTIMISATION OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY  
CASUAL LABOUR AND TRANSFER SEVEN  
MOTOR DRIVERS REMAIN UNCHANGED"

May I request you to do the needful  
so that we are able to restore normalcy on the  
railways?

Yours faithfully,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

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ALL INDIA RAILWAYMEN FEDERATION,  
125-E, RAILWAY QUATER, BABAR ROAD  
NEW DELHI.  
( DELY 24 HOURS. )

PRIYAGUPTA RAILWAYMEN TF 40947 NEW DELHI

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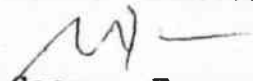
Dear Comrade,

I have received two cyclostyled handbills, one issued by the Purvi Railway Karmachari Sangh and the other by the Dakshin Purva Railway Mazdoor Sangh - both affiliates of the B.R.M.S. - titled "Do you know?" and purporting to be an extract from the "Motherland" (28th March, 1974) the Jan Sangh daily published from New Delhi.

As far as I am concerned, every word of the report in "Motherland" is a lie, though I can understand the motivation in publishing such a tendentious report. I had read that report, just as I had read and continue to read other malicious and tendentious writing on the railway strike in other newspapers and journals. I left it at that since it is the prerogative of newspapers to publish what they please. But what is the purpose of the BRMS unions cyclostyling this <sup>report</sup> in "Motherland" and distributing it among the workers? How is it supposed to help the process of uniting the railwaymen to face their problems?

Besides, I thought that you knew that this "Motherland" report is a concoction, since as the Action Committee Member you were a party to all that was happening.

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

President,  
Bhartiya Rail Mazdoor Sangh  
19, Windsor Place  
New Delhi - 1

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N.C.C.P./1/74

✓ NCCRS/1/74

July 2, 1974

Dear Comrade Phatak,

I have your letter of 28th June giving the names of your substitute on the Action Committee.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,



George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri M.M. Phatak  
Secretary General (Org.)  
Bhartiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh,  
19, Windsor Place  
New Delhi-1

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No. NCCRS/1/74

July- 2, 1974

The Office Secretary,  
A.I.T.U.C. Office,  
24- Canning Lane,  
New Delhi.

Sir,

Please give us a list of all Central Labour organisation, Federations, Unions of India. This is required by our President Shri George Fernandes urgently.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

  
Office Secretary.



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19. WINDSOR PLACE,  
NEW DELHI-1.

28/6/77

To,

The Convener,  
N.C.C.R.S.,  
152 E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1.

For the Kind Attention of  
Shri George Fernandes.

Dear Brother,



Myself and Shri Gokalejee will be out of  
New Delhi on tour of various places on Railways.

For the routine meetings of N.C.C.R.S. in  
our absence Shri Ved Mitter Vig, 19 Windsor Place,  
New Delhi-1 and Shri Hare Krishna Pathak, 5239, Ajmeri  
Gate Delhi-6 will represent B.R.M.S. in our absence.  
The information for such meetings therefore be given at  
Phone No. 48356 and 261993, respectively.

For any special meeting where our  
presence is necessary advance information be given at  
the above place so that we can be contacted by them.

With high regards,

Brotherly Yours,

( M.H. Phatak )  
Secy. Genl. ( Org. )

NCURS/1/74

July 2, 1974

Dear Comrade Hari Krishna,

This is to thank you for the resolution adopted by the Mass Rally on the occasion of the Anti-Repres-  
sion Day on June 18, 1974.

I hope you are doing every thing to provide relief to the victimised railwaymen and also to strengthen the ranks of the railwaymen so that they may successfully fight back against the ruthless government.

With greetings,

yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri Hari Krishna,  
Convener,  
United Council of Trade Unions  
Bihar State Committee,  
PATNA - 4

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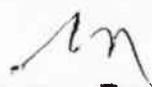
July 2, 1974

Dear Comrade Mangapathy Rao,

I have your letter of June 27, 1974 and the list of the workmen who have been victimised. The matter is being attended to.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri I. Mangapathy Rao,  
Organising Secretary,  
South Central Rly. Employees Union,  
Secunderabad Division  
VIJAYAWADA

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AIRF/160B

ALL INDIA RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION

125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

AIRF/160-B

July 1, 1974.

To  
All the General Secretaries  
of the affiliated unions and  
Working Committee members of  
the AIRF.

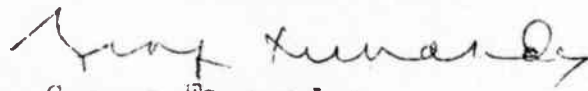
Dear Comrades,

Enclosed is copy of a letter by Shri  
Madhu Limaye, M.P., to the Railway Minister, addressed  
on June 15, 1974. This is sent to keep you informed  
of some of the developments.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

  
George Fernandes  
President.

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Madhu Limaye  
Member of Parliament  
Lok Sabha

12, Gurudwara Rakabganj Road,  
NEW DELHI-1  
15th June 1974

Dear Shri L.N. Mishra,

Sub: Our discussion on the restoration of  
normalcy on the Railways.

Yesterday, Sarvshri Tridib Chaudhuri, S.M. Banerjee and D.K. Panda, Members of Lok Sabha and myself, met you at the Rail Bhavan and discussed with you for about 40 minutes the question of restoring normal working on the Railways.

As the newspaper reports make it clear today the financial condition of the Railways has considerably deteriorated in the last two years. A concerted and herculean effort is needed to bring about an improvement in the situation. It is against this background that we submitted our memorandum which was also signed by Shri Era Sazhiyam, Leader of the DKM Group in Lok Sabha.

It was the feeling of our delegation that our discussion was both useful and fruitful. If speedy action is taken on the basis of this discussion, it would go a long way in restoring normalcy on the Railways. I am giving below for ready reference and action the summary of this discussion:-

1. At the outset the Minister said that he was aware that a sullen and humiliated work force was not an asset for any industrial undertaking and that he would not allow any trail of bitterness to remain in the Railway organisation.
2. The question of arrested Railway workers was then discussed. The Minister said that instructions had been issued to the State Governments for their release. Specific cases from Haryana, Calcutta and Beranpore etc., were brought to his notice. The Minister agreed to look into those cases.
3. The question of warrants not executed so far was then looked into. The Minister said that such warrants would be withdrawn.
4. Court cases involving all those workers against whom there were no charges of sabotage, violence or damage to Railway property, the delegation was told, would be withdrawn.
5. About the eviction notices, it was agreed that till the final disposal of appeals and cases, those orders would be stayed and the workers' families would be allowed to remain in occupation of the quarters. It was pointed out that even M.Ps. are allowed to keep the flats for several months after their departure.
6. Those workers who were arrested preventively before 2nd May 1974, would be allowed to resume duty and as to other workers who have been dismissed or removed it was said that mere participation in the illegal strike would not be the ground for dismissal or removal from service. Workers (against whom there are charges of intimidation etc.) should make appeal

7. The problem of break in service was raised. The Minister said that it was not an immediate problem and could be taken up later, say, after six months. When he was asked about those workmen who were likely to retire soon, the Minister said that because of the one year extension offer, no Railway employee who was about to retire had gone on strike.
8. The question of compensating the families of employees, who had died in police or jail custody, was broached (Shripal Dwivedy, Malgi etc.) The Minister made a note of this point.
9. The delegation referred to the Press reports about the Minister trying to avoid a meeting with Shri George Fernandes. The Minister said that this impression was completely wrong and that he was prepared to meet Shri Fernandes. What he had, however, suggested was that it would be better for Shri Fernandes to have a discussion with the Chairman of the Railway Board. The delegation told the Railway Minister that his meeting Shri Fernandes first would help create a better atmosphere. He could ask the Railway Board Chairman afterwards to continue the talks with the Railwaymen's leader.
10. The Minister's attention was next drawn to the reports appearing in the Press to the effect that there would be no talks with the MCCRS any more. The Minister clarified that even last time the invitation was sent to Shri Fernandes and that he was told that he could bring with him anybody he liked. The Minister averred there was no change in the Government policy in this regard. The delegation felt that this clarification was welcome, and that the question could now be settled by the AIRF and the MCCRS among themselves.
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12. The Minister was finally urged to resolve the contradiction in the Government position on the bonus question and to take the Railway workers out of the straight jacket of the Pay Commission. There should be no more Pay Commissions on the Railways, they said. Let the Railwaymen be treated as industrial workers, no matter whether the Railways are run departmentally or by an autonomous corporation.

I hope this is a fair summary of our 14 June discussion.

With good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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The Railway Minister,  
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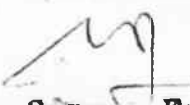
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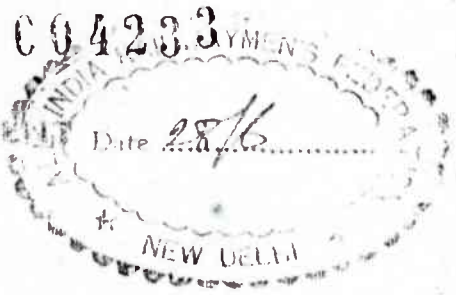


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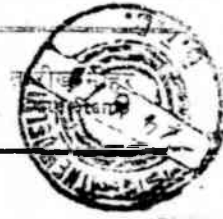
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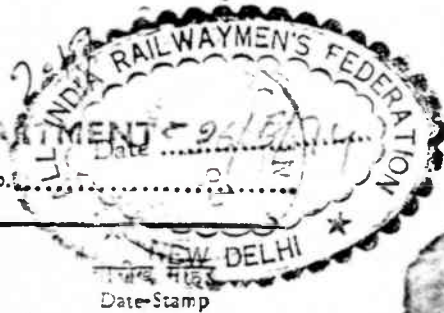
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Shri B.N.Thakur,  
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National Coordination Committee  
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TO  
The Convener,  
National Co-ordination Committee  
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125 E. Baber Road New Delhi.

To  
The Convener,  
NCCR, Pandu.

Sub. ANTI REPRESSION DAY.

Anti Repression Day was observed on 19<sup>th</sup> Day of June ' 1974 by NCCR, Tinsukia . A massive railwaymen's meeting was held in the field of Railway Institute at 17 Hrs under the president ship of Shri B.N. Thakur Convener NCCR, Tinsukia and the meeting was addressed by Sarbri S.C. Goswami, Abani Kumar Dey, Lachhana Naidu.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted;

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removal of Railwaymen after reporting for duty, stoppage of Payment, influencing the police and RPF authorities to give adverse remarks against the ~~leaders~~ removed, not allowing the released detainees kept under custody by Government under MISA and stopping their payment.

2. The meeting demanded immediate revocation of the removed railwaymen and thereby restore normalcy and save the man days lost

Yours faithfully,  
*B.N. Thakur*  
( B.N. Thakur, Convener)

Convener  
National Co-ordination Committee  
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NCCRS/1/74

July 1, 1974.

Dear Com. Harchandan Singh,

Thanks for your letter of 22nd June, 1974. Com. J.N. Roy attended the meeting of the NCCRS. He will have reported to you on the deliberations.

We have to make an honest assessment of the reasons why our movement ended in the way. We should boldly set right what is wrong in our organisation. I hope you and your colleagues will go in for such an appraisal.

I have received glowing reports on the participation of the members of the IRTSA in the strike. I would like to discuss with you various matters arising out of the strike. Kindly let me know when you will be coming over to Delhi.

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Shri Harchandan Singh,  
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Indian Railways Technical Supervisors' Association,  
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H.C. Singh  
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No. IRTSA/CHQ/74/NCCRS

22nd June, 1974.

To

The Convenor,  
N C C R S,  
125, Babar Lane,  
NEW DELHI.



Dear Sir,

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Reg. Report on the strike and its aftermath:-

I am sorry that I could not send you report on the strike earlier because of my continuous detention from 7th of last month to 14th of June.

However, I congratulate you for having lead the Railwaymen so successfully through the greatest struggle of the recent times in spite of all odds and atrocities of the Government. Although we have not been able to force the Government till now for a favourable decision on the basic issues, but we are confident that under your dynamic leadership and with the constant zeal of Railwaymen to fight for justice, we will soon be able to attain the desired results and the sacrifices of lakhs of Railwaymen in the recent struggle will not go waste.

At Lucknow :- As far Lucknow the strike almost failed because of many reasons. The strike started on 3rd May, following your arrest from here (for which we shall always be ashamed). It was an



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Over all victimization of Supervisors :- There have been a large scale victimization of Technical Supervisors all over India like the rest of the Railwaymen.

120 Technical Supervisors are reported to have been dismissed at Lilluah, a large number were arrested and suspended.

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2 Chargemen have been dismissed at C & W Shops, Alambagh, 2 at Bikaner, 1 Foreman at N.Rly. Hqrs., Delhi.

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Participation in the NCCRS meeting on 26.6.74 :-

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Reg: Contribution :- We have already deposited Rs.50/- on 15.4.74 in your office and shall be sending Rs.50/- more shortly.

With regards,

Yours truly,



(HARCHANDAN SINGH)  
General Secretary  
I R T S A/LKO

Copy for information to :-

1. Shri S.C. Gupta, Working President, IRTSA, III RB Central Rly. Colony, ~~Powai~~, Bombay-12.
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NCCRS/1/74

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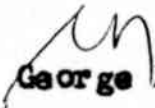
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PERCENTAGE OF FIVE HUNDRED REMOVED STAFF  
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SOLICIT IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION"

May I request you to do the needful  
and help in restoring normalcy?

Yours faithfully,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

NCCRS/1/74

July 1, 1974.

The Convener,  
National Coordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle,  
Tuticorin (Southern Rly.)

Dear Comrade,

I have your telegram. Enclosed herewith  
is a copy of the letter to the Railway Minister.  
The matter is being pursued further.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

  
George Fernandes

hone: 40947

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Grams: RAILWAYMEN

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

125-E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi - 110001.

Ref.No. NCCRS/1/74

July 1, 1974

The General Secretary, (B)

A.I.T.U.C./C.I.T.U./BMS/BMP/CITU/UTUC/UTUC(Lenin Sarhani)/HMS  
BRMS/ etc.

Dear Comrade,

Enclosed herewith please find copy of the Resolution adopted at the meeting of the National Co-ordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle held at Delhi on June 26, 1974. The resolution is self explanatory.

I am sorry to inform you that arrest, prosecution, suspension, dismissal and removal of railwaymen is continuing even to this day. The government is pursuing with determination a policy designed to destroy the trade union movement on the Indian Railways.

Needless to say, this is a situation which confronts the entire working class movement in the country with a major challenge. It is imperative that a common strategy to counter the government's offensive against the railwaymen is unitedly worked out. The N.C.C.R.S. has decided to convene a meeting of all central organisations and national federations of labour in New Delhi on July 20 & 21 for this purpose.

May I request you to kindly attend this meeting. The meeting will be held at Vithalbhai Patel House, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. Please let me know in advance the names of your representatives who will be attending the meeting.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

George Fernandes  
Convener

NCCRS/1/74

June 12, 1974.

Dear Comrade,

I have your letter dated June 6, 1974. Even while we are attending to victimisation cases, we have to plan our future course of action. The workmen have fought a glorious battle and my observations are that their morale is as high as ever. Many weaknesses have come to the surface during our struggle. We should rectify these immediately so that in the future struggle we achieve better results.

Please convey my greetings to all the railwaymen who joined the strike in your jurisdiction. Also send me a detailed report on the strike.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener

Convener,  
Railway Workers' Coordination  
Committee,  
Northern Railway  
BHATINDA

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RWCC/1/BT/74 Dated 6.6.74

The Convenor Railway Workers Coordination Committee  
NCCRS  
New Delhi

BHATINDA (N.R.)

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Sub Victimisation due to May 74 Strike

Dear Comrade

I am to bring to your notice that total 36 including 4 ladies had been arrested at Bhatinda on account of May 74 strike. All the workers have been released on bail. Most of them have been put back on duty but some of them are being harassed by the local and Divl officers and not being put back on duty for one and the other reasons. Please depute one Comrade at Divl Divn office to help the workers coming from out stations for help to avoid harassment to the staff.

The following 17 (seventeen) workers have been removed from service.

- |                     |                |           |          |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. Man Singh        | Shed clerk     | Loco Shed | Bhatinda |
| 2. Deep Chand       | Shed clerk     | "         | "        |
| 3. Baldev Singh     | Fuel issuer    | "         | "        |
| 4. Rangit Singh     | Filler misting | "         | "        |
| 5. Ajit Singh       | Driver         | "         | "        |
| 6. Mohinder Singh   | Driver         | "         | "        |
| 7. Summet Singh     | Yard Foreman   | Ply ST    | "        |
| 8. Harbans Singh    | "              | "         | "        |
| 9. Tara Chand       | "              | "         | "        |
| 10. Nagpal Singh    | "              | "         | "        |
| 11. Kamalaya Lal    | Shunt Jumar    | "         | "        |
| 12. Rosh Chand      | Luggage porter | "         | "        |
| 13. P D Joshi       | Asst ST master | "         | "        |
| 14. Gurhachan Singh | Khalasi        | "         | "        |
| 15. Hasi Narain     | "              | "         | "        |
| 16. Malakh Raj      | "              | "         | "        |
| 17. Madan Lal       | "              | "         | "        |

Convenor  
Railway Workers Coordination Committee  
BHATINDA (N.R.)

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8/5/74



NGCRS/1/74

June 12, 1974.

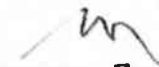
Dear Comrade Singh,

I have your letter of 1st June '74 and a list of the victimised workmen. The railwaymen have fought bravely, but our struggle is not over. Even while we are taking steps to meet the situation arising out of strike, including victimisation, we have to identify the mistakes that surfaced during the struggle and rectify them. The workers are in a fighting mood every where and we should sustain their morale. The government must be told that no power on earth can suppress the united strength of the railwaymen.

Please convey my greetings to all comrades who participated in the strike. Also send me a detailed report of the strike in your area.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Com. C.M. Singh  
Central Office of  
All India Rly. Ministerial  
Staff Association  
No. 437/11/33 Hill Colony  
DHAMBAD (Bihar)

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# All India Railways Ministerial

## Staff Association

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Central office  
No. 437/11/33 IIII colony  
DHANBAD ( Bihar )

REGD. NO. 3185

Ref No. AIRMSA/STRIKE/74

Dated I . 6 . 74

Dear Com. Fernandes,

I convey my heartfelt congratulation to you for organising the heroic strike of Railwaymen under <sup>your</sup> Bold leadership as a Convenor of National Co-Ordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle and achieving workers solidarity.

This strike was a grand success and unique in the history of Railwaymen's movement in India. This N.C.C.R.S. only, now, can maintain the solidarity of the Railwaymen and we should, as I think, function and go ahead with the struggle under the banner of N.C.C.R.S.

I am one of the victimised staff (removed). I have already advised all office bearers of A.I.R.M.S.A. to send a list of victimised ~~staff~~ ministerial staff to you through their local units of N.C.C.R.S.

Please post me with the next development if any.

Whanking you,

Encls: List of removed staff.

Comradely yours,

Com. George Fernandes,  
Convenor/N.C.C.R.S.

125E, Babar Road,

New Delhi.

*George*

10/11 Local Railway authorities are trying their best to get the names of removed staff vacated immediately. Please advise.

NCCRS/1/74

June 12, 1974

Dear Comrade Sohney,

I have your letter of 4th June '74 informing me that comrade H.K.Pathak and Com. U.P. Aghi will represent the Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh in absence of Comrade G.S. Gokhale and Com. M.M. Pathak, at the Action Committee Meetings.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Com. G.D. Sohney,  
Dy. Secretary-General,  
Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh,  
19, Windsor Place,  
NEW DELHI - 110001

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# BHARATIYA RAILWAY MAZDOOR SANGH

(INDIAN RAILWAY WORKERS FEDERATION)

President

Shri Hukumchand Kachwai  
M. P.

Working President

Shri G.S. Gokhale

Phone : 4 8 3 5 6

१६, विंडसर प्लेस  
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भारतीय रेलवे मजदूर संघ

(भारतीय मजदूर संघमें संलग्न)

NEW DELHI



Secy. Genl.

Shri Amaldarsingh

Secy. Genl. (org.)

Shri Manohar Phatak

३३, मोती भवज डिसिल्हा रोड,  
वावर बम्बई-४०००२८

L. No. HCCRS/74

Date 4th June, 1974.

Dear Shri George,

S/Shri G.S. Gokhale and M.M. Phatak are leaving for Bombay today and may not return for some time.

I have to advise you that in case <sup>1-</sup> ~~any~~ necessity of any formal meeting or informal consultations of the members of the action committee of HCCRS arises during their absence, the following will represent the Bhartiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh in such meetings.

1. Shri H.K. Pathak, General Secretary, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, (Delhi), 5239, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi.  
T.N. - 2.61993.
2. Shri O.P. Aghi, Secretary, Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh, 19, Windsor Place, New Delhi. T.N. - 48356

Please acknowledge. With regards - Telephone No. 48356.

Brotherly yours,

( G.D. Sohney )  
Dy. Secretary-General.

Shri George Fernandez,  
Convenor N.C.C.R.S.,  
125-E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-110001.

NCCRS/1/74

June 12, 1974.

Dear Comrade Subbalaah,

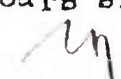
I have your letter of no date, containing the list of employees removed from service. Will you please send me a detailed note on the strike in your division as early as possible.

We have to maintain the unity achieved in the course of this struggle as we fight back against victimisation and continue our struggle to achieve our legitimate demands. For this we should also learn from the mistakes that surfaced during our last struggle.

Please convey my greetings to all workmen in your division who participated in the strike.

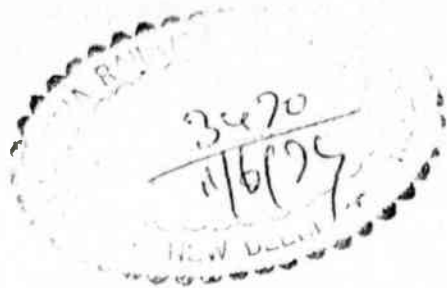
With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes  
Convener.

Com. M.V. Subbalaah  
Convener  
National Coordination Committee  
For Railwaymen's Struggle  
V. L. AYAWADA

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National Coordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle  
Vijayawada.

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To

Com. George Fernandes,  
Convenor, NCCRS,  
125-E Babar Road,  
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade,

A detailed note reviewing the strike in Vijayawada Division will be sent within a week, though it is an accepted fact that there was a good response from the workers. In this Division, nearly 279 were arrested under MISA and DIR. 83 employees were dismissed under 311 (2) (B) of the Constitution. All the arrested employees were taken back for duty immediately on their release. Only the dismissed 83 employees were left over. The list of dismissed employees in duplicate is herewith sent for your reference.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(M.V. Subbaiah)  
Convenor.

Copy to: The Convenor,  
Zonal NCCRS/SC.

NCCRS/1/74

June 12, 1974

Dear Comrade Dutta,

I have your letter of 6th June '74 containing the resolution of the Carriage & Wagon Staff Council and the list of workmen who have been victimised. The NCCRS is attending to the issues that have arisen consequent upon the strike. Needless to say we have to preserve our unity to not only meet the post-strike situation but also to achieve our demands. Our struggle is not over. We have to learn from the mistakes of this heroic action and prepare ourselves for another struggle to achieve our legitimate and just demands.

Please convey my greetings to all railwaymen who participated in the strike. Also send a detailed report on the strike.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes  
Convener.

Shri A.K. Dutta,  
General Secretary,  
C&WS.C./Eastern Rly.,  
10, Priya Nath Ghose Street  
CALCUTTA - 56

NCC/1/74

June 9, 1974.

Dear Thiru Karunanidhi,

I am grateful to you for the several statements issued by you before and during the Railwaymen's strike, supporting the cause of the railwaymen. It is, indeed, a pity that the Government of India refused to hear all sane counsel and insisted on having a show down with the railwaymen.

The economic consequences of the 3-week general strike by the railwaymen are too well-known to you to be recounted here. According to economists, the nation has already lost Rs.1,500 crores and a further loss of an equivalent sum is anticipated in the coming months as a consequence of the strike. This colossal loss to the national economy could have been avoided if the government had seriously negotiated with us and arrived at a reasonable settlement on the demands.

The campaign of lies and slander through radio and newspapers carried on by the government against the railwaymen must have few parallels even in naked military dictatorships. The repression let loose on the railwaymen was unprecedented in its brutality. The sympathy and support which the railwaymen received in abundance from the working and toiling people of this country helped in no small measure in withstanding ~~against~~ the government's ruthlessness.

My friend and colleague Com. Namasivayam told me about the circumstances in which police acted in Tamilnadu. I am glad that you have released all

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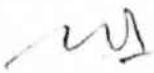
those arrested under MISA and the Defence of India Rules. Com. Namasivayam also told me that you have withdrawn the cases against all the railwaymen excepting those against 24 workmen who have been charged with alleged sabotage.

I have reasons to believe that the Railway authorities have deliberately cooked up cases of sabotage against certain railwaymen. In fact, this was a part of the terror tactics used by the Railway Administration to demoralise and suppress the railway workers. In the circumstances, I would urge that you personally look into these cases of alleged sabotage so that innocent workmen are not unnecessarily subjected to physical and mental torture. In the meanwhile, I would appeal to you to release these railwaymen on bail.

I am looking forward to meeting you at an early date.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes

Thiru Karunanidhi,  
Chief Minister of Tamilnadu,  
Madras.

Gram : 'RAILWAYMEN'

Phone : 40947

## National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

126/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCC/1/74

June 9, 1974.

Dear Com. Menon,

I want to thank you for having requested the Prime Minister to settle the railwaymen's dispute and avert the national calamity that the railway strike finally became. It is, indeed, a pity that the Prime Minister and her colleagues refused to act on all sane counsel and forced a strike on the railwaymen.

I must, however, express my shock and surprise at the large number of arrests of railwaymen under the draconian MISA and the Defence of India Rules by your government in Kerala. I am told that even today several railwaymen detained under MISA have not been released by your government.

May I request you to kindly take immediate steps to release all the railwaymen still in custody and withdraw all cases against the arrested railwaymen?

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes

Shri Achuta Menon,  
Chief Minister of Kerala,  
Trivandrum.

# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

राष्ट्रीय रेल मजदूर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति

Convenor :  
George Fernandes

125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

NCC/1/74

June 9, 1974.

Dear Shri

The decision to call off the railwaymen's strike was taken on the evening of May 27 and the striking workers began resuming their duties with effect from 6 A.M. on May 28. Thirteen days after the calling off of the strike, I find that your government has not taken the necessary steps to release all the railwaymen and others arrested before and during the railwaymen's strike.

Not only does this attitude on your part smack of vindictiveness against the railwaymen and against those who supported their just cause, but the continued incarceration of these people is coming in the way of restoration of normalcy in the railway services.

I am sure you are as keen as we are to see that not only the railway services are normalised but also normal relations between the Railway Administration and the Railway workers are restored. You will, however, appreciate that continued detention of railwaymen, despite the public assurances of the Prime Minister, Union Home Minister and the Railway Minister to the contrary, is a major obstacle in the restoration of mutual confidence.

I am now requesting you to take immediate steps to release all the railwaymen and others held in connection with the railway strike. I am also

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# National Co-ordination Committee For Railwaymen's Struggle

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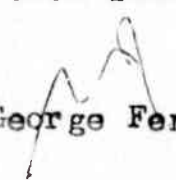
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125/E, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI-1

requesting you to withdraw all cases against all these people. I would also urge that you take the necessary steps to prevent further arrests of railwaymen and others connected with the railwaymen's agitation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
George Fernandes

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To

All the Chief Ministers  
of States.

Gram : REEMPLOYE

Phone : 22-5916



# Eastern Railwaymen's Union.

Registered under Indian Trade Union Act 1926 ( Regd. No. 2770 )

Recognised by the Eastern Railway Administration.

Affiliated to The All India Railwaymen's Federation.

Bimal Dey,  
General Secretary.

CENTRAL OFFICE

23 & 24 Strand Road,

Calcutta - I.

No. Post Strike/74

Date. 6-6-74. 1974

To

The General Secretary,  
All India Railwaymen's Federation,  
125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade,

Sub:- Post strike position in  
Eastern Railway.

I am directed to forward a statement showing details of victimisation in the Eastern Railway for your information and necessary action.

Yours fraternally,

Encl/As refd.to.

Sd/-

Actg.Genl.Secretary.

Copy forwarded to the Convener, N.C.C.R.S./New Delhi, for information and necessary action.

Encl/As refd.to.

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Actg.Genl.Secretary

Statement of position of victimisation in E. Railway.

Branch area.	No. of staff arrested.	No. of staff released.	No. of staff under suspension.	No. of staff retired prematurely.	No. of staff removed from service.	No. of C/labour & Substitutes not allowed to join duty.	Remarks
HEAD QRS.	5	1	4	3	78	5	
OTHER ESTT. (H.Qrs.CAL-II)	9	9	-	-	21	2	
SEALDAH DIVN.	<del>82</del> 82	80	-	-	472	1000	
KANCHRAPARA WORKSHOP.	- 32	30	4	-	20	-	
HOWRAH DIVN.	250	240	30	-	882	2000	
LILUAH WORK- SHOP.	3	3	-	-	69	5	
ASANSOL DIVN.	135	118	-	16	260	162	
DHANBAD DIVN.	176	150	-	-	70	250	
DANAPUR DIVN.	200	140	-	-	598	1000	
TAMALPUR WORKSHOP.	200	180	42	-	25	50	
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EASTERN RAILWAYMEN'S UNION,  
23 & 24, Strand Road,  
Calcutta-1.

No. R/3.

Dt/- 31- 5- 74.

To

All Branch Secretaries,  
Eastern Railwaymen's Union,

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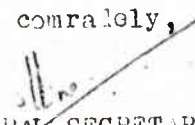
Dear Comrades,

I am directed to inform you that innumerable queries are being made as to whether the recognition of the Union exists or otherwise. Just before the strike, certain instructions were issued by the Head Office withdrawing some facilities including complementary passes and these have created confusion amongst many railwaymen. It is clarified that Union continues its recognition as before. On 29.5.74 and 30.5.74 the CPO and G.M. of Eastern Railway were contacted and it was decided that all the facilities including pass as hitherto enjoyed by the Union will be restored and accordingly instructions have been issued to all concerned. The post strike situation and victimisation of staff were also dismissed and it was assured that the Railway Administration will take appropriate steps early to review the cases. It is learnt that instructions have already been issued to review the cases of removal from services and it is expected that the result of removal will be available within a short period of time.

You are, therefore, directed to start normal functioning, immediately by holding Branch Council meeting and draw up a programme of contacting railwaymen through Group meetings, Mass meetings etc. and to represent grievances of railwaymen to the concerning authorities for redressal. It is also to be ensured that the staff removed from service be given monetary assistance to the possible extent by raising "Struggle Fund" effectively.

The Central office-bearers will visit your Branch shortly and necessary programme will follow.

Yours comradely,

  
ACTG. GENERAL SECRETARY.

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAIL

Dear Com. Barua,

This refers to your letter of Dhar personally handed over to copy thereof when he met me in I have not received the original of so far.

In consultation with various members of the Action Committee who are available in Delhi, is proposed to convene the meeting of the Action Committee in the last week of this month. As you know, we have decided at our last meeting to convene the next National Convention of Railwaymen in Calcutta. It is proposed to hold this conference sometime in June and I am in touch with the Zonal Convener of the NCCRS, Eastern Railway, for the purpose.

There are no two opinions that the NCCRS should be strengthened and railwaymen's unity preserved despite all the odds. I want you to assure that I shall do my very best in this direction.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,

*GF*  
George Fernandes.

Com. PK Barua,  
General Secretary,  
Rly. Qr. No. L 39/B,  
PO Luding,  
ASSAM.



राष्ट्रीय रेलमजदुर संघर्ष समिन्धय समिति  
(NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE RAILWAY MEN'S STRUGGLE)

—: पूर्ण रेलवे - धनबाद मण्डल



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मुख्य कार्यालय

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नई दिल्ली

मण्डलिय कार्यालय

डिभिजन रेलवे इम्प्लाइज  
को अडिनेशन कमिटी  
पुराना स्टेशन,  
धनबाद

NEW DELHI क्षेत्रिय कार्यालय

२३/२४ ट्राण्डरोड  
कलकत्ता

*Ke. Ray Choudhary*  
*26 Lawrence*

*N.C.C.R.S. Dhakshin Din Ery*

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4/6/74

*Shantel Kellog*  
*Important*

Dear Com. Fernandez,

I am sending herewith a copy of the Coal field Gazette dated 2/6/74 wherein the news of demolishing the Union office of Divisional Railway Employees' Co-ordination Committee at old Station, Dhakshin on 27-5-74 is published under the Caption of "The sad Plight of Democracy in India". This office was also functioning as Dist office of N.C.C.R.S.

The Railway Authority has completely destroyed this office and taken away the properties worth <sup>about</sup> Rs. 2,000/- only. This office was inaugurated by Sri Chanchiker Prasad M.S. (Congress) on 11-10-71.

I have sent Telegrams and letters of confirmation regarding this. Please take proper action from your end with regards.

Com George Fernandez  
Lawrence, N.C.C.R.S.  
Dhakshin

Cordially yours  
Ke. Ray Choudhary  
26 Lawrence  
Dhakshin

NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE  
FOR  
RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

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125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

NCC/L/74

May 29, 1974.

To  
All Organisations

Dear Comrades,

My greetings on the successful conduct of the biggest ever struggle by the working class in India. Without the unity, determination and courage shown by the railwaymen and all those who were united under the banner of the NCCRS, a struggle of such dimensions would not have been possible. We shall have to meet soon and take stock of the situation and also plan our future course. The Action Committee meeting today decided that we should convene a full meeting of the NCCRS as soon as the situation has somewhat normalised in all the centres. In the meanwhile, the Action Committee will meet day-to-day or as often as is necessary.

The Action Committee of the National Coordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle met today at New Delhi to review the situation after the withdrawal of strike. The following were present:

PRESENT:

1. Shri George Fernandes
2. Shri J.P. Chaubey
3. Shri M.M. Pathak
4. Shri Priya Gupta
5. Shri G.S. Gokhale
6. Shri P.K. Kumaran
7. Shri H.S. Chowdhary
8. Shri N.S. Bhangoo
9. Shri Samar Mukherjee

The following issues came up for discussions:

- a) Arrests of railwaymen and other leaders, dismissal of temporary casual substitutes and permanent employees:

It was noticed that the Govt. have not yet issued necessary orders in respect of release of railwaymen and others who were arrested during the period of strike nor have the orders been issued in respect of taking back of the temporary/casual/substitute and permanent employees who were discharged/removed/dismitted from the service during the period of strike. In this connection, it was decided

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decided that the Govt. should be moved in the matter to ensure expeditious release of the arrested persons and reinstatement of all those employees who were discharged/removed/dismissed from the service, with immediate effect.

b) Break-in-Service:

Break-in-service has also been imposed on the employees who participated in the strike. This will result in serious and dangerous consequences and undue advantages of the situation will be taken to advance the interest of the Junior employees on the basis of 'likes' and 'dislikes'. Besides, the break-in-service thus caused would create undue hardship to the employees which will result in creating further bitterness between the employees and the Railway Administration. It was, therefore, decided that the Govt. should be approached to withdraw the orders of the break-in-service.

c) Negotiations on the 8-point Charter of Demands:

It was decided that the Govt. should be requested to resume negotiations with the NCCRS on the 8-point Charter of Demands as has been promised by the Spokesman of the Govt. during the debate in the Parliament.

d) Special Concessions to Strike Breakers:

Special concessions in the shape of advance increment, extension to those who are on the verge of retirement and appointment of sons/daughters/dependents have been announced by the Govt. in respect of those railway employees who were on duty during the strike period and worked as strike breakers. This treatment would create a lasting heart-burning in the mind of the one set of employees against the other and ultimately it would be injurious to the maintenance of good industrial relations in the Railways. It was, therefore, decided that steps should be taken to denounce these concessions and intensive propaganda should be made so that the employees, who are offered this favoured treatment, refuse the same. At the national level also steps will be taken in this connection.

e) Special Cell:

It was decided to open a Special Cell in the NCCRS Office to deal with the cases of victimization and also to collect particulars etc. from the units of the NCCRS in regard to the action taken against the employees in connection with the strike. In addition to the Convener the Cell will consist of S/Shri Priya Gupta, J.P. Chaubey and M.M. Pathak.

f) Complaints from various Railways:

Complaints from various centres of Howrah, Shalimar Yard, Sangtragachi, Siliguri and other portions of the N.F. Railway have been received where the employees were not allowed to resume duty and also some organised assaults and harassment are being let loose on the striking employees through the Congress Gangsters with revolvers in their hands for terrorizing those who are returning to duty after the strike. It was also complained that the railway employees in certain offices are not being allowed to come out even during the recess period.


It was decided that these matters should be brought to the notice of the Government for immediate action.

g) Legal Assistance Committees:

In respect of convicted employees who have been discharged/removed/dismitted from the service or served with eviction orders legal action should be taken. In cases of the removal/dismittal/discharge, appeal as provided under the D.A. Rules should be preferred. The local legal committees should assist the employees in the matter.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
for Convener.

N.B: The Action Committee of the NCCRS also considered the insistence of the Railway Administration at some places for signing some sort of a form. In the Northern Rly. the Rly. Administration is asking to sign the following declaration:

"I hereby offer myself for duty w.e.f. \_\_\_\_\_ . I also declare that I would always be dutiful to the Administration."

The Action Committee did not see any objection in signing this type of declaration and Rly. employees may sign such a declaration as and when asked to do so. The Action Committee, however, decided that the Rly. employees who are asked to sign a declaration either for tendering apology or for giving an undertaking for not going on strike in future, may not sign such a declaration under any circumstances.

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R. D. S. O. KARAMCHARI SANGH

(रेल मंत्रालय (MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS))

रजिस्ट्रेशन संख्या-३६८४ (REGISTRATION No. 3781)

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क्रमांक KS/NCCRS

दिनांक 29-5-1974

The Convenor,  
N.C.C.R.S.,  
125-E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi



Sub:- Railway Strike.

Dear Sir,

In pursuance of the NCCRS's decision on withdrawal of the Ra Strike by 06 AM of 28-5-1974, we have also called off the strike as per our letter of 27-5-1974 to Director General/R.D.S.O., a copy which is attached herewith for your kind perusal and record.

2. You are also informed that our President, Sri Sengam La Sivarotara, was arrested by police and he is now in Police custody at Lucknow District Jail since then under DIR and C.A. Act.

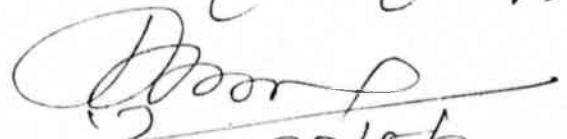
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3. You are requested to kindly advise us any further directions on any subject.

4. The postal transfer cases may also kindly be kept in view while negotiating on other subjects.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,



29/5/24  
for Secretary  
R. D. S. O. Karmachari Sangh  
Ministry of Railways  
LUCKNOW-II

Encl: ~~and~~ one letter.

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R. D. S. O. KARAMCHARI SANGH

रजिस्ट्रेशन संख्या—३७८४ (REGISTRATION No. 3784)

Union office,  
Qr. No. II/106-B,  
Manak Nagar, Lucknow-II  
Dated 27.5.1974

Ref. No. KS/RDSO/ *Memorandum*

*Mr. T.V. Joseph,  
D.G., RDSO,  
Lucknow*

[COPY]

*Sub: Strike notice.  
Dear Sir,*

*As resolved by the Executive  
Committee, the undersigned has  
been directed and empowered  
to call off the strike by  
Ob AM. of 28.5.1974.*

*Thanking you,*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Secretary*  
R. D. S. O. Karamchhari Sangh  
Ministry of Railways  
LUCKNOW-II

*Encl: 2*

Now Delhi, May 15, 1974

When the Rashtrapati Bhavan was contacted  
by the Socialist Party M.P. Shri Madhu Dandavate  
today at 11.30 a.m., in connection with Shri  
V.V. Giri's meeting with the Prime Minister  
and regarding the railway strike, he was informed:  
"The President is in touch with the Prime Minister  
in connection with this matter"

Tele. { Gram : RAILWAYMAN  
Phone : 442052  
" : 7711 C. RLY.

# National Railway Mazdoor Union

SEVA SADAN, Dr. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR ROAD, PAREL, BOMBAY-12.

Ref. No. Struggle/150/C.

Date 28-5-1974.

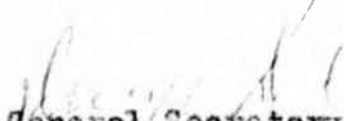
To  
The General Manager,  
Central Railway,  
Bombay V.T.

3347  
31/5/74

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the decision of National Co-Ordination Committee of Railwaymen For Struggle, The National Railway Mazdoor Union, a constituent of the National Co-ordination Committee of Railwaymen for Struggle, has called off the strike with effect from 6 a.m. on 28th May 74 and all Branches of the union are advised accordingly.

Yours Faithfully,

  
General Secretary,  
National Railway Mazdoor Union,  
Parel.

Copy for information to:-

The Chief Commissioner of Labour ( Central ), New Delhi.  
The Regional Labour Commissioner ( Central ), Bombay.  
The General Secretary, A. I. R. F. , New Delhi.

*for Central Labour Co-ordination Committee  
for Railwaymen's Struggle  
New Delhi*



NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

1235 Babar Road,  
New Delhi  
May 28, 1974

All constituents of the NCCRS

Dear Comrade,

Please find enclosed

- 1) resolution of the NCCRS adopted in its meeting on May 27, 1974, calling off the strike with effect from 6 a.m. on May 28;
- 2) copy of my letters to the Chairman, Railway Board, Union Home Minister and Union Labour Minister.

I am informed that the Union Home Minister has sent the necessary instructions to the State Governments. The Railway Board is also issuing the instructions.

I am also sending you the text of the telegram in pursuance of the decision of the NCCRS, which I have addressed to the Zonal Secretaries of the affiliates of the AIRF, in my capacity of the General Secretary of AIRF.

This is to request you to kindly see that you/your affiliates withdraw the strike notices served earlier as per the decision of the NCCRS.

You should please see that all workers join duty.

Please report to us any cases of those who may still be under arrest or police warrants or court cases against whom are not withdrawn.

Efforts should be made to compile detailed and complete reports of repression against our struggle.

I have also contacted Shri B.D. Pande, ICS, Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, who also assured of expediting orders of the Home Ministry regarding arrests etc. and also assured to consider the cases of other victimisations.

I must in the end congratulate you, your affiliates and all railwaymen for the great unity, heroism and courage that they have shown.

Yours sincerely,

*Priya Gupta*

(Priya Gupta)  
for Action Committee NCCRS

Encl: as above

Copy to: All Zonal Secretaries  
and Members of the Working Committee, A.I.R.F.

*Encl: Asal*

*Priya Gupta*

No. NCCRS/1/74

May 27, 1974

The Chairman,  
Railway Board,  
Rail Bhavan  
New Delhi.

Reg: Railwaymen's strike

Dear Sir,

I have to enclose herewith for favour of your information and necessary copy of the telegram sent to the constituents of the National Coordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle for calling off the strike from 28th May, 1974 at 6 a.m.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Priya Gupta)  
for Action Committee NCCRS

Encl: as above

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- 2) NCCRS ACTION COMMITTEE CALLS OFF STRIKE FROM TWENTYEIGHT MAY SIX MORNING (.) KINDLY INTIMATE YOUR GENERAL MANAGER WITH COPIES CHIEF AND REGIONAL LABOUR COMMISSIONER CENTRAL(.)

PRIYA GUPTA  
General Secretary AIRF

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- 3) National Coordination Committee for Rly-men's Struggle

1254 Babar Road,  
New Delhi  
May 27, 1974

NCCRS/1/74

The Chairman  
Railway Board,  
Rail Bhavan  
New Delhi

Sub: Railwaymen's strike

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Action Committee of the NCCRS, I am forwarding to you the resolution of the Action Committee adopted by it in the meeting on May 27, in New Delhi. According to the resolution the Action Committee has called off the strike with effect from 6 a.m. on 28th May 1974.

After this decision of the Action Committee I would urge you to

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- (i) Immediately resume negotiations;
- (ii) Intercede with the concerned authorities to release all those arrested in connection with the strike;
- (iii) ensure that zonal secretaries of the affiliated organisations of the constituents of the NCCRS are freed immediately to enable them to call off the strike notices;
- (iv) issue orders for the reinstatement of all those employees who have been suspended, dismissed, removed, discharged, or terminated from service;
- (v) issue orders for cancellation of orders concerning eviction of railway employees from their quarters; and
- (vi) issue orders for payment of wages to the employees.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
(Priya Gupta)  
for Action Committee NCCRS

Copy to:

1. Mr. Uma Shankar Dikshit, Union Home Minister, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Mr. K.V. Raghunatha Reddy, Union Labour Minister, Government of India, New Delhi  
for information

Sd/-  
Priya Gupta  
for Action Committee NCCRS

NCCRS

125E Babar Road,  
New Delhi  
May 27, 1974

No. NCCRS/1/74

Mr. K.V. Raghunatha Reddy,  
Union Labour Minister,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

Dear Shri Reddy,

On behalf of the Action Committee of the NCCRS, I am forwarding to you the resolution adopted by the Action Committee in its meeting held on May 27, 1974.

According to the resolution the Action Committee has called off the railway strike with effect from 6 a.m. on May 28, 1974.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter I have addressed to the Chairman, Railway Board.

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I request you to use your good offices to expedite the restoration of normalcy by interceding with the Railway Board, the Home Ministry of the Government of India and the State Governments.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
Priya Gupta  
For Action Committee NCCRS

Encl: as above

NCCRS

125F Babar Road,  
New Delhi  
May 27, 1974

NCCRS/1/74

Shri Uma Shankar Dikshit,  
Union Home Minister,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

Dear Shri Dikshitji,

On behalf of the Action Committee of the NCCRS, I am forwarding to you the resolution of the Action Committee adopted by it on May 27, 1974, at New Delhi.

The resolution calls off the strike of railwaymen with effect from 6 a.m. on May 28, 1974.

I am also enclosing herewith a copy of my letter addressed to the Chairman, Railway Board.

I wish to request you to send the necessary instructions to the State Government to facilitate the release of all those arrested in connection with the strike, cancellation of police warrants, and withdrawal of court cases against railway employees and their leaders.

early action in this behalf will help restoration of normalcy.

I trust that the Government will take expeditious action towards this end, in reciprocation of the spirit of the Action Committee in calling off the strike.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
Priya Gupta  
for Action Committee NCCRS

Encl:

Copy of telegram  
received by Shri Samar Mukherji, M.P.  
regarding cruelties committed against railway employees

Samar Mukherji, MP

4 Asoka Road,  
New Delhi  
May 20, 1974

Dear Smt. Gandhi,

The opposition leaders drew your attention to the unwarranted cruelties against railway employees and their family members including women and children when they met you on the 18th last. They also mentioned that your government is resorting to brutal repressions for crushing the railway strike. Your reply was that the Government do not want to crush the strike through repressive measures. But unfortunately the actual reality is just the opposite to what you have stated.

You assured the opposition leaders that if actual cases are brought to your notice you will see that they are stopped. Daily we are getting reports of oppression from various Railway Centres.

I am sending to you four telegrams which I have received recently, two from two Members of Parliament and one from Shri Jyoti Basu and another from Assam for your attention and immediate intervention.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-  
Samar Mukherji

Encl:

Smt. Indira Gandhi  
New Delhi

Bilassipara : REIGN OF TERROR PREVAIL IN RAILWAY COLONY  
NEWBONGAIGON BONGAIGAON POLICE INHUMANLY TORTURING PEACEFUL  
RAILWAY SERVANTS AND THEIR FAMILY AND FORCIBLY MAKING  
THEM SIGN DOCUMENTS OF SABOTAGE WORK . NCCRS and JCA New  
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2) Malda:

Since Eighth may Fiftyfive railwaymen kept in  
concentration camp under wrongful confinement and terror  
forcing them join duties armed forces parading railway  
colony frequently(.) Wages of several employees withheld  
(.) Area Manager IR Sarcas Dy.CME/Diesel/ launching brute attack  
and refused political parties joint delegation  
interview with employees wrongfully confined and humiliated  
me and other political leaders(.) Ration being refused  
Malda peoples fury tense(.) Request immediate intervention  
redress withdrawal of armed forces and Area Manager

Dinesh Jodhdar Member Parliament Malda

3) Asansol

Brutal repression by police on railwaymen and their  
families including women at Asansol and Sitarampur Stop  
Many are wounded stop hundreds of workers have left their  
quarters in fear stop about two hundred workers  
their relatives including women arrested stop condemn this  
police repression stop demand their immediate release stop  
police repression be stopped: Robin Sen

4) Calcutta

Combing operation and violence against railway workers  
and their family mounted in chittaranjan workshop  
Kharagpur and Santragachi and other West Bengal  
Areas stop urge immediate intervention.

JYOTI BASU