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PRESS STATEMENT:

CITU SUPPORTS PROPOSED
ALL INDIA RAILWAY STRIKE

Com. B. T. Ranadive, President CITU has issued the following statement to the press:

"The obdurate attitude taken by the Union Railway Ministry towards the longstanding demands of the 14 lakh railmen has left no other alternative before the railway unions but to give strike notices. If the Railway Ministry does not meet the demands of the workers in time, the strike of railway workers on May 8 will be inevitable. The CITU is of the opinion that if the railway strike materialises, the entire responsibility for the dislocation of the railway traffic will be on the Government.

The CITU congratulates all the Railway Unions who have served strike notices and assures them full support in their just struggle. The CITU appeals to the entire trade union movement to rally behind the railway employees in their hour of strike. The demand for need-based wage for parity with the employees in Public Sector undertakings as well as for bonus are reasonable and should have been accepted by the Government long ago. Their struggle for trade union and democratic rights and against the victimisations is fully justified.

The CITU appeals to all the Central Government employees to express their active solidarity with the railway employees since these demands are the demands of the Government employees movement.

While demanding immediate acceptance of the demands of the railwaymen, the CITU appeals to all railway employees to remain firm and united till the demands are achieved".

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