

CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS

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PRESS STATEMENT

CITU PROTESTS AGAINST DISCRIMINATORY
TREATMENT BY RAILWAY MINISTRY

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

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions strongly protests against the deliberate exclusion of its representative in the meeting convened by the Union Railway Minister on 4th February 1974 to discuss some of the problems facing the railway workers.

The CITU also protests against the exclusion of the representative of the All India Loco Running Staff Association and other militant organisations of railway employees from this meeting who are conducting struggles of railwaymen all over the country.

This attitude of the Government, instead of solving the problems facing the railway workers will only lead to worsening of the situation in the railway.

The CITU hopes the Railway Ministry would give up its disruptive attitude and come forward to discuss the issues with all the genuine representatives of the railway workers.

Though the Government invited 4 other Central Trade Unions and 2 recognised railway federations, it purposefully excluded the CITU. The CITU wants to make it clear that the decisions of this meeting will not be binding on the CITU and its supporters*.

The News Editor

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