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PRESS RELEASE:

P. Ramamurti, General Secretary of the CITU
issuing the following statement to the Press.

Consequent on the take over of the management of non-coking coal mines by means of an Ordinance, Mr. J.G. Kumaramangalam, Custodian General of Coal Mines Authority, assured in the public statement that the workers will get a fair deal, but, the authority refuses to accept the liabilities of the former coal mine owners towards the workers, towards their wage arrears, Provident Fund arrears bonus arrears etc., Further it has refused employment to large number of workers, such as, wagon loaders and workers under contractors as well as workers rejected by the former employers' gangsters. Thus, a wide gulf separates the promises and actual performance of the Government in respect of labour.

Therefore the Centre of Indian Trade Unions demands all arrears to the workers be paid by the Government and this must be the first charge on the assets of the company, when they are actually nationalised.

Non-acceptance of the liabilities towards the workers while accepting the other liabilities of the owners cannot be justified under any circumstances.

The CITU further demands that all workers who were employed by the former owners, whether directly or through contractors, whether directly for manning operations or for incidental work such as Transport, should be employed by the Coal Mines Authority.

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The News Editor/Spl. Correspondent,

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