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PRESS STATEMENT

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CITU SUPPORTS DOCTORS AND ENGINEERS

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

"The CITU strongly protests against the intimidatory threats uttered by Chief Minister, Sidhartha Sankar Ray against the striking doctors and engineers of West Bengal. These were preceded by vulgar accusations calling the doctors and engineers anti-social and anti-national.

The concessions offered by the Chief Minister are just token and do not go in any way to meet the demands of the doctors and engineers who are justified in outright rejecting them.

The demand raised by the doctors and engineers for parity of conditions, for improvement of the salary structure etc. is both correct and just. No Govt. with a sense of justice and fair play can off hand dismiss it and threaten reprisals. The excuse that since the demand for parity raise questions of an all-India character it is beyond the perview of the State Govt. reveals only abject subservience to the Centre. The West Bengal Govt. has enough power to do the right thing to the doctors and engineers if the Chief Minister musters courage and stops acting as the errands boy of the Central Govt. The doctors and engineers should remain firm and united despite the sabre rattling by the Shri Sidhartha Sankar Roy.


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Secretary

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