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ILO TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATION OF CONVENTION

B.T. Ranadive, President CITU has received the following letter from N.Valticos, Chief of the International Labour Standards Department of ILO, on July 17 :

2 Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 6th May 1974 containing comments on the application of the Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951 (No. 100) in India.

Your letter will be brought to the attention of the Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations, which is the appropriate body to consider the matter. A copy thereof is being communicated to the Government of India, so that it may have an opportunity to comment on the subject."

On May 6, the CITU in a memorandum to the Director General of the ILO has drawn his attention to the gross violation by the Government of India of the ILO Convention "Equal Remuneration for men and women".

The CITU mentioned in the memorandum that in plantations, beedi, coir, rice milling, and agriculture, the wages of women workers are far below those of menworkers.

The memorandum also says: "The women workers under contract labour system suffer most both in the public and Private Sectors".

In the end, the memorandum appeals to the ILO:

"We would therefore request the ILO to investigate thoroughly the implementation of the Convention in various industries in India in both Public and Private Sectors and prevail upon the Government of India to ensure its implementation without any delay".

The News Editor

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