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ON GENERAL STRIKE AND BENGAL BUNDH

Com. B.T. Ranadive President CITU has issued the following statement on the General Strike and Bengal Bandh on October 13 :

"The CITU fully supports the one day strike and hartal call in West Bengal on October 13 in protest against arbitrary dismissal of 13 leaders of State Government employees and 32 leaders of ordinance factories. It welcomes coming together of several organisations and calls upon the working class and the people of West Bengal to give a powerful rebuff to the vindictive attacks on the trade union and democratic rights of the working class. The CITU is happy to note that except INTUC and HMS all the Central T. U. organisations, Rastriya Sangram Samiti and Twelve July Committee have sponsored this strikes.

"The CITU fully supports the decision of the Co-ordination Committee of State Government Employees Union and Associations to observe a day all over India on November 5 as a "West Bengal Day" and calls upon all the CITU unions to express solidarity with the fighting working class of West Bengal. The CITU is confident that no one will believe in the statement of the West Bengal Governor Shir Dias that the action against the West Bengal Government employees does not constitute an attack on the Trade Union rights.

"The CITU warns the West Bengal Government against any repressive measures and use of anti-social elements to attack and assassinate the trade union leaders."

Secretary

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