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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

RANADIVE'S TELEGRAM WITHHELD

BY THE P & T DEPARTMENT !

The Centre of Indian Trade Unions strongly protests against withholding of telegram sent by Com. B.T. Ranadive, President, CITU to Com. E. Balanandan, General Secretary, Kerala State Committee of CITU, extending support to struggle of the Kerala State Government Employees for interim relief at par with the Central Government employees and the struggle of two lakh coir workers in Kerala.

The CITU considers it as a blatant attack on the right of a central T.U. organisation to express solidarity with the employees fighting for their genuine demands. It further shows the shameless concern of the P & T Department to safeguard the interests of Achutha Menon Government. The CITU demands immediate enquiry into the withholding of the telegram and punishment to the officials responsible for this nefarious Act.

Com. B.T. Ranadive sent the following telegram on 12th February 1971 from Calcutta to Com. E. Balanandan at Trivendrum address:

CITU LENDS FULL SUPPORT TO UNITED STRUGGLE STATE EMPLOYEES FOR CENTRAL RATES INTERIM RELIEF STOP DECRIES ACHUTHA MENON'S THREATS AND REFUSAL STOP CONFIDENT UNITED STRUGGLE WILL BE VICTORIOUS STOP CITU HAILS AND SUPPORTS MAGNIFICENT STRUGGLE TWO LAKH COIR WORKERS

The Central Telegraph Office in Calcutta on 18th February 1971 has informed the CITU Office that the telegram " cannot be delivered owing to message withheld as objectionable under Indian Telegraph Rules."

M. K. PANDHE
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The Editor,

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