

CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS

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PRESS STATEMENT

Com. Niren Ghosh Secretary, CITU has issued the following statement.

The Achhuta Memon Congress-CPI ministry of Kerala has issued a black Ordinance, a few days back banning strike in Kerala. The immediate object of attack was the proposed strike of non-Gazetted employees of the Govt. of Kerala for interim relief and a Pay Commission, in case no reasonable settlement was arrived at. The Achhuta Menon Govt. adamantly refused to come to a settlement with its employees. Undeterred by the black Ordinance, the State Government employees have been forced to go on strike. The reactionary character of the Achhuta Menon Ministry stands revealed in the fact that they arrested and suspended hundreds of Govt. employees in sharp contrast to the Namboodiripad Govt. which refused to comply with the direction of the Central Congress Govt. to proceed against the Central Govt. employees in Kerala.

One would like to know what AITUC, a supporter of the Achhuta Menon Govt. has to say in this matter. The double faced character of AITUC now stands in glaring light for all to see.

All democratic trade unions, all democrats cannot but sharply condemn Achhuta Menon Govt. for its black Ordinance and raise their voice of protest.

The Editor

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