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ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TRADE UNIONS AND I.D. ACT

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

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions Strongly condemns the recent proposal of the Government of West Bengal to amend the Trade Unions Act. and the Industrial Disputes Act. which is being mooted only to help the ruling Congress to impose its pet trade unions on the working class.

The proposal to restrict registration of a union to only those showing membership of 20 per cent of the employment in a factory will facilitate the registration of unions having access to muster Roll of the Company. This would boost Company unions are likely to be penalised by the Civil Courts. Already ruling Congress is using the State machinery to get speedy registration of spurious unions while genuine unions faces harassment at the hands of the unscrupulous bureaucrats. The new amendment will take away whatever T. U. rights are at present given to the workers.

The amendment to Industrial Disputes' act will also introduce compulsory arbitration in the matter of termination of service and the workers will be bound hand and foot to the caprices of the proGovernment pro-employer arbitrator. The additional powers given also be vindictively used against the workers unions while the employers will be given a free hand to use dilatory tactics.

According to press reports the Government of West Bengal consulted the Central Government and obtained its approval to the proposed ordinance. If the reports are correct then the Central Government cannot escape its responsibility in pushing ahead these anti-working class measures.

The CITU therefore calls upon the working class of West Bengal to unitedly resist and defeat the diabolical move of the West Bengal and the Central Government to further impose curbs on the T.U. rights of the workers.

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