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STATEMENT ISSUED BY COM. NIREN GHOSH, M.P., SECRETARY CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS IN SUPPORT OF ENGIN- EERING WORKERS STRUGGLES AT JAMSHEDPUR.

"When the 48 days' historic strike of about 60 thousand engineering workers of Jamshedpur was withdrawn last year, those 12 leaders who conducted negotiations with the Central Congress Government, publicly told the workers that the Centre had assured them that no worker would be victimised and none would be discharged. But facts belie their facile trust in the Congress Government at the Centre. 12 workers of Telco and 13 workers of India Tube have successfully observed 1 day protest strike on 11.6.70 over the issue. Now that a Congress Government has been installed in Bihar with the support of the leaders of A.I.T.U.C., it is really strange that this burning issue still remains unsettled. Moreover, cases started against the workers during strike have not been withdrawn. 60 cases involving more than 200 workers are still pending in the Courts.

Over and above this, a new offensive has been started by the Employees of Jamshedpur against the workers. On the false plea of curbing Naxalite activities, 60 innocent workers of Jamshedpur have been arrested and some have already been summarily dismissed by the employers without assigning any reason.

It is really regrettable that the Jamshedpur Front of trade Union leaders has so far not raised its voice against this unheard of attack on the workers.

I appeal to the United Front of Jamshedpur and the Sangharsh (Action) Committees of the Mills and Factories of Jamshedpur to seriously take up those issues and launch a powerful United movement to compel the Tatas and other employers and the Congress Government to come to their senses, reinstate the 25 victimised workers to release the arrested workers and withdraw the summary dismissal orders that have been issued without assigning any reason."

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