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CITU HOLDS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE
FOR RAIL DISLOCATION

Com. Jyoti Basu Vice-President CITU has issued the following statement to the Press :

"The CITU considers the present large scale dislocation of train services and inconvenience caused to thousands of railway passengers is the direct result of the sabotage of the last agreement signed between the Government and the All India Loco Running Staff Association. The Loco staff have shown great patience in reaching a settlement with the authorities. The responsibility therefore lies solely with the Government and top heavy bureaucrats of the Railway Board.

The lame excuse given by the Union Railway Minister for not implementing 10 hours duty for Loco Running Staff within 6 weeks after the agreement is only a smokescreen to cover up the sabotage. The victimisation measures against leaders of Loco-running staff have only made the matter worse.

The CITU demands that the Government must honour the agreement which alone can create a basis for the solution of the present deadlock.

The CITU appeals to All India Railway Federation to rally behind the Loco Running Staff so that the Government is forced to honour the commitments. The attempt of the Government to divide the AIRF and the category-wise unions must be defeated by uniting all railwaymen irrespective of their affiliations.

The CITU appeals to all the trade unions to express their firm solidarity to the just struggle of the locomen".

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