

CENTRE OF INDIAN TRADE UNIONS.

PRESS STATEMENT.

ON ALL INDIA STRIKE OF CEMENT WORKERS.

Com. P. Ramamurti, General Secretary, Centre of Indian Trade Unions has issued the following statement to the press:

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions fully supports the decision of all unions in Cement Industry to go in for an All-India Strike from July 12 in support of the demands like wage rise, D.A., Bonus etc. The strike will involve more than 50 Cement factories employing over 70 thousand workers.

The Cement manufacturers despite their huge profits during the recent past have been consistently refusing to pay need-based minimum wage of Rs.300/- to the workers. Wage negotiations are being dragged on endlessly due to the adamant attitude of the Cement barons.

The representatives of CITU Unions participating in the negotiations have taken a firm position on issues involved in the strike. Because of the certain vested interests are making frantic attempts to exclude the CITU representatives in further talks if possible.

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I hope that the leadership of the AITUC/and HMS will not succumb to such manouveres. The CITU however calls upon the workers belonging to all Trade Unions to frustrate such attempts.

The CITU appeals to all the Unions in Cement Industry to come together irrespective of their affiliations and unitedly prepare for a strike action which alone will force the Cement Employers to concede the just demands of the workers.

The CITU calls upon all the workers in India to rally behind the Cement Workers so that their struggles leads to a successful conclusion".

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