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PRESS STATEMENT

CITU CONDEMNS ARREST
OF RAILWAYMENS LEADERS

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

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions strongly condemns the arrests of Com. P.K. Barua, Secretary General, All India Loco Running Staff Association and Com. S.C. Boro and Com. K. K. Dhar, leaders of the loco running staff in N.F. Railway without even serving warrants of arrests. The draconian action has been taken by the Government to suppress the work-to-rule movement organised since 10th June 1973 in support of the long standing demands of the workers. I understand that the 17 telegrams sent to the office-bearers of the All India Loco-Running Staff Association have been withheld by the authorities.

The CITU congratulates the loco running staff of N.F. Railway for carrying forward their struggles despite these suppressive measures of the Government.

The CITU demands that the arrested leaders should be released forthwith and the railway authorities should immediately enter into negotiations with the genuine leaders of the loco running staff so that the outstanding issues are settled without any delay".

The News Editor

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