

PRESS STATEMENT

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CITU CONGRATULATES GENERAL
INSURANCE WORKERS

Com. Niren Ghosh M.P., Com. M.K. Pandhe, Secretaries
CITU have issued the following statement to the Press:

"The Centre of Indian Trade Unions congratulates the general insurance employees all over India for the successful protest strike to-day against the obnoxious recommendations of Mathrani Committee.

Despite condemnation of the Report by the general insurance employees through several representations and demonstrations, the authorities of this nationalised undertaking nonchalantly continued their consideration of this Report, which would only worsen the working conditions of 17000 general insurance employees. The All India Insurance Employees Association and National Confederation of General Insurance Employees had therefore no other alternative but to take recourse to strike action. The CITU hopes that after this cent per cent strike the Government and the General Insurance authorities would realise the futility of going ahead with its earlier plans of imposing this anti-working class report on the employees.

The CITU condemns the intimidating activities of some miscreants in Calcutta who were carrying Congress flags. The CITU congratulates the general insurance employees of Calcutta for observing the strike despite these gangster tactics under Police protection.

The CITU demands that the General Insurance authorities should scrap the Mathrani Report and enter into direct negotiations with the representative unions of employees de novo so that a settlement of all the outstanding issues is arrived at as soon as possible".

The News Editor

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