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CITU SUPPORTS ALL INDIA STRIKE OF PROVIDENT FUND EMPLOYEES ON AUGUST 25.

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

The CITU fully supports the decision of the 5000 Provident Fund employees to observe one-day All-India strike on 25th August in support of the demands of higher pay scales, merger of grades, employment of additional staff, reduction of workload, withdrawal of all repressive measures, etc.

The PF employees have been agitating since long by holding lunch hour demonstrations, hunger strike, pay boycott etc. but the bureaucrats of the PF department who have been using dilatory tactics to avoid any settlement of these demands over a long period are mainly responsible for the impending stoppage of work.

The CITU demands that the Government of India should immediately intervene and see that the PF authorities enter into meaningful negotiations with the representatives of the PF employees so that an early settlement of their demands is arrived at.

The CITU appeals to all the trade unions to rally behind the PF employees in their legitimate struggle.

Secretary.

The News Editor,

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