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CITU SUPPORTS STRIKE OF ROURKELA STEEL WORKERS

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

"The spontaneous strike of traffic department of Rourkela Steel Plant was deliberately provoked by the Rourkela management by its action of victimization of some leaders of the workers.

"The decline of production of the Rourkela Plant was entirely due to gross mismanagement and red-tapism prevalent in this premier public sector undertaking. However the managements in trying to cover up its responsibility by passing of the blame on the workers by levelling charges of indulging in go-slow. The recent letter addressed by the plant manager to all the workers is only an effort to evade the responsibility by the management.

"The management has continued its vindictive measures after the spontaneous strike and victimised some more leaders of the workers. It is also trying its best to disrupt the workers by extracting regret letters from some backward sections of workers.

"I congratulate the traffic department workers for their firmness despite the efforts of the management to get the strike declared illegal.

"I strongly condemn the Rourkela management and Orissa Government for their anti-labour policy and demand that all the victimization measures should be withdrawn immediately and the outstanding grievances of workers should be settled immediately by direct negotiations with the "Action Committee."

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