

**Press Handout for the Press Conference  
held by Com. P. Ramamurti, General  
Secretary CITU on 11th  
July 1973 at Calcutta.**

The United Council of Trade Unions formed in October 1972, decided in its recent meeting of the Secretariat to observe on 23rd July as All India Anti-Unemployment Day and to hold a Convention Against Recommendations of the Third Pay Commission and for Bonus for All in Delhi on 25th and 26th July 1973.

The United Council of Trade Unions consists of Central Trade Unions like Hind Mazdoor Panchayat (HMP), CITU, UTUC, UTUC (Lenin Sarani), T.U.C.C., All India Insurance Employees Association and other industrial Federations. The Confederation of Central Government Employees Unions and Associations and National Federation of P & T Employees participate in the capacity of observers.

On 23rd July, the opening day of Monsoon Session of Parliament demonstration will be organised in front of the Parliament as well as in all industrial centres. UCTU has invited all the Central T.U. organisations to co-operate in observing this day unitedly.

The total registered unemployment in the country has now reached 72.7 lakhs out of which more than 33 lakhs are educated unemployed. On this day through demonstrations and rallies, the following demands will be popularised.

1. Right to work to be enshrined as a fundamental right in the Constitution.
2. Compulsory registration of all unemployed and recruitment through employment exchange.
3. Government should accept responsibility to provide work or unemployment relief.
4. Prohibit all evictions of peasants.
5. Aid and loans to cottage and small-scale industries; Expansion of rural reconstruction work; Introduction of compulsory free primary education and free secondary education.
6. Production of retrenchment, lay-off, lockout, closure and automation and use of other labour saving devices.
7. Utilisation of full capacity in all industrial establishments.

A deep resentment is prevailing among the central Govt. employees about the retrograde recommendations of the Third Pay Commission. The positive response of the Central Government

employees to the call for action given by the organisations of the Central Government employees clearly shows their mood for united struggle. The denial of need-based minimum wage and cent per cent neutralisation by the Pay Commission has brought them together irrespective of their affiliations. Seeing the fighting mood of the workers, the Government is resorting to deceptive methods and arriving at an understanding with a section of leadership behind the back of workers jeopardising their interests. The UCTU is, however, convinced that the Government employees will not accept any sell-out of their interests. The demand of need based minimum wage cannot be bargained for a paltry rise of Rs.5 to 10. The Government has further rejected the justified demand of bonus to all the State and Central Government employees and they are also agitating on this question. Instead of accepting this demand the Government is making sinister attempt to pit other sections of the people against these employees.

It is only by overcoming the present division in the Central Government employees movement and by unifying all the ranks of the Government employees that their demands can be won from the unwilling hands of the Government.

It is, therefore, of utmost importance that the entire trade union movement should be rallied behind the Central and State Employees so that the Government is forced to accept these demands as soon as possible.

It is proposed to organise a National Convention Against Recommendations of the Third Pay Commission and for Bonus for All in New Delhi on 25th and 26th July, 1973 which will express solidarity of all sections of Indian T.U. movement to these fighting workers.

The Convention will be open to all trade unions of Central and State Government employees and their functionaries. Its purpose is to strengthen the hands of the Central Government, State Government and local self-government employees in their struggles.

The UCTU calls upon the working class to unitedly fight the attacks on their living standards and assert the fundamental right to strike under all circumstances.

The UCTU as the Central trade union organisations to come together and raise their powerful voice in support of the right to strike and defeat the conspiracy to curtail their fundamental rights."

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