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Press Statement.

THE CITU SUPPORTS THE STRUGGLE OF
MAHARASHTRA STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

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

" The Centre of Indian Trade Unions congratulates the 4 lakh State Government Employees of Maharashtra for their magnificent strike for 27 days demanding payment of D. A. at par with Central Government Employees.

" Despite unprecedented unity shown by the State Government Employees, which included even non-IAS ~~Cazetted~~ Officers, the Government of Maharashtra is non-chalantly refusing to accept the most reasonable demand of the employees. This is a part of the Government's wage freeze policy all over the country which has to be fought unitedly by the entire working class of India. The plea that the Government has no funds would convince none since the Government has refused to impose any additional burdents on the vested interests who have amassed huge profits during the recent past.

" Since other state Governments like Kerala have already accepted the demand after struggles there is no reason why Maharashtra Government should go on depriving its employees from elementary protection against rising prices.

" The CITU, therefore, strongly protests against ultimatems the threats of disciplinary actions by the Maharashtra Government and demands that the State Government should grant the payment of D.A to the employees without any further delay.

" The CITU appeals to all the trade union movement to continue extending support to the State Government Employees so that the Maharashtra Government is forced to accept their demands immediately."

Com. B. T. Ranadive earlier sent a telegram from Calcutta to The Chief Minister of Maharashtra urging him to accept the demand of the Maharashtra State Government Employees.

M. C. Ranadive
SECRETARY.