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Com. B.T. Ranadive, President CITU has written the following letter on 22nd January 1974 to Shri K.V. Raghunatha Reddy, Minister of Labour, Government of India, New Delhi.

"The indefinite strike of 2 lakh textile workers in Bombay on the demand for higher wages is now completing three weeks. The agreement signed by Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh (INTUC) behind the back of the workers has thus been repudiated by the entire workers.

The Government of Maharashtra, obviously due to political reasons, is refusing to intervene with the hope of tiring out the workers. It has also resorted to lathi charge, teargas, firing and other repressive measures to intimidate the workers. The strike however is continuing despite these policies.

I am surprised to find that when the strike of this magnitude is going on for such a long time, the Central Government is doing nothing to help negotiations.

I would therefore request you to immediately intervene in the dispute so that a reasonable settlement acceptable to the workers is reached.

I shall be thankful if you would let me know the steps taken by you in the matter".

The News Editor

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