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CITU PROTESTS AGAINST NON-INCLUSION OF

NOMINEES ON NON-COKING COAL MINES ADVISORY BODY

Com. M.K. Pandhe, Secretary CITU has addressed the following letter to Shri Mohan Kumar Mangalam, Union Minister for Steel and Mines.

"Dear Shri Kumarmangalam,

It appears from the press reports that the Government convened a meeting of Central trade union organisations working in coal mining industry on 1st February to consider the issues arising out of taking over of non-coking mines. I am surprised to note that you invited only those organisations which are politically in agreement or near agreement with you. It is evident that our organisation though has a sizable membership in this industry was not invited to participate in the deliberations in the meeting mainly due to political considerations.

I also understand that the Government is considering the constitution of the advisory body on which the representatives of only 3 organisations will be nominated. Thus opinions of only a section of the employees will be taken into account by the Government.

I would like to make it clear that no decision of such a body will be binding on our organisation when our nominees are kept out of it.

I hope that the Government will reconsider its decision and include representative of our organisation on the Advisory Board."

The Editor

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