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Com. P.K. Kurnae, Secretary Maharashtra State Committee of CITU has issued the following statement :-

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Maharashtra State Committee of CITU protests against the mass arrest of leaders of the Strike of Maharashtra State Government Employees, including Shri Karnik and Shri Gubby the President and General Secretary of the Federation of State Government Employees.

The arrest of the leaders of the Strike is an attempt by the Government to crush the organisation of the State Government Employees. The CITU strongly condemns this attack.

CITU warns the Government that repression is not the remedy. Other State Governments have used this weapon of repression and have failed to crush the just cause, and Maharashtra Government cannot win by these means.

These arrests of the State Government Employees is not only an attack on the State Government Employees Organisation but it is an attack on the T.U. Movement as a whole. All Trade Union Organisations must take up this challenge and defeat the Government conspiracy to crush the strike by repression.

The CITU demands immediate release of arrested leaders of State Government Employees and withdrawal of the ordinance forthwith.

CITU calls upon all T.U. Centres to come together to stand solidly behind State Government Employees and defeat the repressive and anti-working class policy of the Maharashtra State Government.

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