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June 10, 1958

Dear Com.Chitnis,

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of the communication received from the Committee of Inquiry or what we call 'Experts Committee' on closure of textile mills recently appointed by the Government.

2. It seems our protest and representation regarding inclusion of nominee has been totally ignored.

3. Now we have to decide about our policy.

The memo is demanded within ten days and we received this communication only today as the address was incorrect.

Please discuss with Com.Dange and do the needful. Also get it clarified from him if the Textile Committee of the AITUC will deal with the Committee or the AITUC office. Both of you are in Bombay.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*K.G.*  
*Sriwastava*

(K.G.Sriwastava)

Encl:

*Review sent in  
June 23. For file no. (107)*

*Dr. Khan*

Copy of letter No.DS/100 dated 6th June 1958 from  
K.R.ARAVAMUTHAN, Member Secretary, Committee of Enquiry,  
Office of the Textile Commissioner, Wittet Road,  
Ballard Estate, Bombay-1.

To  
AITUC

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, the Government of India have constituted a special Committee to study the problems facing the textile industry with a view to diagnose causes thereof and explore and suggest remedial measures. I enclose a copy of the resolution as also the orders passed by the Government in this regard. The Committee would be grateful if you could assist them by sending your Association's/Chamber's views in as detailed a manner as possible with supporting statistical or other data as may be available with you so that the Committee could be enabled to arrive at a proper assessment of the position as speedily as possible. It is requested that your reply may be furnished in the form of a self-contained memorandum. Twelve copies of the memorandum may kindly be sent addressed to the undersigned. As the Committee have been asked to submit its report within a period of six weeks, it will be appreciated that reply should reach the undersigned within a week or ten days at the latest.

The terms of reference to the Committee are sufficiently wide. In addition to furnishing your reply on these several points as mentioned generally in the resolution, you might also add comments on other points as may be deemed necessary and which are relevant to the scope of the enquiry. Receipt of this letter may kindly be acknowledged by telegram.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.

(K.R.Aravamuthan)

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 29th May, 1958

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| 1. | Shri D.S.Joshi, ICS, Textile Commissioner | Chairman         |
| 2. | Prof. D.G.Karve                           | Member           |
| 3. | Shri N.Majumder                           | "                |
| 4. | " Kanhaiya Lal Mehta                      | "                |
| 5. | " Padampat Singhania                      | "                |
| 6. | " Krishnaraj H.D.Thakkersey               | "                |
| 7. | " S.R.Vasavada                            | "                |
| 8. | " R. Venkataswamy Naidu                   | "                |
| 9. | " K.R.Aravamuthan                         | Member-Secretary |

2. The Committee will undertake a rapid study of the problems facing the industry with a view to diagnose the causes thereof and to explore and suggest remedial measures. Among other things, the Committee will devote special attention to the present rated capacities and incidence of different elements in the production costs in different parts of the country, problems of finance, modernisation of machinery, efficiency of management and patterns of production.

In course of its examination, the Committee may also, if necessary, make a reassessment of the phased requirements of cotton cloth and yarn, both for domestic consumption and export. The Committee will also specially study the causes for the recent decline in export of cloth and suggest appropriate measures to arrest this tendency and to promote and maintain exports. The Committee may also make any other recommendations for the more efficient and economic working of the industry.

3. The Committee is requested to submit their Report within a period of six weeks.

Dear K G,

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Herewith a copy of  
a letter which  
Com. Dange sent  
to the Experts Commi-  
-tee in Textiles.

② was our  
final delegate to  
the text and young  
workers' conferences.  
Pl. let us know  
immediately. Also pl.  
let us know  
whether the booking

are being done by  
you, and that we  
have to remit the  
collections to you,  
on that the same  
~~are~~ the responsibility  
of the unions.

Pl. write by return  
of Post.

Yours.

Richard

# अखिल भारतीय ट्रेड यूनियन काँग्रेस ALL-INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

T. U. LAW BUREAU :  
R. L. TRUST BUILDING,  
55, GIRGAON ROAD,  
BOMBAY 4 (INDIA)

4, ASHOK ROAD,  
NEW DELHI.

~~S. S. Mirajkar,~~

President : ~~A. S. Kulkarni, C. S. Kulkarni, K. S. Kulkarni, K. S. Kulkarni~~  
General Secretary : S. A. DANGE, M.P.

Bombay, July 1, 1958.

Shri K. R. Aravamuthan,  
Member Secretary,  
Committee of Enquiry,  
Office of the Textile Commissioner,  
Wittet Road, Ballard Estate,  
B O M B A Y - 1.

Dear Sir,

The question of closures, especially those in cotton textiles, has been discussed at the Tripartite Conference in Nainital and remedial measures were also suggested.

Many of the prominent closures of textiles can be traced to fraudulent transactions on the part of the owners or directors. When definite examples were asked for we mentioned the Government inquiry in the affairs of the ~~India~~ Indu Group in Bombay embracing six mills. They

have not met their financial obligation in the matter of certain dues to their employees. The closures in Sholapur, the Saksaria Mills in Bombay, of the Gendalal Mills in Jalgaon and many others, including those in Kanpur (viz. the B & C concerns) can be traced to the above cause.

Large scale closures due to a general recession in economy either on the national or international level are not to be found. Trading losses so far have not been the common cause of closures which have been listed.

The Commerce Minister, Mr. Manubhai Shah stated at the Conference that he has enough information at his disposal about the financial and other condition of the mills in closure or threatening to close down. Hence we do not see the necessity of an elaborate inquiry in this matter.

What is required is that Government should take over the mills and run them as "unemployment relief" without any loss to the workers.

As regards the internal financial condition of the mills the trade unions as such can supply very little information.

We are competent to speak on the question of the wage-costs. On this matter all relevant data has been put before the Textile Wages Board.

We would request you therefore to the discussions at Nainital and to the Wages Board so that you can find all sources ready at hand and can formulate your policy more expeditiously.

Yours sincerely,

(S. A. Dange,  
M.P.)  
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Copy to Com K G. Shrivastava  
New Delhi

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June 10, 1958

Shri K.R.Aravamuthan,  
Member-Secretary,  
Committee of Enquiry,  
Office of the Textile Commissioner,  
Wittet Road, Ballard Estate,  
BOMBAY 1

Dear Sir,

Your communication bearing No.DS/100 dated 6th June was received here only this morning due to incorrect address.

Please note our correct address as above for further communications.

Yours faithfully,

*K.G.*  
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(K.G.Sriwastava)  
Secretary



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & LIGHT INDUSTRIES  
OFFICE OF THE TEXTILE COMMISSIONER

No. DS/100.

Dated *10/5* May, 1958.

From

K.R. ARAVAMUTHAN,  
Member-Secretary,  
Committee of Enquiry,  
Office of the Textile Commissioner,  
Wittet Road, Ballard Estate,  
B O M B A Y - 1.

To

*All India Trade Union Congress,  
Janpath, New Delhi*

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Yours faithfully,

*K.R. Aravamudan*  
(K.R. ARAVAMUTHAN) *5/6/58*

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(5) " Padampat Singhania	..	Member
(6) " Krishnaraj M.D. Thackersey	..	Member
(7) " S.R. Vasavada	..	Member
(8) " R. Venkataswamy Naidu	..	Member
(9) " K.R. Aravamuthan	..	<del>Member</del> Secretary

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ORDER.- Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all concerned and it be published in the Gazette of India.

S. Ranganathan  
SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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"Paul"  
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- 1) LALBAHADUR SHASTRI  
MINISTER COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
NEW DELHI
  - 2) MANUBHAI SHAH  
MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY  
NEW DELHI
  - 3) GULZARILAL NANDA  
MINISTER LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
NEW DELHI

AITUC REQUESTS YOU TO GIVE IT REPRESENTATION ON THE  
EXPERTS COMMITTEE ON TEXTILES BEING APPOINTED BY  
GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF ~~THE~~ RESOLUTION OF SIXTEENTH  
LABOUR CONFERENCE STOP OUR NOMINEES ARE B D JOSHI  
KAPRA MAZDOOR EKTA UNION DELHI OR N K KRISHNAN  
COIMBATORE DISTRICT TEXTILE WORKERS UNION

DANGE  
GENERAL SECRETARY  
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Not to be telegraphed

All-India Trade Union Congress  
C/o Chia Kaman Mazdoor Union,  
Chowk Bazar, Darjeeling

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किशनगढ बिजलीघर कर्मचारी युनियन, कवेडी चौक, किशनगढ, राजस्थान.

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ता० ५ , ३ , ५८ ई०.

श्रीमान स्वामी कुमारानन्द जी,  
प्रिंसिपल, राजस्थान ट्रेड युनियन, कर्मिस.

: ए.आर्.टी.यू.सी. :

कैथर आफ : टेक्सटाईल लैबर युनियन, लाल फन्डा  
व्यावर.

प्रिय कार्मैड,

ता० २ मार्च ५८ को मे दी महाराजा किशनगढ मिल्ल लि० के मजदूरो के सम्बन्ध मे का० एस.ए.डॉगि से ए.आर्.टी.यू.सी. के नई दिल्ली आफिस मे भिजा था। राजस्थान के ट्रेड युनियन आन्दोलन के सिलसिले मे का० डॉगि से संदेश मे वातचीत हुई उन्होने राजस्थान के टी.यू.कार्मैडस की एक जरूरी मिटिंग नई दिल्ली मे शीघ्र बुलाने के बारे मे आदेश दिया है. इस मिटिंग मे पूरे राजस्थान से १२ से ज्यादा संस्था नही रहने का सुझाव दिया है. एक दो कार्मैड की संस्था बढ जाय तो रुज नही होगा लेकिन इससे ज्यादा बढाने की जरूरत नही है. ए कार्मैड के आने जाने का सब स्थानिय युनियन को उठाना पडेगा. दिल्ली मे व्यवस्था हेड आफिस की तौर से होगी.

इस सम्बन्ध मे जो पत्र राजस्थान के कार्मैडस के नाम का० डॉगि ने किया है वह आपकी सेवामे भेज रहा है. कृपया आप शीघ्र एक ऐसी लिस्ट राजस्थान के कार्मैडस की जो ट्रेड युनियन फ्रन्ट पर महत्व पूर्ण कार्य कर रहे हो का० डॉगि को भेजने की कृपा कावे सौत्तरिस्ती जिनका दिल्ली की मिटिंग मे माम लेना आप जरूरी समझते है. अस्तित्व इस लिस्ट के साथ उन कार्मैडस का पूरा पता व नाम भी आप का० डॉगि को भिजावे. ताकि बाद मे वही से मिटिंग की तारीख तय करके उनको सूचना देने मे उनको सुविधा हो. मिटिंग की तारीख को सूचना वो लिस्ट पहुचने के बाद देगे.

आशा है पत्र का जबाब आप शीघ्र देगे और का० डॉगि से आप सीधा सम्पर्क कायम करके इस प्रकार मिटिंग शीघ्र रखाने की कोशिश करेगे ताकि राजस्थान के ट्रेड युनियन आन्दोलन के बारे मे हम सही दिशा का निर्माण कर सके.

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कृष्णकान्त वर्मा  
जनरल सेक्रेटरी

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किशनगढ बिजलीघर कर्मचारी युनियन, कवेडी चौक, किशनगढ राजस्थान.

प्रतिलिपी :-

१. का० मोहन पुनभिया, टेक्स टाईल लैबर युनियन, पाली मार्वाड.
२. का० अशफ फौजदार, राजस्थान मोटर वर्की फेडरेशन, जोधपुर. काफ़तेर सिटि किशनगढ
३. का० केशरी मल टेक्स टाईल लैबर युनियन, व्यावर.
४. का० एस.ए.डॉगि, जनरल सेक्रेटरी, ए.आर्.टी.यू.सी. नई दिल्ली.

काफ़तेर सिटि किशनगढ  
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जोधपुर