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No. AIRE/23

Dated February 8, 1974.

The Secretary (E),
Railway Board,
Rail Bhaven,
New Delhi.

Sub: National Convention of Railwaymen
to be held in Delhi on 27th Feby-74.

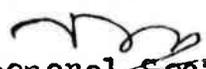
Dear Sir,

The All India Railwaymen's Federation will hold a National Convention of Indian Railwaymen on the 27th February, 1974.

A large number of railwaymen who are the delegates of the Convention will be travelling from and to to attend the convention. Instructions may kindly be issued for grant of leave and passes against their dues to such of the railway employees who apply for the same.

Instructions may also be issued for provision of additional bogies for which necessary requisition will be placed by the affiliated unions. A copy of the instructions issued may kindly be supplied.

Yours faithfully,


for General Secretary.



All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1.

AIRF/160-B(v)

February 9, 1974.



Dear Comr.

I am sure you are aware that All India Railwaymen's Federation has been preparing for launching an indefinite strike to achieve the following demands:

1. (a) Reclassification of railwaymen following a job evaluation carried out through the point-rating system, and regradation of all employees consequent upon such reclassification.
- (b) Pending reclassification and regradation all railwaymen including casual workmen be paid an interim increase in wages to bring their emoluments at least on par with those in such public sector undertakings like Hindustan Steel/Hindustan Antibiotics/Hindustan Machine Tools or with those of the workmen in the cement industry.
- (c) Point to point adjustment be made while fixing the employees in the new pay scales and in the interim pay structure.
2. 100% neutralisation shall be given in Dearness Allowance to all workmen on every increase of 4 point in the 6-monthly average of the index.
3. Bonus at 8.33 per cent of the gross annual earnings for the year 1971-72 and 1972-73 be paid to all railwaymen including casual employees.
4. Immediate decasualisation of all casual employees on the Railways.
5. Setting up of subsidised grainshops, and a daily supply of 500 grams of foodgrains to the ration card holders through these shops.

These are basic demands and are vital to the future of the Railwaymen. For achieving these demands a decisive struggle is inevitable. It is also necessary that in such a struggle all railwaymen should participate.

The All India Railwaymen's Federation has, therefore, decided to hold a national convention of Railwaymen and for that purpose it has been decided to invite all unions and associations irrespective of status and affiliation to participate in the convention to be held on 27th February, 1974, at Delhi.

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All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1



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May I request you to kindly make it convenient to attend the said convention along with the representatives of your organisation?

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I will be obliged if I get confirmation of your organisation participating in the convention. It will also go a long way in helping the arrangements if you will confirm the number of delegates attending on behalf of your organisation.

Yours fraternally,

George Fernandes
George Fernandes
President.

Shri _____

.Roy Chowdhury,
tt. Genl. Secretary.

AIRF/160-B(v)

11th February, 1974.

My dear Brother Namasivayam,

Re : National Convention convened
by the AIRF on 27th February, 1974.

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It is reliably learnt that a meeting of all category-wise associations is going to be held at Madras on the 17th of this month, where all the major categories of the railwaymen and other Central Govt. Employees will be represented by their accredited representatives. Since the AIRF has also convened a National Convention to be held at Delhi on the 27th February, 1974, the AIRF has been issuing invitations to all the major and minor categories, unions and associations irrespective of their status and affiliation for participation in the above convention.

I am sending ^{blank} ___ copies of the invitation letter signed by Shri George Fernandes to you for giving to the representatives of the participating category-wise associations/unions after putting their names on the top of the invitation letter as well as their addresses in the extreme end of the letter as having been sent and addressed by the AIRF for distribution to them at the meeting at Madras.

Kindly do the needful and intimate their names and addresses to the AIRF at an early date.

Encl: copies.

Yours fraternally,

Shri M. Namasivayam,
General Secy. SRMU,
Madras.

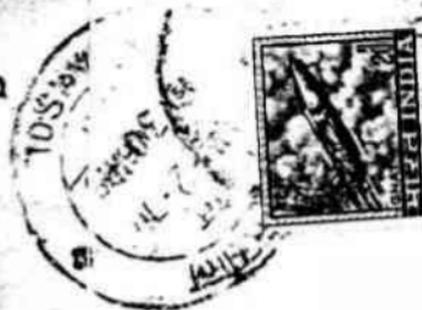
B.P. Roy Chowdhury
(B.P. Roy Chowdhury)

AGTF/160-BVJ

For verification
address hence
not known

U. P. C

Shri U. P. Chatterji,
General Secretary,
All India Railway Transportation
Supervisors' Association,
122, K. S. Road, Railpar,
Asansol
P. O. Asansol, Eastern Railway,
Distt. Burdwan (West Bengal)



From

All India Railwaymen's Federation
125/E BABAR ROAD,
NEW DELHI-1



All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1
AIRF/160-B(v) February 9, 1974,



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All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1



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George Fernandes
George Fernandes
President.

Shri U. P. Chatterji
Genl. Secy. / AIRTSA
A Sauril

B. B. Sinastava
Secretary, All India

Officers/Commercial
Inspectorate Staff Council

Vasavasi
22nd Feb 1974

The President
All India Railwaymen's
Federation
125/E Bahar Road
New Delhi - 1

Dear Sir,

Reference your letter no.
AICF/160-B(V) 27-9-2-74, all the
the Zonal Rly units of our Council
have been advised to attend the
Conference of the Categorical Associations
at New Delhi on 27.2.74

At least 4 of our
delegates will definitely
attend the meeting and the
delegation fee will be paid
before on 27.2.74.

I wish to congratulate
you once again for the steps
taken in right direction
for our united effort

To Sponsor the Cause of
justice for the smaller
unrepresented units of the
Railwaymen.

Respectfully yours
Yours faithfully
B. B. Sinastava



All India Railway Cashiers Association

H. O. :-29/21, Railway Colony, Kishan Gani, DELHI.

Ref. No. 1/Convention/AIRF

Dated...20-2-74.....19

ent
Nahata M. P.
South Avenue
Delhi.

The President
A.I.R.F.,
New Delhi.

Handwritten signature/initials
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resident.
en Dayalu S. Rly.
Trichinopoly
I. Danney C. Rly.
Agra Cantt.

Sub :- A.I.R.F. Convention take held on 27-2-74.

Ref :- Your office letter No. 160/B (V).

Secy.
Jaitly N.E. Rly.
Lucknow

Dear Com.

In acknowledgement to your letter under reference I
have to inform you ^{that} ~~there~~ approximately 10 Nos. of delegate
are due to participate in the Convention on 27-2-74.

ecy.
Varma N. Rly.
Delhi.

With regards!

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of R.K. Verma
(R.K. VERMA)

Org. Secy.,
N. Rly., Delhi.

cy.
Vasudeven S. Rly.
Olavakkot
Nigam N. E. Rly.
Gorakhpur,
Musale W. Rly.
Bombay Central

urer
Sareen N. Rly.
Delhi.

or & Adviser
Varma W. Rly.
Jaipur.

Shri George Fernandes

President,
A.I.R.F.,
125/E, Babar Road,
New Delhi.

Southern Railway TXRs' Association, (34)

Affiliated to :- All India Train Examiners' Association, Calcutta.
(Regd. No.1501)

JOLARPETTAI.

Ref No :-

Date 16-2-1974.

President :

Sri T. K. Niranjanan,
CTXR/JTJ.

Vice-presidents :

Sri P. V. Ramaswamy,
CWI/MDU.

Sri K. R. Rajamani,
CWI/TPJ.

Sri K. Gururaja Rao,
HTXR/MTP.

Sri M. S. Vijendra Rao,
TXR/SBC.

Sri G. Gopalakrishna
Chetty,
HTXR/GTL

Sri T. S. Balakrishna Rao,
TXR/IC/RPM

Genl. Secretary :

Sri K. R. Narayanan,
TXR/JTJ.

Treasurer :

Sri M. Devaraj,
TXR/JTJ

Dear Comrade,

I am extremely happy to receive your kind invitation to attend the meeting at Delhi on 27-2-1974.

Since the A.I.T.A. has not yet taken the decision to join any of the recognised bodies, I express my inability to attend.

With best regards,

Yours fraternally,

J. J. Niranjanan
SD.T.K. NIRANJANAN.

PRESIDENT.

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Southern Railway Class II Officers' Association
(Affiliated to the Indian Rlys. Class II Officers' Federation)

President: M.R. Bakthavathsalu, ATO/Chg.

Madras-3

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Secretary: T. Govindan, ACO/CP.

Joint Secretary: C. Padmanabha Menon,
AAO/FB/TA/MAS.

Dated...22nd. Febr...1974

Asst Secretary: --

Treasurer: M. Sitaraman, AEN/W&S/MAS.

Dear Comrade,

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters No. AIRF/313 dt. 7-1-74 and AIRF/24 dt. 17-1-74. We welcome the support and co-operation of your Federation in getting justice and fair play for the majority population of Railwaymen covered by our Federation. Our General Secretary, Comrade Rasamey Dutta informed us that he is in constant touch with you on matters that affect the larger interests of Railwaymen's movement and we hope that we succeed in getting our demands by the solidarity we show to the administration. I request you to address all your correspondence to Shri M.R. Bakthavathsalu, Assistant Traffic Officer (Coaching), & President of Southern Railway Class II Officers' Association, or to Shri M. Sitaraman, Assistant Engineer, C.E.'s Office, Southern Railway, Joint Secretary of the Indian Railways Class II Officers' Federation, Flat No. 3, Block No. 12, 12th Avenue, Ashoknagar, Madras 83.

We are also in receipt of your letter No. AIRF/160-B(V) dt. 9-2-74 and we support the basic and vital demands put forth by your Federation. We thank you very much for extending your invitation to this Organization for attending your National Convention to be held at Delhi on 27-2-74. We regret to express our inability to send

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Southern Railway Class 11 Officers' Association

President:

Secretary:

Joint Secretary:

Asst. Secretary:

Treasurer:

Madras-3

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Dated.....19 .

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our representative to attend your Convention at Delhi, since our representatives had returned only a couple of days back after attending our federation's convention at Secunderabad from 15th to 17th of this month. We wish every success of the Convention of your Federation being held on 27-2-1974.

With regards,

Your fraternally,



(M. Sitaraman)

T R E A S U R E R.

Shri George Fernandes,
President,
All Indian Railwaymen's Federation,
125/E, Babar Road,
New Delhi-1.

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INDIAN RAILWAYS CLASS II OFFICERS' FEDERATION

(Recognised by Ministry of Railways, Govt. of India)

President : M. P. BHARGAVA
Gen. Secretary : RASAMAY DUTTA

Camp Office :
115, Nambari,
GAUHATI - 11

The President,
AIRF,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

Sub : Convention of Railwaymen.

I am in receipt of your invitation for attending the Convention. But unfortunately it would not be possible on my part to attend Delhi now. I wish the Convention all success.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(RASAMAY DUTTA)

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25/2/74

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ALL INDIA RAILWAY PERSONNEL INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

B. M. JOSHI
President
G. S. KHANNA
Vice President
M. R. SUBRAMANIAN
General Secretary
PARMANAND
Treasurer

PATRON
MANAGER
R. P.

Central Office :
4/4, Rly. Quarters
Lodi Colony, New Delhi-3.

Ref. No. AIRPIA/Genl./1974

Dated.....16.2.74.....

Dear Com. Fernandes,

Sub:- Your letter No. AIRF/160-B(-V) dated 9.2.74.

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I hereby confirm on behalf of this Association that Five delegates will be participating in the convention to be held on 27th Feb'74 at Delhi.

A sum of Rs.5/-(delegates fee) is being sent separately.

Yours fraternally;


(M.R. Subramanian)

Genl. Secretary
All India Railway
Personnel Inspectors Association
NEW DELHI.

Shri George Fernandes,
President,
All India Railwaymen's Federation,
125/E, Babar Road,
New Delhi-1.


17/2/74

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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Train lighting & Head light Staff Association.

[Working under auspices of N. Rly. Men's Union & AIRF.]

S. R. Anand
Genl. Secy.
Elec. staff Association
Northern Railway

No.....

Central Office
Union Bhawan
25/20, Arya Nagar
Naka Minola, Lucknow. New Arjun
Nagar
Dated... 11.02.1974
Anand Khosla
554 Ka/2/Kha
Hawthorn
Lucknow

Shri George Farnandese
President of All India Railwaymen's Federation,
115E Babar Road,
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade,

Sub:- Neglecting attitude of AIRF towards the category of Electrical department.

Really it is a matter of Pride that under your glorious leadership, AIRF has successfully invited the categorical association for the common cause of Railwaymen on one platform but it is deeply regretted that on such occasion too, the Electrical staff Association has not been invited and rather ignored to associate the meeting held in the month of December 1973 and Jan'1974.

You will appreciate that such a neglecting attitude of labour organisation has encouraged category itself to form categorical association to represent their cases directly to the Government and administration.

The facts cannot be denied that the step-motherly treatment has been done by the AIRF with the Electrical staff on the whole to that of Mech. staff, otherwise, there was no reason to push up Mech. staff (TXR/chargeman 'C') when Electrician Train Lighting and Mistries Power /Head light who had been securing better position in respect of pay scale and grade prior to C.P.C. and kept at par after C.P.C. and just after II pay Commission TXRs have been put to higher i.e. 180-240 and then 205-280(AS) whereas Electrician TL and Mistries have been given lower scale 150-240 than TXRs.

It is very unfortunate that due to no representation of Elec. deptt by the AIRF this category has been victimised to the maximum extent forever though the Electrical staff all over Indian Railway is under the banner of AIRF through zonal unions.

Dear Comrade, I am absolutely disappointed that no betterment can be achieved for the Elec. staff when there is no voice and value for AIRF but it is your noble personality in the AIRF who has shown me a Beam of hope for the improvement of Elec. staff. I can not express my sentiments towards my category by now through pen and paper but I shall be able to express the same if could get an opportunity at any time before you.

I hope for the best.

Yours Comradely,

Anand
(S.R. Anand)

Simulation
communicated
thru Com. J. Choudhary
at Lucknow.
24/2/74.

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मजदूर कुकता जिन्दाबाद

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सेवा म

उमादरोशाय रेल मजदूर वर्ग को मटकाली नवका के खेवट
जाज सहल नमस्कार

जैसा हा अपप का लेटर मिला तो गाजिपाबाद के मजदूर वर्ग को न

यह महसूस किया कि शायद आज हा समस्त रेल मजदूर वर्ग को
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का लेल बाला हुवा तब हा अपपार वह पैगम्बरी ने जन्म लेक
पुश्ता के पुराने जीवन का रक्षा को ।

शे आज यह दिन इस मजदूर वर्ग के लिए उस कुत होसक दिन

से क्या नही है । क्या कि आज इस रेल मजदूर वर्ग को अंवरम

जैसा नवका के खेवट बनकर आप काम है जिससे हम पूरा

सप से आशा है कि अपब अवश्य है इस रेल प्रशाशन के

चार कत्याचारा के मध्य चार से यह हमारे नवका पा है सेवगी

अः गाजिपाबाद कै० सुन्द० बी० सुभासिकुशन का तरफ से

यह आशा दिलाते है कि अगर इस रेल प्रशाशन ने इस पार

होली नवका को कही बोच म सुस्पल बनकर सेवन का कोशिश

की तो अपपक आदेशानुसार यह गाजिपाबाद कै० सुन्द० बी०

सुभासिकुशन का समस्त करिज परिवार के जन जनादन अपना

बपुन बहाकर नवका को पार लगाने म मदद करे गे ।
जोका हम सब अपपक आदेशानुसार प्रत्याक्ष बनकर खेवट है ।
और हम चाहते है

जिसे प्रथम रूप के नाम के साथ (लगाव) शब्द
लगाव (बोला जाता है) तो प्रथम वाले समय में दूसरा शब्द
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मुझे लगता है शायद यही पूरा रूप से आशय है।

इति।

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का पूर्णतया सेवा पूरा नहि
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गा० वाप

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Indian Rlys Coal & Ash Handling Mazdoor Union

Affiliated with C.I.T.U.

Regd. No. 8902

Head Office: Bandel Jn. Dist. Hooghly.

Ref. No. E/BDC/25

Date..... 10.2.74.

To

The President

All India Railwaymen's Federation.

New Delhi

Re:- Joint Movement In the Railways.

Dear Comrade,

We represent the most exploited and neglected Labourers working in the loco sheds engaged by the contractors to load coal in the rlys engines. We are fighting for their causes through -out India. Our union support the movements of the Railwaymen in every branches. We contend to join the ensuing movement of the Central Government employees.

So I would request you to arrange so that we may join in the joint convention.

Comradely Yours,

President, Indian RLYS coal and
Ash Handling Mazdur Union. Bandel, West Bengal

Copy to the General Secretary, C.I.T.U. 172 Lenin Sarani, Calcutta.

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Umraonal Purohit,
Asstt. Genl. Secretary.

AIRF/160-B(v)

18th February, 1974.

Dear Com. Chaman Lall,

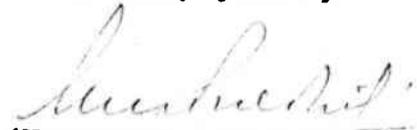
Thank you very much for your letter No. AIRTSC/102/1974, dated 15.2.1974, confirming the participation of your organisation in the National Convention on 27th February, 1974.

We are sorry we do not have separate invitation cards. The delegate cards will be issued on the spot before the Convention commences.

Looking forward to meet you along with other friends on 27th February, 1974.

With greetings,

Fraternally yours,


(Umraonal Purohit)

Shri Chaman Lall,
Convener,
All India Rly. Telegraph Staff Council,
Central Action Committee,
69/B-5, Motia Bagh,
Delhi-6

United we stand.

Divided we Fall.

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All India Railway Telegraph Staff Council

Central Action Committee.

Office—69/B-5, Motia

Bagh Delhi-6.

Ref. No. AIRTSC/102/1974.

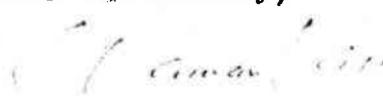
Dated 15-2-1974.

Respected Sir,

Your circular no. AIRF/160-B(V) dated:
February 9, 1974 regarding national convention of Railwaymen
to be held on 27th February, 1974 I have the honour to inform
you that our ten delegates will participate in the convention.
The delegate fees will be deposited in your office. Please ~~not~~
send us ten invitation cards, so that we may be able to for-
ward them to the delegates in time.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,


(Chaman Lall)
Convener.

To,
Mr. George Fernandes,
President A.I.R.F.
125/E, Babar Road,
New Delhi.

S. K. Saksena
Divl. Secy.
STATION MASTERS ASSOCIATION
MORADABAD.

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Dated 20/1/74

My dear Mr Fernandes,

I recd your letter No AIRF/60-B(V) of 9th Feb 74 & came to know regarding the Convention on 27th inst. Really your efforts for making a common front is appreciable & wish you success in achieving the aim. You must have known about the decision of "Work to Rule" from 4th April 1974, taken by the Confederation at Madras in their Spl Convention on 15th, 16th & 17th Feb 1974. Hope you will also honour & cooperate with the decision of struggle taken by AIREC.

I will attend the meeting along with 4 other office bearers from this div, where as I can not ascertain you regdly the number of delegates on behalf of the central body.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Saksena
20/1/74

S. K. Saksena, Asst
P.O. of R.D. - KHARKHAWDA
(Meerut)

AIR India Railways Ministerial Staff Association

(Revd. under trade Union Act, 1962 Registration No 3185)

PRESIDENT:

SHRI M. P. PRASAD
16 South Avenue, New Delhi

General Secretary:

L. SINGH

Central Office:

Q. No. 135/1 B, Hill Colony
Dhanbad (Bihar)

Treasurer:

S. C. SAHA

Q No B/23 Hospital Colony
Dhanbad (Bihar)

Working President:

D. P. SRIVASTAVA

Vice Presidents:

MD. SARIQUE

K. N. PANDEY

L. B. Gupta
AGS/Central at
JMP

JAMALPUR

Date 22/1/74.

Ref No _____

Dear Sri George,
Re. your circular No AIRF/160-C
of 27/12/73
We are glad to receive your
Circular dated 27/12/73 posted on 17/1/74
& received at Dhanbad on date. Although
our Ad office is at Dhanbad & Sri C. M.
Sinha is the General Secy whose address
is inscribed itself.

I am the Asst Genl Secy/Central
and I could have attended personally
but as I am already pre occupied
in a Court case at MGR to
appear on 23/1/74 I am unable
to attend.

However I am sending your
Circular through a Special
messenger to Dhanbad.

& it is hoped that Mr. G. S. may attend the meeting on 25/1/74 or he may depute some other person or may depute Mr. N. M. Singh at Delhi to attend the meeting.

In view of the fact that no body attends this time we shall be attending your next meeting possibly as we hold his views expressed in your circular.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
M. G. M.

L. B. Gupta
AGS / AIRM SA
President / AIRF S.M. (W)'s Office
125/E, Babar Road, J.P. / E. A. S.
New Delhi - 1

All India Railway Safai Karamchhari Sanghathan

(Affiliated to Punjab Mazdoor Dal)

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Katra Khazana, AMRITSAR.

Ref. No. _____

Dated _____ 197

To

Shri Georz Fernandes,
President, A.I.R. F.
New Delhi.
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Dear Sir,

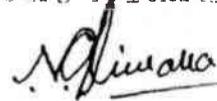
Due to the smell of caste prejudice, in the All Trade Unions working in railway men, sweepers could not get justice, on their genuine demands have not been fulfilled. So taking in view the thing we have to form a new organisation in the name of Safai Karamchhari Sanghathan.

I am pleased that in the Hapur session, you heard the views of all the categorical unions and Associations.

I am very much impressed to see all this and have decided to attend the session of categorical union and Associations which is going to be held on 27.2.74 for the A.I.R.F.

With best regards,

Yours faithfully,



(Nihal Singh Dewana)
General Sec-retary

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Northern Railway Civil Engineering Works Subordinates Association

214/A, Railway Qrs.
Pul Bangash Colony,
Roshanara Road, DELHI-7.

From: Mr. George Fernandes
A.I.R.F. Works Subordinates Association
224, R.F.Y. Colony, Alipur

Ref. No. 2/9 of 5th Feb. 1974 A.I.R.F./66-B(V)

Dated... 1.1.1974

DEAR Comrade George.

Thanks for your letter quoted above. Myself along with my associates are very much contented and pleased to note your kind approach for achieving the collective goals of all Railway Employees. What focus, observations might be there from your lieutenants in the Federation had the same cannot be my opinion about your personal & collective endeavor to make best possible efforts even in the most adverse circumstances to give a new era of thinking to the entire awakened Railway men.

While thanking you once again I would like to inform you that about half a dozen of delegates may attend your convention on 11th inst. from A.I.R.F. India Civil Engg. Works Staff Association.

with regards.

George Fernandes.
Gen. Secy.
A.I.R.F.
125/E, BAFAR ROAD.

Sincerely yours,
H. R. Jaiswal
President,
N.R.C.E. Works Subordinates Association.

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All India Railway Accounts Employees' Association

President :

Shri A.P. Chatterjee, ~~AMSR~~

(Advocate Supreme Court & High Court, Calcutta)

2419, TRI NAGAR,

DELHI-35.

Ref. No. _____

23/2/74
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Dated 23rd Feb. 1974

Dear Shri Fernandes,

As informed by the Secretary, C.I.T.U that a Convention of the All India Railway Men's Federation will be held on 27th February, 1974, the following 5 delegates will participate in the Conference from this Association side. The delegate fee will be paid at the spot.

1. Shri G.C. Sharma
2. Shri Gurnam Singh
3. Shri R.L. Rowat
4. Shri P.S. Sawhney
5. Shri D.A. Sharma

With greetings,

Yours ~~with~~ sincerely,

S. C. Sharma

Shri George Fernandes,

President,

A.I.R.F.,

New Delhi.

(G. C. Sharma)

General Secy.

They had we found our
President in Mohal, Punjab
who will be present in
Muz or Delhi. He will
be willing, cooperate
with AITC and give
his full support etc.
I am writing a separate
letter to him through
Yours sincerely
G. Balakrishnan

G. Balakrishnan,
VICE PRESIDENT,
All India Train Clerks Association
REGD NO. 1428

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(REGD. No. 1428)

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Sub. Office : Q. NO. 129/1 RLY. COLONY OPPOSIT D. C. M. DELHI-6

Ref. No. 34/ADT NCA/74

Dated 15-2-1974

All India Trains Clerk's Association
(Sub Head Office - Q. No. 129/1
Rly. Colony Opp. D.C.M. DELHI-6)

Respected George, Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter no
AARF/160-13(V) of 9/1/74 and am thankful for
the same. As I have personally attended both
the meetings held in Dec 1973 and January 1974
and assured you that this association stands
behind you in every struggle for the
achievement of the demands mentioned in your letter.
But this association wants and request you to
please place our ~~matter~~ ^{plead our case} with the
Rail-Board, raised in my letter no 23/ACTIVE A/73 D1
26/12/73, personally made over to you. This step, if taken
by the Federation with the Rly Board or the J.C.M. meeting
being held in the 1st week of April 1974, in which anomalies
created by the 3rd Pay Commission Recommendations Reg. for
Scales of different categories are to be discussed, will go
way for whole-hearted support from our members of this
association.

Since I will be out of station on 27th inst
I have entrusted R.C. Srivastava and K.K. Kapoor with
this matter in the meeting convened by you.

I shall be obliged if you kindly arrange
to send me a copy of the minutes of the meeting held
on 24th & 25th Jan, 1974, which I have not received
so far.

I wish you all success in your endeavours
to unite the scattered & unfortunated unguided labour
Thakia.

Sincerely yours
(M. S. Prasad)
(Executive President)

RAILWAY LABOUR UNION, MADRAS.

(REGD. No. 482/14DS)

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President

Rajan Clinic, Cantonment,
TIRUCHIRAPPALLE-1

S. BAKTHAVATCHALAM
Treasurer

K. GOPINATHAN
General Secretary

86/B. Railway Colony
TAMBARAM, MADRAS-45
Pin: 600045

Ref. NaC/RIU/G/1

23/2/74
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Dated 20-2-74

Dear Comrade,

We are in receipt of your letter No. AIRF/16G-R(v) dated 9-2-74,
inviting this Union to attend the National Convention of
Railwaymen, to be held at Delhi on 27th Feb., 1974.

This Union has decided to send TWO representatives to the above
meeting.

With greetings

Yours fraternally,

K. Gopinathan

(K. Gopinathan)
General Secretary.

To

Com. George Fernandes,
President, A.I.R.F.,
New-Delhi.

Telegram: "Thozhilavasi"



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Dakshin Railway Employees' Union,

(Regd. No. 3068)

CENTRAL OFFICE

Phone: 9469

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Tiruchy-4,
(S. India)

PRESIDENT:
K. ANANDA NAMBIAR

Date...18--2--...1974

Com. George Fernandez,
President, AIEF,
125/3, Babar Road,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Comrade,

Thank you for your invitation No. AIEF/160-P(V)
dated 9-2-74.

I am glad to inform you that our Union is sending
a delegation consisting of not more than 16 members to
the National Convention of Railwaymen, convened by the
AIEF, on 27-2-74 at New Delhi.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

R. Perumayal
GENERAL SECRETARY.

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Umraomal Purohit,
Asstt. General Secretary.

AIRF/160-B(v)

23rd February, 1974.

Dear Com. Kiruttinan,

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter No. REPU/O/74, dated February 16, 1974, addressed to Com. George Fernandes received today. Com. Fernandes is out and will be back in Delhi on 26th. The letter will be delivered to him no sooner he arrives.

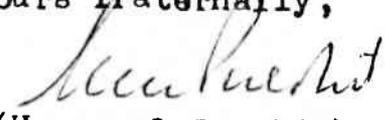
Meanwhile, may I state for your information that notwithstanding the resolution passed in Hyderabad Convention, our Federation immediately established the contact with NFIR and communicated to them that we would like to go together. Immediately after Hyderabad Convention, in the first meeting of our Working Committee we decided to rectify the position. In pursuance to that Com. George Fernandes along with some of our office bearers met Com. A.P.Sharma and Com. K.H.Kulkarni in their office on 5th February, 1974. The misunderstanding created on account of aforesaid resolution which was already clarified had been acknowledged by NFIR leaders. They also assured of giving serious consideration to our invitation for participating in National Convention on 27th February, 1974.

Unfortunately, we have, however, received a letter from Com. K.H.Kulkarni, General Secretary/NFIR that they have very busy programme of their Federation from 24th to 28th at Delhi. In absence of Com. George Fernandes, I have written to him that inspite of all busy schedule if they still make it convenient to participate, it will be highly appreciated. I hope my letter will bear fruits.

Regarding other suggestions made by you, may I suggest that the same may be discussed at some suitable time on 26th when Com. George would be in the town. We would be glad to receive a call from you on our telephone No. 40947 at your convenience.

with kind regards,

Yours fraternally,


(Umraomal Purohit)

Thiru Tha Kiruttinan, M.P.,
69, North Avenue,
New Delhi

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES' PROGRESSIVE UNION, MADRAS.

(Affiliated to Labour Progressive Federation.)

REGISTERED No. 273/MDS.

27/28, Egmore High Road, MADRAS-600008.

(69, North Avenue, New Delhi) **YHA. KIRUTTINAN** M. A.
(Member of Parliament) President.

C. KUPPUSAMI

General Secretary

D. PERUMAL

Treasurer.

Ref: REPU/0/74.

Date February 16, 1974.

Dear Comrade Fernandes,

I have received your letter No. AIRF/160-B(v) dated Feb. 9, 1974, forwarded to me by the Southern Railway Mazdoor Union Head Office, Madras and thank you for the same.

At the outset, I would like to state that your Organisation has set foot in a right direction, only lately, and I feel that a such a course should have been taken right in the beginning and well before deciding to go on an indefinite strike from Feb. 27, 1974 at your Hyderabad Convention. A mere move to unite a majority of railwaymen's organisations and join hands to attempt at a general strike, would have made an impact on the Government of India and made them feel the necessity to come to terms with the workers' representatives and the workers would have definitely gained upper hand.

First and foremost, we should try to infuse confidence among the labour and, we, the leaders of various organisations, irrespective of our political leanings, should have tried to take them into confidence and made them feel that a struggle was necessary to achieve their aims and was initiated in their interests alone and for the betterment of their future only.

The AIRF which finds a place in the JCM should have thrashed out the issues at the very beginning and if it was not able to win over the Government, it should have come out openly and protested vehemently. It ought to have arranged for meetings with all bodies and explained to them the outcome of consultations at the JCM meetings. Nobody has so far cared to explain in detail, to the workers, as to what transpired between the Government and the labour representatives at the high level meetings except for some vague and incoherent press reports. Is it not our duty to apprise the workers about the real attitude of the powers that be and ask them to be prepared for a long drawn out struggle and then only they will be able to succeed? Instead of adopting such a course of action, your Organisation has set its foot on the final step at the very beginning.

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Then comes the question of non-participation by the NFIR in the struggle. The resolution adopted at your Hyderabad Convention tends one to believe that the NFIR has been deliberately excluded from taking part in a joint struggle and perhaps your Federation did not like their association. This would have naturally antagonised them. I feel that you should have endeavoured to enlist their support and persuaded them to the maximum extent. If, finally, you have felt, your attempts have failed, your Organisation along with others, should have taken pains to explain to the workers in every nook and corner, that the NFIR is not really interested in the well being of the working masses but is there only to tow the line of the powers that be. If this has been consistently done with the help of all other organisations, the response from the workers, I hope, would have been spontaneous. As it is, I feel, that a vast majority are scared of any strike, as many of them had had bitter experiences during 1960 & 1968. Their fears should have been dispelled by the united efforts of all.

It may be useful for you to know about the situation obtaining in this part. The Southern Railway Mazdoor Union, an affiliate body of the AIRF took the initiative of forming a high level co-ordination committee on S. Rly. Some of my colleagues attended one ~~of~~ two meetings and there have been none from Nov. 1973 and the body has virtually become defunct and the Convenor of the co-ordination committee of railwaymen's organisations did not seriously attempt to carry others with him so as to make the body worthy of its name and hence it has failed to create any marked impact on the workmen. Perhaps it was only a one man's show. While the joint efforts of the co-ordination body should have been channelised in the direction of enlisting the mass support of the workers, the Southern Railway Mazdoor Union has been concentrating its full time and energy on vilifying and hurling abuses at the Southern Railway Employees Sangh, the other recognised body and an affiliate ~~of~~ of the NFIR and this naturally has paved way for further widening the gap between the SRES on the one hand and all other Organisations on the other. The enormous sum collected by the SRMU from the workers as Struggle Fund, might not have been utilised for such ~~xxx~~ a wasteful purpose. The result of this being only to invite abuses in return from the SRES and the workers getting disgusted and frustrated on witnessing this sort of rivalry between two recognised unions. The real purpose of awakening the labour for their own cause has been pushed to the back ground. I had my own doubts whether the strike move scheduled for Feb. 27, '74 would materialise at all and whether it was mooted with real intentions and in all its seriousness,

Coming to the attitude adopted by the SRMU towards our own cadre, I am really sorry to point out, that not a day passes out without the men of SRMU creating troubles to them in a majority of places. In spite of these recurring difficulties, our men have^{been} directed to join hands with the SRMU in the interest of a common cause.

Before concluding this letter I would like to suggest the addition of two demands to your charter, which I have been consistently advocating for the past so many years and which alone, I hope, will help to solve the age long problems of the railwaymen and place them in a sound position economically. They are, 1) abolition of the present set up of Railway Board, which has outlived its utility and establishing an Autonomous Corporation in its place with similar bodies at the Zonal levels and 2) constituting a separate wage board for railwaymen. It is also my desire that such and other important problems should be discussed in the Convention and a common charter of demands should be drawn after consulting the various participants at the Convention. It is also^a point for ~~for~~ consideration whether the unilateral action of your Organisation to collect heavy sums in the name of Struggle Fund was proper. This should have been done after joint councils of action at the national, zonal, divisional and branch levels have ~~been~~^{been} formed. These bodies alone should have/^{been} authorised to collect funds from the workers for the common cause, so that it would have ~~been~~^{been} properly accounted for and the workers too would evince^a keen interest in our joint efforts. I also feel that the method of action to be adopted by the joint council of action should be ~~then~~ thoroughly discussed by the participants in the convention and a decision should be taken by them.

I am really anxious that every effort of ours, in channelising the combined strength of the railway workers, should be made to be felt by them in such a way as to win the confidence of a majority of workers and then only, I hope, any move for an indefinite strike, at least on the railways, would succeed.

I have seen from press reports that you are to meet the Railway Minister before the proposed convention to discuss with him the problems of railwaymen and I send my good wishes for your success in your efforts.

I also wish that you initiate discussions with your counterpart of the NFIR and persuade him to join hands with all to achieve our aims, which will go a long way in boosting the morale of the workers and in mobilising them in large numbers.

I would like to hear from you, by return, your views on the various points raised by me herein, before I decide on my participating in the Convention at Delhi along with my colleagues, any way not later than Feb. 25, '74. Communication may please be addressed to both the addresses mentioned above.

With Greetings,

Yours fraternally,



(THA. KIRUTTINAN, M.P.)

PRESIDENT
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Thiru George Fernandes,
President,
All India Railwaymen's Federation,
125/E, Babar Road,
New Delhi-1.

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Ref: no: 121/74

February 18, 1974

Dear George,

Thank you for your circular letter No. AIRF/160-B(v) of the 9th instant. I regret it would not be possible for me to attend the national convention of railwaymen on the 27th February at Delhi as I have myself called a meeting of mineworkers' representatives at Jharia on that date. But HMS affiliates of railwaymen would certainly be attending it. We have all along endorsed our railway affiliates and would endorse all those decisions which they would endorse at this convention. Besides we have discussed these matters on the 4th February and you know the measure of agreement that is reached between the HMS and the AIRF on the problems which you are going to consider in this convention.

Regards,

Sincerely,

Mahesh Desai

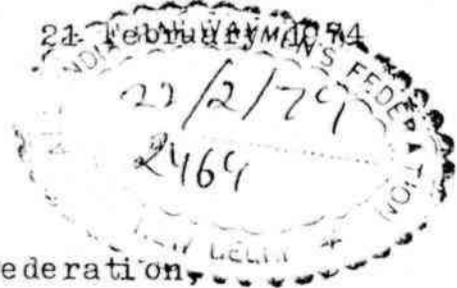
Mahesh Desai

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President : Dr. RANEN SEN, M.P.
General Secretary : S. A. DANGE



To,

Com. George Fernandes,
President,
All India Railwaymen's Federation,
125-E, Babar Road,
New Delhi

Dear Comrade,

I have received your invitation for the national Conference of Railwaymen to be held in Delhi on 27th February.

The composition of the meeting, as you yourself have proposed, will be quite a peculiar one. The agenda also will not solely be limited to the question of a strike date. The relationship between the AIRF and other railwaymen's unions seems to be undergoing a change by the very fact of your letter of invitation. Such and other very important problems of organisation and unity and united front or cooperation between various lines of thinking on the railway workers problems will also come up. It would have been better, if some of the leading men of the railway unions and the Central trade union organisations had a prior consultation before entering into wider conference.

However, we of the AITUC and our railway unions will attend in response to your invitation. Please let us know the venue and time of the Conference.

Yours sincerely,

(S.A. DANGE)

General Secretary

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Saturday,
February 23, 1974

To
Shri S. A. Dange,
General Secretary,
A.I.F.U.C.,
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade,

With thanks, I acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 21st February, 1974 addressed to Comrade George Fernandes, President/AIRF. Comrade Fernandes is out of Delhi and will be back on the 26th Feb' 74. Your letter would reach him no sooner he arrives but meanwhile may I suggest that some suitable time on 26th may be fixed when Com. Fernandes and yourself may have a word on consultations proposed by you.

The venue of the Conference is Badminton Hall, Northern Railway, opposite New Delhi Railway Station and near the Central Hospital of Northern Railway. The Conference will start at 11:00 and will continue until evening without break.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Umapal Purohit

(Umapal Purohit)
Assistant General Secretary

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Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh

(FEDERATION OF INDIAN RAILWAY WORKERS)



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L. No.

Date. 14th Feb. '74.

To,

Shri George Fernandes,
The President, All India Railwaymen's Federation,
125/E, Babar Road,
New Delhi-1.

16/2/74

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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter No. AIRF/100-B(v) of 9 Feb. '74,
addressed to Shri G.S. Gokhale, Working
President, B.R.M.S., and further advise that
the same has been forwarded to Shri Gokhale.
Further communication will follow.

Sincerely yours

(G.D. Sohany)
Dy. Secy. Genl.
B.R.M.S.

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Shri Ram Swaroop Vidyarthi
Advocate, New Delhi

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"HT"

Bombay
15/2/76

Dear George,

Regarding 27th Feb meet.

I saw your letter today after coming back to Bombay from town. The BRMS has already called a meeting of General Secretaries of all our zones in New Delhi on 26th & 27th Feb 76 and some of us shall definitely attend the unity-meet-also.

Regarding the Railway strike you are already aware of my views but organising secretary attended the Madras meeting of confederation of categoric unions on invitation. I had already a

talk with Keshav Kulkarni and I intend to meet him again, if possible before 27th.

I am reaching Delhi on 25th Feb and shall be staying with Shri D. B. Thengyalji, P. 8, 37, South Avenue. If we can meet somewhere in Delhi before the 27th meet, it may be helpful to the cause.

What are your programmes? Can we do meet?

Sincerely Yours

Rajaram Gokhale



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Recd. No. 415/M19.

Dakshin Railway Karmik Sangh

(Affiliated to Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh and B.M.S.)
(Central Office: Madras)

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General Secretary

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N. R. NATARAJAN B.A., B.L.L.
LEGAL ADVISERS

Ref. No. DRKS/Co/OTU/74

Date Feb. 13, 1974.

Dear Brother,

Ref: Your letter AIRF/160
B(v) of 9-2-74 received
through Southern Railway
Mazdoor Union, Madras.

We are glad to receive your communication under reference and we would request you to kindly contact Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh, 19, Windsor Place, New Delhi, our All India Federation under whose instructions only we will be able to proceed further on this subject.

With best wishes and kind regards.

Brotherly yours,

General Secretary.

Shri. George Fernandes,
President,
AIRF, New Delhi.

Copy to: Shri. Amalder Singhji, Secretary General,
Bharatiya Railway Mazdoor Sangh,
19, Windsor Place, New Delhi. for kind inf.

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AIR/38-160-B

March 6, 1974.

Shri B.K. Agarwal,
Secretary,
Reception Committee,
Jodhpur

Dear Mr Agarwal,

I have received your invitation for
your Divisional Conference today. I hope
you have had a successful Conference.

with greetings,

Yours sincerely,


GEORGE FERNANDES
President.

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Shri S.^{K.}Mukherjee,
Regional Director.

No. Cal/ Meet/11/11/856

dt. 22.2.1974

Dear Shri Fernandez,

You are perhaps aware that a large number of Railway employees have been trained as Worker-Teachers but unfortunately a very few of them have been able to start the unit level classes for the benefit of rank and file workers. This has resulted to the increase in the number of trained and un-utilised Worker-Teachers and decrease in the percentage of utilisation of trained worker-teachers as a whole. Our Local Committee feels that some special action needs to be taken to utilise such a large number of trained Worker-Teachers. Perhaps the unions could do something at their own end by advising the Branches to start classes in the union offices or at hired accommodation so that Railway employees could benefit by the Education Programme sponsored by the Board. I shall be grateful if you could also give a little thought to this problem amidst your busy schedule.

I know your interest in the Workers' Education Programme and your assistance for making the Scheme a success in the BEST undertaking at Bombay and I am confident that a little assistance from your end could atleast enable us to utilise 50% to 60% of the trained worker-teachers in the Railways.

May I expect, to hear a line from you giving your valuable advise on the same ?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


(S.K. Mukherjee)

Shri George Fernandez, M.P.,
16/17, Vithal Bhai Patel House
Rafi Marg,
New Delhi-1

List of unaffiliated unions/Associations

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4. All India Railway Telegraph Staff Council.
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AIRF/160-8(Y)

March 7, 1974.

Dear Mr. Mukherjee,

I have your letter of February 22, 1974.

Just now all our Unions are engaged in preparing themselves for a strike in support of the long pending demands of the Railwaymen. The enclosed Resolution adopted by the National Convention of Railwaymen convened by the AIRF will give you an idea of what we are up to.

In the circumstances it will be difficult for me to attend to the question of utilisation of work of teachers of the railways. As soon as I am through with the present movement they could most certainly take up this matter. I am also very keen to see that the railway employees take benefit of the Education Programme sponsored by the Board.

with greetings,

Yours sincerely,

George Fernandes
President.

Shri S.K. Mukherjee,
Regional Director,
Workers' Education Centre,
43, Sarat Bose Road,
Calcutta - 20

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From

The Assistant Draughtsmen,
Divisional Superintendent's Office,
Works Branch, Southern Railway,
M Y S O R E.

Mysore,
Date: 25.2.74

To

~~The~~ * Com. George Fernandes,
President,
A.I.R.F.,
NEW DELHI.1.

Respected Sir,

Re:- Injustice done to Assistant Draughtsman category
by III Pay Commission.

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We, the Assistant Draughtsmen of Mysore Division, represent the following few lines for getting the injustice redressed to the Assistant Draughtsman category of the Indian Railways.

2. At present our authorised pay scale is Rs.150-240 against which Pay Commission has recommended Rs.330-560, whereas for other categories, like Mistries, the scale recommended by the Pay Commission is Rs.380-560 as against the existing scale of Rs.150-240.

3. The qualifications prescribed for the direct recruitment of Assistant Draughtsmen by the Railway Service Commission is L.C.E. or Diploma in Draughtsmanship with 2 to 3 years experience and the people who joined as Tracers, after putting up not less than 8 to 10 years' service and passing the Departmental suitability test, whereas Mistries are picked up after a formal selection from the class IV categories of Engineering Department like Gangman, Workshop Khalasis etc. and further no technical qualification is prescribed for the same. II Pay Commission has originally given the Mistries scale as Rs.130-212, whereas our scale has been fixed as Rs.150-240. Subsequently the scale of Mistries was brought at par with us viz., Rs.150-240.

4. The III Pay Commission has recommended the scale of Sr.Clerk as Rs.330-560, i.e. at par with us (Asst.D'Man) whose original starting basic pay was Rs.130/- whereas Asst.D'Man started with Rs.150/- in the old scale of pay.

5. The comparative grades of Drawing Office staff and the executive staff are shown below:-

Drawing Office staff grades		Executive staff grades	
Existing grade	Recommended by Pay Commission	Existing grade	Recommended by Pay Commission
Chief D'man	Rs.450-575	PWI 'A'	Rs. 450-575
Drg. Office Supdt.	Rs.700-900	IOW 'A'	Rs.700-900
Head D'man	335-435	PWI 'B'	335-435
Sr.D'man	205-330	PWI 'C'	250-380
Asst.D'man	150-240	APWI	205-280
		Mistries	150-240
			550-750
			425-700
			280-560

P.T.O.

To elucidate the injustice done to our category comparative Pay Scale awarded by the Pay Commissions set up so far are given below:-

Category	Scale given by		
	1st Pay Commission	2nd Pay Commission	3rd Pay Commission
Sr.Clerk	80-220	130-300	330-560
Asst.Draughtsman	100-185	150-240	330-560
Mistries	80-160	130-212 (Revised to 150-240)	380-560
Train Examiner	80-160	180-240	380-640

6. From the above, it would be obvious that the grades offered to Asst.D'man by 3rd Pay Commission is much less in comparison to the technical type of duties entrusted to them on the basis of technical qualification, which are a must for entry to this job.

7. On the above ground, we request that by dint of the technical qualifications and the nature of technical duties entrusted to Assistant Draughtsman, we pray that, they should be kept at least Rs.380-640.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Draughtsmen of DS/W, DSTE,
DAEE Departments of Southern Railway,
Mysore Division.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. C.H.Jayadeva, Asst.D'man, | <i>C.H. Jayadeva</i> |
| 2. V.B.Sreenivasan " | <i>V.B. Sreenivasan</i> |
| 3. E. Sivaraj " | <i>E. Sivaraj</i> |
| 4. P.K.Gopalakrishnan Nair " | <i>P.K. Gopalakrishnan Nair</i> |
| 5. Antony Vincent " | <i>Antony Vincent</i> |
| 6. N. Vasu " | <i>N. Vasu</i> |
| 7. K.N.Parameswaran Nair " | <i>K.N. Parameswaran Nair</i> |
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| 11. T. Balachandran " | <i>T. Balachandran</i> |
| 12. S. Chandrasas " | <i>S. Chandrasas</i> |

Copy forwarded for favour of information to:-

1. Sri M.M.Beery, Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. Sri D.B.Vohra, Director, Pay Commission Cell, Railway Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. Shri L.H.Misra, Hon'ble Railway Minister, New Delhi.
4. Sri C.P.Sharma, General Secretary, I.R.D.S.A., Baroda House, N.Delhi.
5. Com.George Fernandes, President, A.I.R.F., New Delhi-1.
6. Sri V.Ramanathan, General Manager, S.Railway, Madras.

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March 7, 1974.

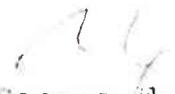
Dear Mr. Jayadeva,

This is to acknowledge your cyclostyled letter dated February 25 '74, regarding the pay scales of Assistant Draughtsmen.

As you must be aware, the AIRF is currently engaged in organising the Railwaymen to launch a general strike in support of their basic demands. One of these demands is Job Evaluation and re-classification. Unless this is done there are no prospects of our settling the disputes on wage scales of various categories. I hope you and your colleagues are doing everything necessary to have a successful strike.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,


George Fernandes
President.

PS. You may kindly inform your other colleagues who have signed the cyclostyled letter on the subject.

Shri C.N. Jayadeva (Asstt. D/Man)
Divisional Suptd.'s Office,
Works Branch, Southern Railway,
Mysore.

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Indian Rlys Coal & Ash Handling Mazdoor Union

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Affiliated with C. I. T. U.

Regd. No. 8902

Head Office: Bandel Jn. Dist. Hooghly.

Ref. No. F/DC/74/5

Date: 4.3.74.

To

Com George Fernandez.

President, A. G. R. F.

Convener of Joint movement of Rlymen.

Dear Comrade:

Many Thanks for your initiative of holding the national convention of Rlymen in Delhi.

One representative of our union attended the convention. We have gone through the contents of the minutes resolved in the convention.

We suggest one thing for your consideration to add "the abolition of Contract System in the loco sheds, where more than 2 lakhs coal & khatas work and the nature of the work is perinial and vital to move the Engines on the Rly Track, in the para 10-9 where demand of de-casualisation is mentioned.

Hope you will let us know your judicious decision after consultation with other comrades at an early date, to enthuse our members to participate in the ensuing joint movement.

A copy of the memorandum on demands is attached for your guidance.

With greetings,

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Comrade by yours,
Satyanarayan Sarker
President of Union 4.3.74



Eastern Railwaymen's Union (15)

Registered under Indian Trade Union Act, 1926
Recognised by the Eastern Railway Administration
Affiliated to the All India Railwaymen's Federation
CENTRAL OFFICE : 23/24 STRAND ROAD, CALCUTTA.

S.A. Haque,
Branch President.

RLY. BUILDING NO. 28
MUGHALSARAI.

Ref. No. ORDN/Strike-74/MCS.

Dated 4th March 1974.

Respected Comrade George Fernandes,

I dare crave an indulgence in drawing your attention to the attached Press clipping from "Family Forum" an official Organ of Railway Administration published by Shri L.N. Mishra, Minister of Railways' own statement in its issue of September 1973 wherein the Minister has categorically stated that— "Historically, the Railway employees always enjoyed a unique position amongst the labour force in India. Even at the very beginning, the Railwayman was treated as an industrial worker". Further he also added "These have placed the Railway labour on a different footing, as they can seek remedies in respect of their grievances under the various labour statutes, whereas such remedies are not available to other government servants except those employed in industrial establishments, such as workers."

This may kindly be perused in face of our resolution adopted at the National Convention of Railwaymen held at New Delhi on 27th Feb. '74, particularly in respect of our demand placed under item (1) and necessary use of the statement be kindly made as deemed fit.

Your programme for an address to railwaymen at Mughalsarai is still due and I trust, you will not deprive them of the same. Hope to get an early date.

With regards,

Yours-in-Union,

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(Signature) 4/3/74.
Branch President,
ERMU/Mughalsarai.

Shri George Fernandes,
8-114-Punch Sheel Park,
New Delhi-17.

*President, All India Rly. men's Federation,
125E. Babar Road, New-Delhi-1.*

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जी माता,

श्री जे.पी. चौद जी सम्मान।

उत्तिपक्ष के रेलवे की हड़ताल से सम्बन्धित
समाचार प्रकाशन के लिए देना चाहिए तो
काल को इतना ही धर रखना जी।

9/3/74

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उत्तिपक्ष
Handed over Kancho!
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11/3/74.

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I'll keep necessary
papers reg: strike
ready and hand
over there when he
visits. His office on 11/3/74.

Planned
10/3/74

Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association

(Regd. No. 1329, under Indian Trade Union Act., 1926)

J. C. Sindhi,

General Secretary

No. IRTSA/..GS/53/74/AIRF

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Central Hd. Qrs.
L-4/A Grange Road,
Charbagh, Lucknow-1.

Dated ... 4.3.1974.

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Dear Shri George,

I congratulate you for a very successful convention of All the Central Government Employees at Delhi on the 27th. I offer my apologies for my inability to be there, as my child was very seriously sick. However, our representatives from Eastern Railway did attend, and as I understand, offered their full cooperation to the cause of the labour force on railways.

It is needless to emphasize that the Technical Supervisors, though small in number, have always thought in terms of trade-unionism as a whole and as such will always be there shoulder to shoulder with the rest of the railwaymen as and when need for action is there.

With regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



(J. C. Sindhi)

Shri George Fernades,
President, A. I. R. F.,
125, Babar Lane,
New Delhi.

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COLABA, BOMBAY-5.

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25-2-74.

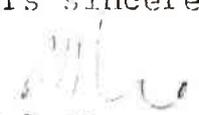
Dear Shri George Fernandes,

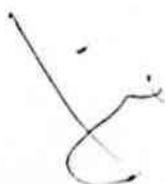
I have to thank you for your letter No. AMF/150-B(v) dated February 9, 1974, and glad to note its contents. We are grateful to you as leader of our parent cadre of CLASS III and IV to espouse the cause of adequate vertical mobility in the Rly. hierarchy for the vast mass of Rly. employees of Class II, III and IV. I have also received letters from Shri J.L. Luthra, Chairman of the Steering Committee for attending National Convention at Delhi on 27-2-74 and have requested our working President Shri B.S. Mishra, I.R.O. Northern Rly., to attend the same on our behalf.

Railway men are singularly fortunate to have you as their leader at a critical junction and we are sure that you will guide their destinies in their best interests.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(M.P. Bhargava)



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March 20, 1971.

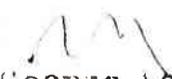
Dear Comrade Ghosh,

I have your letter of 1st February '71 containing the Resolution of the Special General Body Meeting of the Electrical Staff Council which reached me today. It must have been delayed in post.

You are aware of the National Convention convened by the Federation on February 27, and the various decisions taken by that Convention to further the movement of the railwaymen. I hope your organization is doing everything necessary to build unity from the grass roots.

With greetings,

Yours sincerely,


George Fernandes

Com. K.N. Ghosh,
General Secretary,
Electrical Staff Council,
50 Rly, T.R(O)'s Office,
P.O. Adra,
Dist. Purulia.

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Resolution passed unanimously at the Special General Body Meeting of SERly, Electrical Staff Council held in the Council Central Office, Subhas Polli, Kharagpur on 31st January, 1974.

" The electrical staff council, SERly, request the SERlymen's union and AIRF to form joint strength ^{struggle} committee from bottom level with all categorical labour organisation, Unions, in which an unbreakable unity can be built up to win over basic demands of all Railwaymen through strike. "

Copy of the resolution is forwarded to the General Secretary, AIRF and SERMU for their information and necessary action please.

K. N. Ghosh

(K. N. Ghosh)
General Secretary, Electrical Staff Council, SERly, TXR(E)'s office, P. O. Adra, Dist: Purulia.

Adra,
dt : 1.2.74.

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20/3/74

आखिल भारतीय रेलवेज जूनियर सुपरवाइजर्स एसोसियेशन
All India Railways Junior Supervisors Association



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(Registered Under Trade Union Act, 1926)

Sri N. A. Pandey, M.P.
President.

केंद्रीय कार्यालय पूर्व गेटवे—जमालपुर
शाखा—जमालपुर

Sri Anandi Maharaj,
B. A. B. L.



AIR, JSA/C/org/AIRF/74.

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27/2/74

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My dear Sri Fernendis,

Re Holding of an Emergent & Historical
General Meeting on 26/2 & 27.2.74.

Ref: Branch Secy. ERMU/E. Rly/JMP Br's letter No.
Nil dt. 21.2.74, my reply dt. 14.12.73 (copy
enclosed).

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With reference to the above, I am enclosing herewith a copy
of my previous letter which I presume have failed to reach you
for some unforeseen reason and inform you that, I am now leaving
for Calcutta for attending the Annual General Conference of PRKS
& B.M.S. on 23.2.74 & 24.2.74 where from I shall try to march
for Delhi and expecting to participate in the above meeting as
organised by you latest on 27.2.74. My other Branch officials
are expected to accompany me at Delhi.

This is for your information please.

With best regards,

Yours ^{devotionally} fervently,

Anandi Maharaj
(Anandi Maharaj)
Genl. Secretary, AIRJSA.

General Secretary
Sri George Fernendis,
President,
AIRF No. 125 E Baber Road,
New Delhi.

Copy for information and necessary action to the Branch Secretary,
E. R.M.U/Jamalpur in reference to his letter referred to above.

AIRF/180-B(4)

ALL INDIA RAILWAYS JUNIOR SUPERVISOR ASSOCIATION,
H. C. E. RAILWAY, JAMALPUR DIST, HOORHUR (BIHAR).

Sri Narsingh Narayan Pandey, M.P.
President.

Dr. Anandl Maharaj, B. A. B. L.
(HMDS)
General Secretary.

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Dear Sri George Fernandez,

Re: Meeting of the representative of the Unions
and Associations at Delhi on 25.12.73 to
27.12.73 as organised by you.

Ref: Your letter No. dt. 3.12.73 received with a letter
dt. 12.12.73 from our Ex-General Secretary.

We have acknowledged receipt of your letter through our Ex G. S.
Sri S.N. Paul, who have now been Elected the Working President
of our Association in our last A.G.M. held at N. E. Rly., Gorakhpur,
wherein I have been Elected the General Secretary and thus the
H.C. has since been transferred to Jamalpur.

I have gone through your above letter and noted the contents
therein seriously, along with the resolution adopted at your G.M.
at Secunderabad. I accordingly was prepared to attend the
meeting and had advised some of our active officials at GKP, KPA,
LLH, KGP & Jhansi, who were also expected to join me at Delhi
for consultation and firm opinion, but regret to inform you that
due to Loco Running staff of N, N.E. & some part of E. Railway
have launched ~~kk~~ strike on all over the zones, as a result of which
it has not been possible for us to march for Delhi. I think the
meeting as proposed would have been postponed for the present,
keeping in view the delicate situation prevailing in the country.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of our resolution as moved,
adopted, and passed in our last A.G.M. at N.E. Rly., Gorakhpur & C.W.C.
meeting held at New Delhi on 17.8.73, 18.8.73 & 13.11.73 to 15.11.73
and submitted to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Railway Minister
of India, Deputy Railway Minister of India, Chairman, Rly. Board
with Member staff Rly. Board and all General Managers of Indian Rlys.
with the request to kindly include all these items in your PNM & JCM
and instruct all the Union officials of your affiliated Federation
to co-operate us in our function all over the Indian Railways.

I am particularly have close attachment with the EMS & BMS
and take keen interest in the General grievances of the Railways
workers, although our President Sri N.N. Pandey, M.P. is from
ruling party, but he has very soft corner for us and extends all
his sympathy ~~xxx~~ to meet with our demands. We shall co-operate with
you in common issues, and expect all assistance from you as well.

With thanks and regards,

Yours fraternally,

Anandl Maharaj
(Anandl Maharaj)
General Secretary,
A.I.R., J.S.A.

p.t.o.

Copy for information and necessary action to :-

1. Sri R.N. Singh, Jt. General Secretary, P.C.O./Kanchrapara.
2. " V.N. Mishra, Treasurer, P.C.O./Gorakhpur.
3. " Nawrang Singh, Member, N.E.Rly/Izatnagar.
4. " S.M. Banerjee, C. Railway, Jhanshi.
5. " Banarshi Lall Shama, S.E.Rly/Kharagpur, Medhapur (W.B.).
6. " S.N. Paul, W.P. E. Railway, Liluah.
7. " R.N. Vishwakanna, New Bongaigaon, N.F. Rly., Gauhati.
8. " S.P. Singh, N. Rly Workshop/Lucknow.

(Anand Maharaj)
General Secretary.



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All India Railwaymen's Federation

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125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1.

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March 11, 1974

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To
Shri S.A. Huque,
Branch Secretary,
Eastern Railwaymen's Union,
Railway Building No.28,
Mughalsarai .

Subject:- Press clipping from the September, 1973 issue of the "Family Forum"- Rly. Minister's Statement regarding Railway Employees being treated as industrial workers

Ref: Your letter No. Orgn/Strike-74/M.S. dated 4-3-1974.

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Dear Comrade,

This is to thank you for your letter referred to above to Comrade George Fernandes enclosing copy of a clipping from the September, 1973 issue of the "Family Forum" containing the Railway Minister's statement under the caption "Labour Relations on Indian Railways- Saga of a unique experiment". This is interesting and useful material and we would certainly make appropriate use of it. We would, however, request you to send to this office of the September, 1973 (Vol XVII No.2) issue of the journal containing the above mentioned statement. As this journal is stated to be official organ of the Eastern Railway Administration, a copy of the relevant issue will enable us to make effective use of the statement.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(Umraomal Purohit)
Asst. General Secretary/AIRF.

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March 11, 1974

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Shri S.A. Inque,
Branch Secretary,
Eastern Railwaymen's Union,
Railway Building No.28,
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(Signature)
(Unroopal Parshat)
Asst. General Secretary/ATM.