

ALL - INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

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To

The Secretaries,  
PTUCs

Dear Comrades,

You know the AITUC session is going to meet from 25th December to 29th December, 1957 at Ernakulam, Kerala. When the Working Committee and the General Council meet there, they will have to appoint a Credentials Committee to go into the question of affiliations of the Unions that will be in attendance.

Many trade union committees are holding their State Conferences and receiving new affiliations from Unions. They have also, I am told, in some cases, collected affiliation fees on behalf of the AITUC. In many cases, these affiliation fees have not yet been transferred to the AITUC Centre. In many cases, the dues have not been paid at all.

I wish to point out that if trade unions send delegations to attend the session without paying their affiliation fees, these delegates may not be allowed to attend.

There is an impression that if delegates are not accepted as delegates for want of payment of affiliation fees, they may be allowed to attend as 'observers'. I might make it clear that observers of this kind will not be permitted at all. Because, obviously, as you will see, it is a method of attending the session without accepting its responsibilities, especially in the matter of filing returns and paying dues. I hope you will discourage this tendency if it exists in any Union in your areas.

At the last Working Committee meeting, we had all come to the conclusion that the moral prestige of the AITUC has gone up so much that a number of unions are now willing to affiliate with us. In such circumstances and especially when the workers have become more conscious than before, it should not be difficult for you to get new affiliations and also get money from the workers for this purpose.

I am sending this circular because, unless our organisation is perfected in all its details, we shall remain very weak in the matter of building up our activities for the future.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

S. A. DANGE,  
General Secretary