

March 8, 1958

The Secretary,
Ministry of Transport,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Will you please arrange to send us
a copy of the Choudhari Committee's report
on the Working Conditions of Port & Dock
Workers, for our reference and record.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,


(E.A.DANGE), M.P.,
General Secretary

Immediate

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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No.LRII/Dy/2411/58 Dated New Delhi, the 4th April 1958.

From

Shri A.L.Handa
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

Shri S.A.Dange, M.P.,
4, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.

Subject:-Choudhari Committee's Report - Request for supply of a copy of -

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Sir,

I am directed to say that your letter dated the 8th March 1958, on the above subject, has been passed on to the Ministry of Transport & Communication for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

A.L.Handa

(A.L.Handa)
Under Secretary

*Received M.G. Dange
& Committee with reference
to this letter & over provision one
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S. A. DANGE,

4 Ashok Road,
NEW DELHI

April 18, 1958

The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Transport,
New Delhi.

Sub: Choudhari Committee's Report
- for supply of a copy of

Dear Sir,

This is with reference to my letter of 8th March and the letter from Shri A.L.Handa, Under Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment dated 4th April 1958 to you, to supply a copy of the Choudhari Committee Report, to me.

Will you please send me a copy of the above report at your earliest?

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(S. A. DANGE)

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Transport, by title, NOT by name.

Telegrams :
"TRANSPORT."

Ministry of Transport.
& COMMUNICATIONS (TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT)

No. 23-PLA(129)/57 Pt.II

New Delhi, the 30th April, 1958.

From

Shri D.A.R. Warriar,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

The General Secretary,
All India Trade Union Congress,
4, Ashok Road, New Delhi.

Sub:- Supply of the copies of Shri Chaudhuri's Report on
the Demands of Port & Dock Workers.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated the 8th
March, 1958 and to say that the Report is treated as a
confidential document and as such it is not yet possible to
supply a copy of it to the All India Trade Union Congress at
this stage.

Yours faithfully,

D.A.R. Warriar
(D.A.R. Warriar) 4/58

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Mumbai Memo

(Separated)

Dear Shri. Manohar: Shal / P. C. Navale

A copy of letter for the Ministry of Transport is enclosed
for your reference.

At the 16th 12th at Mumbai, the same
has raised the question regarding copies of the
Chaudhry Committee report to be given to you had agreed
to investigate it.

This is given to inform you however for doing
the needful in the matter.

With regards,

Your sincerely

(L.S. S.)

June 26, 1958

Dear Shri Manubhai Shah,

A copy of letter from the Ministry of Transport is enclosed for your information.

At the 16th Indian Labour Conference at Rainital, Shri Dange has raised the question of supply of the report by Shri Chaudhari to the AITUC and you had assured that the matter will be looked into.

This is just to remind you to do the needful in the matter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

K.G.S.
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(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary

Letter to Shri Manubhai Shah No. 172

Shri Manubhai Shah,
Minister for Industry,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

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.

President : S. S. MIRAJKAR.
General Secretary : S. A. DANGE, M.P.

July 2, 1958

The Minister for Labour & Employment,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI

Sub: Jamshedpur Affairs

Dear Sir,

It has been brought to our notice that even after one month of the resumption of work in the TISCO, workers belonging to the Jamshedpur Mazdoor Union are being arrested and harassed. To those who were arrested earlier, abnormal delay and a process of harassment are meted out, even in granting them bail.

2. Shri Ramavatar Singh, Secretary, Legal Aid Committee of the Jamshedpur Mazdoor Union was arrested on June 27, 1958. Similarly Shri D.D. Chakravorty, another person who was helping in the legal work has been arrested. Srimathi Brij Bai, another union worker was also arrested on June 27. It is said scores of other warrants are pending.

3. These persons were not absconding but going to court very often in connection with legal aid work. Their arrests can therefore be only an after-thought and intended to, besides creating a reign of terror, deprive and create difficulties in getting and rendering legal aid to those arrested earlier and to prevent normal trade union work at Jamshedpur.

4. All workers who were in employment on 11th May 1958 have not been taken on work though according to TISCO announcement, full working in the factory has commenced with effect from 15th June 1958. This is a clever case of illegal retrenchment with vindictive intentions.

5. Inside the Factory, due to the absence of full complement of workers, those who have been taken in are being harassed and forced to take on increased workload.

These practices, you will agree, are not conducive to the growth of peaceful industrial relations.

May I therefore request you to kindly look into the matter and take steps as may be necessary to stop these practices. Thanking you.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

K.G. Sriwastava

(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary

July 25, 1958

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Transport & Communications,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Please arrange to send us a copy of the Government resolution dated July 20, 1958 on the Report of the O.S.D. ~~to~~ ~~be~~ appointed to inquire into the demands of the port and dock workers.

2. Since it has been announced that the above report has been released for publication, it is requested that a copy of the same be arranged to be sent to this organisation, at your earliest.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

W. S. Srinivasan

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August 7, 1958

The Minister for Railways,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

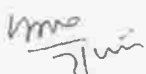
Dear Sir,

We enclose herewith a memorandum on closures and retrenchment in Barbil iron ore and manganese mines, which have assumed serious proportions.

The mine owners have alleged that they are forced to close mines or reduce working force because the railway administration has not provided them with adequate wagons to move the ores. In view of the fact, that thousands of miners have been rendered jobless, we would request that you will do the needful.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary

Encl:

August 7, 1958

The Minister for Steel Mines & Fuel,
Government of India,
New Delhi.


Dear Sir,

We enclose herewith a memorandum on
closures and retrenchment in Barbil iron ore
and manganese mines, which have assumed
serious proportions threatening industrial
peace in the area.

We would request that the matter may
be given your immediate attention.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary

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Government of India.
Ministry of Railways.
(Railway Board.)
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No: 58.TTII/55/2R.

New Delhi, the 23-8-1958.

The Secretary,
All India Trade Union Congress,
4 Ashok Road, New Delhi.

25 AUG 1958

Dear Sir,

Sub: Closure of Iron and Manganese Ore mines ♦
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I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 7.8.58, addressed to the Minister for Railways and to state that so far as closure of iron ore mines is concerned, the complaint may please be lodged with the State Trading Corporation of India (Private) Ltd., who have been entrusted with the responsibility of canalising the entire export of iron ore from the country. It is the State Trading Corporation who place orders for export of iron ore on various parties and it is not known to this Ministry as to how and in what manner they do so.

2. As regards closure of manganese ore mines as a result of non-supply of wagons, a copy of your letter is being forwarded to the General Manager, South Eastern Railway, Calcutta who will, no doubt, look into the matter and advise you direct.

Yours faithfully,

M.V. Bhavnani

(M. V. Bhavnani)

for Secretary, Railway Board

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ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

Asansol Regional Committee

G. T. ROAD, ASANSOL

Ref. No. _____

Date _____ 1958

Com. S. A. Dange,
4, Ashok Road,
New-Delhi.

22 AUG 1958

Dear comrade,

One boy & 4 men have died of gas-effects in a well in village Mishchint within P.S. Asansol on 11.8.58. The village is very close to Srepar Colliery & Rana Colliery (Lodna Coal Co. Ltd. M/A. Turner Morrison) & below the village surface 3 seams, namely, Rana, Poniat, & one other Kaiti, are being simultaneously worked. Poniat is a gassy seam & gas has been detected in Rana seam also. The villagers strongly believe that fissures or cracks might have developed in the roofs of the galleries which are being widened and the accumulated gas has ~~emitted~~ emitted itself to the surface through these cracks, using the well as an outlet.

Another feature worth noticing is that all the wells in the village are yet without any water though rainy season has set in. It is believed by the workers and villagers that due to cracks in the coal seams the water is being drained down.

But, the mines Deptt. and Colliery authorities do not show any concern over it and no action has yet been taken by them in this respect. The villagers have approached the S.D.O Asansol for relief and compensation. The S.D.O has agreed

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ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS

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to pay relief, and hold a departmental enquiry in to the matter. But on other issue, raised by the villase in the memorandum submitted to him by a deputation led by Asansol Regional Committee of A.I.T.U.C on 14.8.58 have, however, not been accepted by him

The matter is very serious and it should be raised in the Lok Shava.

With greetings.

Comradely yours'

Bejoy Paul

(Bejoy Paul.)

Secretary,

Asansol Regional Committee
of A.I.T.U.C.

a Mining/ Inspector,
circle,
Barampur.

Subj:- Recent disaster in Nishchinta village, P.O. Nishchinta
Dist. Burdwan, where five persons have died of gas-
attack in a well.

Dear sir,

This to inform you that on 11.8.58 five persons of the said
village have died, after having being gas-attacked, for which no
obvious indications were found before hand.

This well and the villages of Nishchinta and Sripur are lying
just upon the working places of Sripur Colliery (Under Lodna Coal
Co. Ltd) where, had present, three seams are being worked at, amongst
them the Kaithi and Punhati are heavily gassy, to our knowledge.

The villagers and the workers, coming from those villages,
say that these gas, emitting out from those working seams has come
out in the well, straight through the strata, taking the courses
of the broken strata. They say that the method of workings in those
seams are wrongful and violating the existing Mining Rules and Regu-
lations and Act. Galleries are widened. Depillarings are done in the
bottom seams, as if, Punhati is depillared, as being bottom seam,
whereas, the top seam are in the development stage. There is no
ch-packing and sand-stowing going in gas-area of the workings.
The gas pressure in "Kaithi Seams" is no less.

As regard the said villages, water is not being accumulated
either, be it in the field or, in the tanks or, in any well even after
the rain fall. In the vander distance of the villages, the
subsidence is often, taking place. Recently, a cow has gon down to
some unknown depth from a subsidence.

Besides that, the villages have been faced many marks of
cracks in the walls of the houses, in roadways and also in paddy lands.

All the above stated situations have led the people of the
villages and neighbouring places to be panicky and disappointing.
They have been passing their days in an uncertain stage.

So, We expect that immediately one enquiry for the safety
of the villages should be made by the Mines' Deptt. and the people
would be helped assurances to get relieved of the faced situation
and the causes of death of those five persons should be enquired
immediately and if this is proved that the wrongful method of workings
of the said company this is happened, as the local people believed,
the said company would have to be taken in to action.

We have every belief that the matter will be taken seriously
by the department.

Thanking you.

Asansol.
18.8.58.

Copy to:-

1. District Magistrate, Burdwan.
 2. Chief Mining Inspector, Dhanbad.
 3. Sri S.K.Dange, M.P. New-Delhi.
 4. Sri Jyoti Basu, M.L.A. Cal.
 5. Chief Minister, Govt. of W.Bengal.
- all for information and necessary
action please.

Yours' faithfully,

Bejay Basu
Secretary 18/8
Asansol Regional Committee
of All India Trade Union
Congress, G.T.Road, Asansol.

Secretary,
R.T.U.C., G.T.Rd., Asansol.

To
The District Magistrate,
Burdwan.

Subj: The death of 5 persons in a well of village Nishchinta P.O. nishchinta Dt. Burdwan out of gas-attack and the consequences.

Dear sir,

We are to inform you that 5000 villagers of villages Nishchinta and Sripur P.O. Nishchinta Dt. Burdwan, have become much panicky and perplexed from a recent disastrous incident in the village, when on 11.8.58 5 persons, one after another, have faced death, as being gas-attacked in a well of the villages, which lie just upon the working places of Sripur Colliery (under Lodna Coal Co.) where 3 seams are now being worked at. Within 3 of the seams 2/3 are gassy. Villagers have reported that the mining operations in the different seams of the underground are not methodical, according to Mining Rules and Regulations and violating the Mines Act. It is there say that due to wrongful workings in the coal-bearing seams, the upper stone strata have been affected to be broken, when the accumulated and man-killing gases have got their way out through those broken lines and cracks, with the result ultimately to get in to the well, thus to kill those 5 persons.

Besides that, the villages are marked ~~marked~~ with so many cracks. The walls, roadways and the lands have recorded cracks etc. Moreover, water is not ~~standing~~ standing or accumulating in any well or any pond or paddy lands, even after ~~6000~~ in the area, in these rainy season.

All these above stated circumstances have made the people, really bewildered and placed them in an uncertain condition and they all in these connections make the management of the said company to be responsible.

That is why, we expect, that you will kindly and immediately set up an enquiry in to the safety of the two villages and villagers of 5,000 strength. Mines Deptt. must start thorough enquiry in to the happenings so that the villagers' safety might be assured and the guilty management, as the people say, if be proved, must be punished and give compensations to the affected families. But, during this time, the affected families would be given reliefs by the Govt. so that ~~that~~ those families may not go uncared for. Besides that a judicial enquiry for the incidents should also be set up.

With thanks.

Yours' faithfully,

Rajendra Bose

Secretary, 18/8

~~Secretary~~ Regional
Asansol ~~Regional~~ Committee
of ~~Asansol~~
All India Trade Union Congress.

Asansol.
13.8.58.

Copy to:-

1. Labour Minister (Central)
2. Chief Mining Inspector, Dhanbad.
3. S.A. Dange, M.P. New Delhi.
4. Sri Jyoti Basu, M.L.A. Cal.
5. Dr. B.C. Roy, Chief Minister, Govt. of W. Bengal
for information and necessary action please.

September 6, 1958

The Minister for Steel, Mines & Fuel,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sub: Death of 5 persons by gas-effects
in Nishchinta, Asansol on Aug.11, 1958.

Dear Sir,

In relation to the tragedy that took place in Nishchinta, where one boy and four men died of gas effects in a well, we wish to bring to your attention certain points reported to us by our trade unions in Asansol.

The ill-fated well and the village in which it is situated, is very close to Srepur Colliery and Rana Colliery (Lodna Coal Co. Ltd. M/s. Turner Morrison) and below the village surface, three seams, namely, Rana, Poniatl and one other Kaithi, are being simultaneously worked. Poniatl is a gassy seam and gas has been detected in Rana seam also. The villagers strongly believe that fissures or cracks might have developed in the roofs of the galleries which are being widened and the accumulated gas has emitted itself to the surface through these cracks, using the well as an outlet.

Another feature, the trade unions have pointed out is that all the wells in the village are yet without any water though rainy season has set in. It is believed by the local population that due to cracks in the coal seams, the water is being drained down.

It has been reported to us that the Mines Department and the Colliery authorities do not show any concern over these developments and no action has been taken as yet. We would therefore suggest that an enquiry may be instituted to find out if the apprehensions of the local population are well-founded.

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In a memorandum sent by the villagers of Nishchinta to the S.D.O., Asansol, it was demanded (1) those affected families should be given relief; (2) compensation should be realised from the management of the collieries; (3) mining inspectors should make thorough enquiries and inform the villagers and the local Government whether the villagers' lives and property are safe; (4) a judicial enquiry into the tragedy and (5) management of the collieries should be made to supply water with help of pumps to the needy villagers.

We hope you will look into the matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

K.G. Sriwastava

(K.G. Sriwastava)
Secretary

Copy to: The Chief Minister,
Government of W. Bengal,
Calcutta.

Before the S.D.O.
Asansol.

A memorandum on behalf of the villagers of Nishchinta and Sripur, P.O. Nishchinta, Dist. Burdwan for the grave situation, coming out of the recent disaster in a well, where 5 persons have breathed last, being gas-attacked.

Dear sir,

We, the villagers of the Nishchinta and Sripur, beg to submit this memorandum, where every thing is stated for the present situation and when the villagers are expecting more dangerous situation may be fallen upon them, for your perusal and necessary action.

That 5 persons have died, having been gas attacked in a well of the Nishchinta village on 11.8.58.

That this well is now just upon the working places of Rana Colliery and Sripur Colliery, where the mining work is done in two seams. Under the well three seams are now being worked one upon the other.

That the information speaks that the method of workings in all the seams are not correct to the rules and regulation ~~under~~ under the Mines Act & mining regulations and the galleries in those seams have been made wide enough, thus to bring damages in the upper stone-stratas which may cause breakage, right through the stratas, to push the obnoxious and man-killing gases upwards even to the said well, where this calamity is caused.

That this information is proved to be correct, when, we further find that the villagers have been marked with many breakages, persons, to bring notice to the impending damages for the whole of the villages and the surroundings.

That all the wells in the said villages have totally been dried up, when, we find, no water in the well, even after the rainfall. Water is not stucked and accumulated because of water goes down through the breakages of the stratas, which has made serious water ~~crisis~~ crisis in the villages.

That this situation is not expected in case the method of workings in those collieries are correct.

That the above wrongful method of workings have taken away the 5 valuable lives of the villages, when the affected families ~~have~~ have been finding no way out to solve their unwarranted family problems.

That, we, at length, expect that 1) those affected families should kindly be given reliefs. 2) those families would have to be compensated for the lives, the amount of the ~~compensation~~ compensation must be realised from the managements of the above two collieries, 3) the mining Inspectors must give thorough enquires for the stated situation, if necessary, chief inspector of mines will have to look after the situation stated and will inform the villagers and the local Govt., whether the villagers' lives & properties are in safe or not and 4) a judicial enquiry must be started for the incident, where the villagers will put their sayings 5) the management of Sripur & Rana Collieries will be told to supply water by the help of pumps to the said villages in no time.

That we expect your gracious help in the matter, when we will remain ever obliged.

Signed by 33 leading
villagers.

Yours faithfully,
The Villagers of Nishchinta and Sripur P.O. Nishchinta
Dist. Burdwan

Death of 5 Persons in a well
by gas in Nishchimda.

- good material to be raised in Parliament.

- Please return the papers after use

Comrade Acharya,
Papers returned.

Ch. Acharya

This matter ^{concerns} as an exclusive issue
be raised in Parliament, as
the only it is mainly of State
Concern. More concern with
Public Health. Only matters concerned
directly into labour in mines can be
taken up in Parliament. Some MP who
making a speech on working mines may bring it up.
hundreds of thousands will die
making other more in parks
to be dealt with

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16 SEP 1958

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क्रमांक ~~153/58~~

कसौली

दिनांक 15.8.58

To

1. The Health Minister,
Govt. of India, New Delhi.

2. The D.G.H.S. India,
New Delhi

(Chairman T.A.D.)

Dear Sir,

The workers of the Lady Lialithgow Sanatorium, Kasauli, Ambala District, have been placing our demands before the authorities of the Tuberculosis Association of India for the last 5 years. But it is regrettable that nothing has so far been done by the authorities. ~~the~~ The demands are given below for allotting date and time for an interview with the deputy ~~of~~ of the union.

1. The Lady Lialithgow Sanatorium Workers Union should be recognised

2. All the retrenched workers including Shri Gurdev Singh be re-instated

3. All the workers who complete 3 months service be made permanent, and be given the benefit of the Employees Provident Fund scheme.

4. The system of appointing the daily wages workers as wardboys and sweepers be stopped and the workload be lightened by appointing regular staff

5. 8 hours duty for all the categories of the staff be imposed.

6. Leave rules be revised according to the Govt. rules, and the wardboys and sweepers be given same leave facilities as are given to other staff

7. The sick workers and their families be given free treatment and a doctor on should see the bedridden cases at their homes.

8. The principle of equal wages for equal work be adopted.

9. The basic wages of the Kasauli staff should be raised from ~~Rs 1~~ to ~~Rs~~ 30-1/2-35. P.M. and food charges for the leave period should not be ~~overd.~~

P. T. D.

No.204/LLS/58
September 22, 1958

Shri D.P.Karmarkar,
Minister of Health,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sub: Demands submitted by the Lady Linlithgow
Sanatorium Workers Union, Dharampore.

Dear Sir,

We enclose herewith copy of a letter from the President, Lady Linlithgow Sanatorium Workers Union, Dharampore, Simla Hills, placing certain pressing demands of the sanatorium workers for your consideration.

The workers' union has been repeatedly trying to reach a settlement with the authorities for the last five years and we hope you will agree that such a state of affairs compelling workers to resort to direct action would be far from desirable

We would also like to invite your attention to the unanimous recommendation of the 16th Indian Labour Conference which met at Nainital in May this year on the question of industrial relations relating to hospital employees. The Conference stress the need to create suitable machinery to ventilate and remedy the grievances of the hospital employees so that any undesirable developments in essential services may be effectively avoided. It is regrettable that the Tuberculosis Association of India, under the Ministry of Health, should have taken a position contrary to the recommendations of the tripartite conference in respect of labour relations in the Lady Linlithgow Sanatorium. We hope you will look into the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: The Minister for
Labour & Employment,
Government of India,
New Delhi

mm *22/9/58*
(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary

COPY

P.S.No.1172/58

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
INDIA

New Delhi

October 1, 1958

The Secretary,
All-India Trade Union Congress,
4 Ashok Road, New Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.204/LLS/58 dated 22nd September, 1958, addressed to the Union Minister of Health, enclosing a copy of a representation submitted by the Lady Linlighow Sanatorium Workers' Union, Dharampore, and to say that the matter is receiving attention. A further communication on the subject will be sent to you shortly.

Yours faithfully,

Sd.

(R.V.JATHAR)
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE
MINISTER FOR HEALTH

October 4, 1958

The President,
Lady Linlithgow Sanatorium Workers Union,
DHARAMPORE, Simla Hills

Dear Comrade,

We have received the enclosed
reply from the Ministry of Health on
the representation from your union
forwarded by us. We shall write to you
again when we hear from the Ministry
again.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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

Encl:

Sardar Swaran Singh,
Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sub: Closure of Blast Furnaces and Coke
Oven Plants in Kulti, - IISCO - Retrench-
ment of workers leading to industrial unrest

Dear Sir,

Serious industrial unrest has developed in Kulti, following the decision of the Indian Iron & Steel Co. to close down blast furnaces and coke ovens. Nearly one thousand workers would be rendered unemployed by the closure.

2. The notice of closure was announced only in the last week of September and it is therefore evident that the management has not in this instance abided by the recommendations of the Nainital (16th Indian Labour Conference) Conference to give clear notice of ~~two~~ months to workers and three months to Government, before total closures are effected.

3. The non-implementation of the foregoing tripartite agreement is sought to be explained by the Company on the alleged ground that the closure has the approval of the Government of India. If this is so, the Government itself becomes party to the non-implementation.

4. The loss of production of high quality pig iron resulting from the closure would also badly affect the engineering industry in W.Bengal. Trade Union leaders have disputed the plea of the Company that the Burnpur plant under the same management would be able to offset the loss.

5. When nearly one thousand experienced and skilled workers are thus forced to join the swelling ranks of the unemployed, and when the loss in production at this critical period would have devastating effects, it is surprising that the Government of India, as alleged by the Company, should support the plans of closure in Kulti Works. And it is only logical that provoked by the massive retrenchment, the steel workers should go in for direct action, the impact of which can be well-understood.

6. We would therefore request that a tripartite conference be convened immediately by the Government of India to consider the above questions and the closures averted, to the advantage of all concerned.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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

20 NOV 1958

ER-G194/BN-2(GM), 2(CMO)
T391A(CTM) etc.

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

GL19

No. MGP/52/111/CAL.

Dated 19th November, 1958.

From the Chief Operating Supdt.,
Garden Reach, Calcutta-23.

To the Secretary,
All India Trade Union Congress,
4, Ashoke Road, New Delhi.

Sub. Closure of iron and manganese ore mines.

Ref Nil.
Dear sir,

Further to the Board's letter No.58-TT.II/55/2R dated 23.8.58, I furnish below full particulars against each mine owner who has either closed his manganese ore mines or heavy retrenchment of workers has been made as reported by you.

- (1) Messrs. O.M.M. & Co. registered their quota on 19.6.58 i.e. at the fag end of the year. At that time as the Docks strike was in progress export ore was entirely stopped upto 25.6.58. The week left for clearance of traffic they were given one wagon.
- (2) Messrs. Serajuddin & Co. were allotted 1479 wagons against a quota of 1636 wagons i.e. 90% of the export quota was cleared. The party lost 10% due to operational troubles.
- (3) Messrs. Ores Development Co. had no export quota as such the question of despatch on this account does not arise.
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Yours faithfully,

(L.M. D'Cruz)

for Chief Operating Supdt.

No. MGP/52/111/CAL.

Dated, 19 -11-1958.

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New Delhi in reference to Board's letter quoted above.

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(L.M. D'Cruz)
for GENERAL MANAGER.

No.MGP/52/111/CAL
19th November 1958.

From

The Chief Operating Superintendent,
South~~ern~~ Eastern Railway,
Garden Reach,
Calcutta-23.

To

The Secretary,
All-India Trade Union Congress,
4 Ashok Road, New Delhi

Sub: Closure of iron and manganese ore mines.

Dear Sir,

Further to the Board's letter No.58-TT.II/55/2R dated 23.3.58, I furnish below full particulars against each mine owner who has either closed his manganese ore mines or heavy retrenchment of workers has been made as reported by you.

- (1) Messrs. O.M.M.& Co. registered their quota on 19.6.58 i.e. at the fag end of the year. At that time, as the Docks strike was in progress export ore was entirely stopped upto 25.6.58. The week left for clearance of traffic, they were given one wagon.
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for GENERAL MANAGER

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No.204/C-IO/58
November 23, 1958

The Minister for Steel, Mines & Fuel,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sub: Closure of iron ore and manganese
ore mines in Barbil area, Orissa

Dear Sir,

Ref: Further to our memorandum dated
August 7, 1958.

We regret to note that no reply has been received from your Ministry on the points raised in the above memorandum.

A letter received by us from the South Eastern Railway is enclosed for your information. According to the Railways, the wagon position is not too bad. This was one of the reasons alleged by the mineowners for resorting to closures and heavy retrenchment.

We would like to know if your Ministry has ordered any inquiry into the situation in Barbil, or the iron and manganese ore mines as a whole in which there have been serious complaints about the alarming rate of retrenchment and closures. If this has been done, please inform us what steps the Government proposes to take to remedy the situation.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Kmo
24/11/58
(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary

Encl:

D.O.No.204/T(261)/58
November 29, 1958

Dear Shri Manubhai Shah,

Two days back, Shri Ashok Mehta said to me that you had told him that I had agreed to installation of 5000 automatic looms this year and the next. On the basis of this statement of yours, Shri Mehta seems to have written to the Hind Mazdoor Sabha about it. I told Shri Ashok Mehta that the statement was inaccurate.

I may remind you that when you spoke to me in the lobby about this question of automatic looms, I mentioned to you the repercussions it will have on employment of textile workers. You said that that was protected by the conventions on rationalisation. I told you that though I had no objection in principle as such to technical improvements, these at present were leading to unemployment and that the convention was not quite effective in protecting the workers.

I suggested that the whole question of automatic looms and the report of the Inquiry Committee may be taken up for a round table discussion between the trade unions and the Government. I got the impression that you were willing for such a meeting.

I find that lot of rationalised machines and even automatic looms are already coming in. So it appears that reference to our trade unions is being made a mere formal matter. So I wonder if Government would be agreeable to discussing this question at the round table. In any case, I consider it my duty to tell you about it and about the discontent that is growing in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

S.A. Dange
(S.A. Dange)

Shri Manubhai Shah,
Minister for Industry,
New Delhi.

Copy to: Shri G.L.Nanda
Shri Ashok Mehta
H.M.S.
I.N.P.U.C.

No.204/R(5)/58
December 2, 1958

The Labour Minister,
Government of Rajasthan,
JAIPUR.

Sub: Constitution of Evaluation &
Implementation Committee.

Dear Sir,

We understand that in the Evaluation & Implementation Committee constituted on State-level by you, no representation has been given to the Rajasthan State Committee of the AITUC.

As you are aware, trade unions affiliated to the AITUC have considerable influence in the industrial centres in Rajasthan. If we may point out, the exclusion of a central TU organisation, for whatever reasons it might be, will not be conducive to the proper functioning of the E & I Committee, in the interest of maintaining industrial peace. We therefore hope that all central TU organisations having affiliates in your State would be represented on the E & I Committee, as is done in the Central Evaluation and Implementation Committee.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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(K.G.Sriwastava)
Secretary

4 DEC 1958



MINISTER OF MINES & OIL
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI-2

D.O.No.2517/58-MIV

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December 4, 1958.

My dear Sriwastava,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No.204/C-10/58 dated November 23, 1958.

2. I am grateful to you for sending the information regarding the closure of the mines in Barbil area. As a matter of fact, the Director, Indian Bureau of Mines, is already looking into the reasons for the closure of some of the mines, and as soon as his report is received, further action will be considered by the Government.

Yours sincerely,

Keshava Deva Malaviya
(Keshava Deva Malaviya)

Shri K.G.Sriwastava,
Secretary,
All India Trade Union Congress,
4 Ashok Road,
NEW DELHI.

See K.G. file

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