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Abstract: Contains 8 letters mostly addressed to the NCCRS. They raise organisational issues of forging a common front of railway workers organisations and the need to work out differences

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N.E. RAILWAY MAZDOOR UNION
(Affiliated to IRWF and AITUC).

NO. NERMU/S/74

Central Office,
561/I Bichhia Railway Colony
Gorakhpur
Camp, Delhi dated 16.4.1974.

The Convenor,
National Co-Ordination
Committee of Railwaymen's Struggle,
New Delhi.

Dear Comrade.,

Reg:- Constitution of Co.ordination committees for
Railwaymen's struggle on N.E. Railway.

The undersigned took an opportunity to explain the position with regard to the functioning of two parallel coordination committees at the Zonal level on the N.E. Rly when I got an opportunity to speak in the meeting of the National Coordination committee on April, 15. I had also explained that the functioning of two parallel committees is naturally causing harm to the cause for which we ~~are~~ had agreed to launch a united struggle. ~~While~~ efforts on our part for unity have failed due to lack of response from your affiliate. This division ~~of~~ at Zonal level is also having repercussions at lower levels. We would, therefore, urge for a quick solution to this problem. We would, however, suggest the following solutions which in fact we had suggested through other organisations to your affiliate in the past.

1. Both the coordination committees should jointly meet, desolve and constitute in the same meeting a new coordination committee

or

2. A meeting of all Unions/Associations on the N.E. Railway may be convened afresh either by my Union or by ~~any other~~ your affiliate or by any other organisation in which all should be called and a coordination committee constituted.

Hope prompt action in the matter would be taken and the undersigned apprised of the same.

With greetings,

Yours comradely.,

(V.P. Sinha)
GENERAL SECRETARY

Copy to the General Secretary, I.R.W.F., New Delhi for information and necessary action.

GENERAL SECRETARY

GRAM : RAILWAYMEN

PHONE : 40147

NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR RAILWAYMEN'S STRUGGLE

125-E, Bazar Road,
New Delhi.

April 15, 1974

Appeal to All Unions of railwaymen:

In view of the decision taken by the National Co-ordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle to launch an indefinite general strike of all railwaymen on their 6 point charter of demands from May 8, 1974, the meeting appeals to all organisations of railwaymen to suspend their sectional agitations already launched or proposed to be launched, and concentrate all their energies and efforts to making the general strike a resounding success.

(Union/Association/Federation)

Dated the _____ day of _____, 1974

To

(Name of the employer)

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the provision contained in sub-section (1) of section 22 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 I hereby give you notice that I propose to call a strike on 8th May, 1974 at 6.00 A.M. for the reasons explained in the annexe.

Yours faithfully,

General Secretary.

ANNEXE

Statement of the case .

Non-fulfilment of the following demands:-

- 1.(a) All Railwaymen be treated as industrial workers with full trade union rights including the right to negotiate.
 - (b) The working hours of Railwaymen shall not exceed eight hours per day.
 - (c) There shall be job evaluation of all Railwaymen through a scientific system to be followed by their reclassification and regradation with the need-based minimum wages as the wage for the lowest paid worker.
 - (d) Pending the completion of job evaluation and reclassification, immediate parity in wages with those of workers in Central Undertakings, viz., HMT, BHEL, ISEL, HAL etc.
2. Dearness allowance linked to the cost of living index with full neutralisation for every rise of 4 points in a six months period.

3. Bonus at the rate of one Month's wages for the years 1971-72 and 1972-73.
4. Decasualisation of all casual railwaymen and their confirmation in service with all benefits given to them with retrospective effect.
5. Adequate and subsidised foodgrains and other essential commodities through departmentally-run shops.
6. All victimisation cases should be withdrawn.

Copy to:-

1. Conciliation Officer (Central) _____

(here enter office address of the Conciliation Officer in the local area concerned).
2. Regional Labour Commissioner (Central) _____
_____ Zone.
3. Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), New Delhi.

Indian Railways Ticket Checking Staff Association

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S/IRTCSA/Report of NCR/74

Date 15. 4. 74

To

The Comenoh,
NCCRS, 125/E. Bala Rd,
New Delhi

Dear Comrade,

In reference to the decision of the CEC meeting, IRTCSA, held on 26th/27th March 74, I have the privilege to let you know that a detailed report was submitted in the CEC meeting and was about the National Convention of Railwaymen, held on 27th Feb 74, at Delhi.

The house unanimously approved the report and is ready to follow the decisions of the NCCRS henceforth.

A copy of the report is enclosed here with for your perusal please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

S. D. P. Chatterjee

Gen. Secretary

IRTCSA

INDIAN RAILWAYS TICKET CHECKING STAFF ASSOCIATION
HEAD OFFICE : NEW DELHI
CAMP OFFICE : KANAKANGAN, BIDHAMPALLY, MADHYAMGRAM
24 PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL

Special Bulletin No. 3 (74)

Dated 5-3-1974

Dear Comrades,

Subject : National Coordination Committee for
Railwaymen's struggle
(Rastriya Rail Mazdoor Sangharsh Samannaya Samity)

In connection with the above I have the pleasure to invite your attention that as per proposal of various categorical organisations including Indian Railways Ticket Checking Staff Association, a national convention of Railway men was convened by AIRF on 27th February 1974 in front of Badminton Hall, New Delhi. It was largely attended by the representatives of all the railwaymen's unions/associations and organisations.

The NFIR and its affiliated unions who were also invited to attend the Convention, however, did not participate. The Convention appointed a National Coordination Committee for Railwaymen's struggle and decided that the Committee will consist of representatives of all the participating unions/Associations and organisations. A copy of the Resolution is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

The first meeting of the National Coordination Committee for Railwaymen's struggle was held on 28-2-74, at 125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi with Com. George Fernandes in the Chair. After deliberations the following decisions were taken.

1. All participating unions/associations and organisations will send name of one representative from each of their organisations and also one additional name for alternate membership of the Coordination Committee at their earliest.
2. All the participating unions/associations and organisations will ratify the resolution of the Convention in their respective forums and send copies of the resolution so adopted by their organisations to the Coordination Committee's office and also communicate necessary instructions to their local units.
3. The office of the Coordination Committee will be at 125/E, Baba Road, New Delhi-1, and all correspondence addressed to the Convenor of the Coordination Committee should be sent to this address.
4. As resolved by the Convention all participating organisations shall form Coordinating Committees at all possible levels.
5. Each participating organisation will collect its own Struggle Fund. However, for joint expenses the funds will be contributed by each participating Union/Association/organisation according to the requirements.
6. All participating Unions/Associations and organisations will immediately contribute Rs.50/- each for the expenses of the office of the Coordination Committee at their earliest.
7. During the "Demands Week" from 2nd to 8th April, 1974, the following minimum programme should be observed by all the con-

- a) All railwaymen will wear badges during the week from 2nd to 8th April, 1974. The badges will be printed in the name of the Coordination Committee. A specimen badge will be supplied to all the participating organisations by the office of the Coordination Committee.
- b) Badges will be printed by the local units of all the participating unions/Associations and organisations.
- c) On 8-4-74, massive demonstrations shall be arranged jointly by all the unions/associations/Organisations in front of their respective Divisional/and Zonal Headquarters.
- d) The local units of the participating organisations shall take all necessary steps to popularise the Railwaymen's demands and to create necessary sanctions to achieve these demands as also to educate public opinion and prepare the railwaymen for an indefinite General Strike.

8. The next meeting of the Coordination Committee will be held 15-4-1974, at 125/E, Babar Road, New Delhi-1 from 1.00 P.M.

All Zonal, Divisional and Central Office bearers and Executive members are directed to pay serious attention in it and do the needful to materialise the programme considering the better interest of the Check Staff in particular and railwaymen in general.

Further for your information, that Sri D.B. Roy, General Secretary, IRTCSA and Sri K.L. Azad, Office Secretary, IRTCSA, have been included in the National Coordination Committee for railwaymen's struggle on behalf of IRTCSA.

Thanking you,

Fraternal ly yours,


(D.B. Roy)
General Secretary
IRTCSA

राष्ट्रीय रेलमजदुर संघर्ष समन्वय समिति
(NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE RAILWAY MEN'S STRUGGLE)

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की अडिनेशन कमिटी
पुराना स्टेशन,
धनबाद

क्षेत्रिय कार्यालय

२३/२४, ट्राण्डरोड
कलकत्ता

15.4.74.

दिनांक

K.C. Roy Choudhuri
D. Singh,
Joint Conveners.

To

The Divisional Superintendent,
Eastern Railway,
Dhanbad.

Dear Sir,

The copy of the minutes of the meeting of
Citizens' convention held at Dhanbad on 14.4.74 under
the President-ship of Sri Baban Lal, Advocate, Dhanbad
is enclosed for your information and necessary action
please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(K.C. Roy Choudhuri)
Joint Convener
N.C.C.R.S./Dhanbad Divn

Copy to: Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad
Convener, N.C.C.R.S., E.Rly., Calcutta.
✓ Convener, N.C.C.R.S., New Delhi.
The Hon'ble Governor of Bihar, Patna
Hon'ble Labour Minister, New Delhi.
Hon'ble Rly. Minister, Rail Bhowan, New Delhi.
General Manager, Eastern Railway, Calcutta.
Chief Mining Adviser, Railway Board, Dhanbad
for information and necessary action please.

(K.C. Roy Choudhuri)

NCC/1/74

April 13, 1974.


Dear Com. Man Singh,

I have your letter of 9th April, 1974. I am told that one more Coordination Committee has been formed in Bhatinda.

I hope whatever differences still exist between the two groups will be removed and there will be unity of purpose and action at all levels.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,


George Fernandes

Shri Man Singh Walia,
Convener,
Rly. Workers Coordination Committee,
T-146-L, Rly. Colony,
Bhatinda.

RAILWAY WORKERS - CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE
N. Rly - BHATINDA

NO:- 1/RNCC/ORG/74 Dated 9.4.74

Sub:- Formation of co-ordination committee.

The Convener
N. COO Com.
New Delhi



Dear Comrade,

A meeting of all the 21 organisations of Rly workers of Bhatinda held on 6-4.74 under the presidentship of Com Tersem Singh Dirl Say All India Station masters association. More than two hundred representatives of the above organisations attended the aforesaid meeting and elected the following office bearers for further co-ordination.

1. Com Man Singh walia - Convener.
2. Com Sumritter Singh Ass't Convener
3. Com N. L. Kataria — SV —
4. Com M. R. Nanda — SV —
5. Com B. D. Joshi Treasurer.

A co-ordination committee have been constituted by electing two representatives of every participating organisation.

I am enclosing here with a copy of a resolution passed by a Mass. meeting organised after a huge procession of Rly workers of Bhatinda for your information and record. you are therefore requested to please make further correspondence on the following address.

Comradely yours
Man Singh walia
Convener

Rly Workers Co-ordination Committee

T-146-L ~~146-L~~ Rly Colony
Bhatinda.

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The Convener
National Co-ordination Committee for
Railwaymen's Struggle.
125 E Babar Road, New Delhi-1

Comrade,

In terms of the resolutions adopted in the N Co-ordination Committee meeting held on 28.2.74 at New Delhi the Co-ordination Committee, Katihar Division, N.F. Rly in their resolution dated 27.3.74 has approved the resolutions adopted in the Railwaymen's Convention held on 27.2.74 at New Delhi.

Further to the resolution, the Co-ordination Committee, Katihar Division N.F. Rly nominated Com: Anwar Dasgupta as represent member of the National Co-ordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle and Com: S.B. Kanyalal as an alternative member.

The Levy of Rs 50/- as resolved in the Co-ordination Committee on 28.2.74 is being deposited through the member Com: Anwar Dasgupta. A/c. represent