

Minutes of Citizens Convention held at Dhanbad on 14.4.74.

1. In response to the call of the Joint Convenor, National ~~Workers~~ Co-Ordination Committee for Railwaymen's Struggle, Dhanbad Division, the citizens of Dhanbad assembled at Sambhunath Dharmashala, Dhanbad at 5 P.M. on 14.4.74 and the citizens convention was held under the President-ship of Sri Baban Lal, Advocate. This convention unanimously supports the following demands of the Railwaymen as these are the just demands and urge upon the Railway Minister, Prime Minister and the President of India to accede to following demands forthwith to avert the impending strike which it is felt, may be launched by the workers under compelling circumstances arisen out of very cold treatment of the authorities against their employees.

DEMANDS:-

- a) All Railwaymen should be treated as industrial workers, ^{and should be given} 8 hours duty, proper job evaluation based on the principle of need based minimum wage.
- b) Dearness allowance linked to the cost of living index with full neutralisation.
- c) Bonus for all.
- d) Regularisation of casual staff.
- e) Supply of adequate food grains and other essential commodities.
- f) Victimisation cases would be withdrawn.

2. This convention also resolves that the citizens of Dhanbad will evidently extend full moral support to the Railwaymen at Dhanbad for their struggle to achieve the above just demands at the call of N.C.C.R.S.

3. This Convention cannot be a silent spectator to the fact that the Local Rly. Administration ie D.S., E.Rly., Dhanbad and C.M.A./Rly. Board, Dhanbad have already started the nefarious game by punitive transfer of Trade Union workers as the first weapon to crush the ensuing struggle and Trade Union and therefore, demands immediate cancellation of all motivated and punitive transfer of all Trade Union workers to regard the democratic and Trade Union rights.

4. This meeting also notes the fact that the Rly. Administration has decided to confront its employees with all sorts of repressive measures and has prepared to crush the impending Historic Mass Movement of Railwaymen at Dhanbad through deployment of T. A., B.S.F, C.R.P. & other personnels. It is felt that this attempt on the part of the Govt. will be suicidal and will only strengthen the militant movement amongst the Railwaymen.

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5. This meeting also resolves to constitute a Citizens Committee of seven members with Sri Baban Lal, Advocate as Convener to extend active co-operation to the struggling Railwaymen.

- i. Prof. N.K.Chatterjee,
- ii. Sri Chinmoy Mukherjee, M.L.A.
- iii. Sri N.K.Mishra, Advocate.
- iv. Sri S.K. Mitra, Journalist.
- v. Sri Mahesh Shaw, Advocate.
- vi. Sri K.B. Singh, Teacher.
- vii. Sri Anand Mohan, Trade Unionist.

6. This meeting while condemning the brutal indiscriminate firing on the mass at Gaya on 12.4.74 resulting in unfortunate death of several students and others, demands judicial probe and full compensation to the families of the deceased.


(Baban Lal, Advocate)
President of the Convention.