

S. A. DANGE,

4 Asoka Road,
New Delhi.

June 29, 1957

Dear Shri Krishnamachari,

This is with reference to the closure of the textile mill in Jalgaon, I had mentioned to you

I am sending you a copy of the letter addressed by Shri. Jadhav, member of the Maharashtra State Legislative Assembly to the Prime Minister. It will give you some idea of the problem.

As the matter is more in your domain than that of the Prime Minister, I raised it before you.

If you think you require some more material to see how you can seize the case, I shall be glad to give it.

I am in Bombay from 7th to 16th June. I am leaving for Nagpur today.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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Shri P. P. Krishnamachari,
Finance Minister,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

S.N.Bhalerao.
M.L.A.
Honorary Member
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Jalgaon E.K.
(Bombay State)

To

Shri Pandit Jawaharlalji,
Prime Minister of India.,
New Delhi.

Subject : Opening of the Gendalal Mills
Jalgaon E.K.

Sir,

Upto now we had approached your Government and Bombay Government so many times to get the Gendalal Mills of Jalgaon E.K., opened which are closed from 29th July 1954 and 1400 workers are unemployed and thrown into starvation and National Production is at stand still. Even the veteran leaders of Congress like Shri Deokinandan tried to get it opened. But to no effect.

These mills are since then in possession of Mr. R.C.Jall (member of parliament) (congress) who is a Debenture Trustee. Under the debenture trust deed of 15 lakhs of rupees.

We will not write a detail history about closure of these mills. (It is written in a Marathi Booklet published by the Jalgaon Girni Kamgar Union, which is attached herewith) But in the inter play of all these capitalists, workers have not got their pay nor the dearness allowance for the period for which they worked So also the Provident Fund amount, which was cut from their wages was also smuggled by the Owner. All court decrees of wages , dearness allowance, unemployment benefit are given by the court in favour of the workers. But the question is from whom all these money are to be realized, as Mr. R.C.Jall the debenture trustee has the highest priority over all the claims. Even Mr. Jall's claims of debentrust and hypothecation deed

deed are challenged by the Liquidators in the court.

Due to all these legal complications the mills are closed from the last three years and 1400 workers are thrown into starvation. Many of them have walked into the Jaws of Death., and the national production is at stand still and suffering the huge losses.

Due to these conditions some problems are posed and we want answer from your government which has given the slogan of " Produce or Perish ".

These Questions are : -

- (1) should 1400 workers die of starvation and give up their claims of wages, dearness allowance and provident funds and the society fund which Mr. Surajmal Seth the first owner has smuggled in and *has gone scott free* by throwing the mills into liquidation.
- (2) should the National Production suffer when the workers are ready to work and the debenture trustee is sitting tight on his claims and refusing to restart the mills owing to legal complications ?
- (3) can not the Central Government take possession of The Gandadal Mills under the amended section of the Indian Constitution ?
- (4) can not the government of India, under the Industrial development and Regulation Act (LXV of 1951) inquire and investigate in to the condition of these mills and run them ?
- (5) can not the government call the meeting of Mr. Jall, Liquidators and the workers and plan out the scheme to open it taking into consideration the pros and cons of the Law?

Sir,

we earnestly request you that the condition of the workers has become unbearable. They want work and the mills opened.

Already Mr. K.M.Ambodekar, the President of Jalgaon Girni Kamgar Union, in his speech delivered on May Day has declared that if the mills are not opened before 15th August he will fast unto death to draw the attention of your government to this Problem.

We know that this action of Mr. Ambodekar will not be approved by you. But tell us any other remedy to get the mills opened and give employment to 1400 workers for National Production.

We hope you will reply to our letter and inform us what your government is doing in this matter ? Even the I.N.T.U.C. leader like Mr. Khandubhai Desai has issued a statement that the government should take the possession of the closed mills for running them.

Will you please give us the same justice ?

Please reply.

Thanking you,

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