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Dear Belawat,

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Soul (Ernanala) & after tonight  
will not calculate for the Fed:  
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This can of course become one of  
the sound fronts for clearing  
the all before the Pay Commission.  
Wm B. H. H.

your friend

Reel.

My Commission will not  
be made final unless passed for  
outside. This is its history.

Fed. Capt. is captured on  
14-16 Jan 1958. ~~See~~ Capt. is  
leaving area to duty in Mr.  
Kasha Men is amid.

I am leaving for Errakulam  
to meet on road after the Fed - Capt.



25m - 1700m  
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- 1/4 Repeat.
2. Booms from chins
3. Ferry Delphes, 100
4. 1st State to leader
5. Financial position.
6. Bond Delphes  
2 - 2-8.
7. Staying charge - 2500/-

Price on Bonds

Rawl 1,000  
 Light 200  
 Bull.

1500

Account

Expense for fuel (27 p.m.)

10000-

outside Delphes arranged.  
 Food.  
 Hall.  
 other arranged being finalized.



Estimated

Food (Agram)	100/-
Some Equip ment	400/-
Volunteers	1000/-
Petrol	500/-
Accommodation	1500/-
Printed Del. Ser	600/-
Address Lab. & name	500/-
Trains for <sup>1000</sup> Delegats	2000/-
Misc	500/-
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This is besides wages, mess - Office  
& other funds.



Dear friend,

I am leaving Mexico  
again on my way to Ermaucan on  
19<sup>th</sup> December 1957. I shall leave  
Mexico by G.T. Exp: & 7<sup>th</sup> by the  
Cochui Exp: the same evening.

P.S. wife on the Cochui. Please  
that I will remain  
~~Dear friend~~, in Ermaucan from  
Dec. 22 to 31, 1957.

Yours  
[Signature]



# RECEPTION COMMITTEE ALL INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ERNAKULAM.

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**Secretary:**  
**V. Raman Kutty**

**Treasurer:**  
**Dr. Abraham Chathuruthy**

Fund

Veg: - 1-12

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12,000/-

(8,000/-) Net

Printing - 1,000/-  
Stationery - 500/-  
Cultural program 1,500/-  
Compan + Res. 3000/-  
2000/-

4,000/- Collected (3,500/-)

AWB Donor: 1,500/-

5,000/-

Balance: 1,000/-

Malabar, 1,000/-

Link

Pr. Res 1,000/-

Asstn 300/-

Trach

Kutty no response.

Local Collected 1000/-

Total Collected 10,000/-

Liabilities

Fund - 1,000/-  
700/- - 1,000/-

Printing - 150/-  
1,000/-  
1,000/-

Stationery - 2,500/-  
2,500/-

Volunteer - 400/-  
700/-

Hall - 1,500/-

Mike etc -

Decorations -

Pr. Res -

Asstn -

12,000/-







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Angi Delegates:  
Police - 20 fr. 22<sup>00</sup>  
5  
31<sup>00</sup>

Accommodation:

1. Mahangi Village & Hotel - 750
2. Women Hostel - 100
- Men " - 150 (48 cots)

6 Lectur. Halls @ 20 - 120

Main Hall (Seating 1,200) - 250

Attached Rooms:

Collect. Exhibits (40 cots) - 80

Wife Annex: (- " -) - 80

2. On this Hill School
  3. on Boys " " "
- Trip for a band of Mahangi Coch. (By 10-mans)  
or  
3 Hill School in Sulekka.

G.C. Meeting

Comic Chamber Hall 150 to 200

Com. Dango. Sg

Workshop Committee

8 Woodland - 16  
8 Seaview - 16  
2 Bay - 4  
32

Accommodation  
Food  
Health  
Office  
Carriage  
Fuels.

Rent @ 14/- day.  
Bulbs.  
Elec. charges.

Bath Room  
Latrines  
Drinking water  
Health - check up  
Date 24-31



November 13, 1957

Reception Committee,  
AITUC Session, Ernakulam

Dear Com. Ramankutty,

Your letter dated 9th November, 1957.

I understand that you have already taken some steps to hold the AITUC Congress in ~~at~~ Ernakulam, from 26th to 29th of December.

The first thing you should note is that the session is not thirty-seventh as you say in your letter but it is the TWENTY-FIFTH session.

As regards the point of the budget which is the most important, I do not think any Unions outside your State would make any contribution. I do hope the trade unions of Kerala will respond to your appeal and raise the necessary funds.

However, to begin with, the AITUC is sending you Rs.1,000/- to meet your initial expenses. (A Bank Draft for the amount will be sent to you tomorrow.)

We want you to note that we are expecting quite a number of foreign delegates to be present at the session. For their accommodation, we will require a good hotel. I am not sure about their number but they will be about 20 or so. Accommodation for them, therefore, should be booked from now on. Otherwise, bookings for Imas might prevent us from getting any place at a later stage. As I do not know the hotels in your place, I cannot so which one and in what locality, you should book them.

I would also suggest that if there is any good hotel, say of some 20 or 25 rooms, we should book the whole hotel for the purposes of the Working Committee members who would be required to meet often and do lot of drafting and writing. From this point of view, you study the situation and let me know.

With regard to delegates coming from inside India, we will be issuing the necessary circulars and send you the copies. I take it that about a 1000 delegates should attend including those from your State. You will have to arrange for their accommodation and boarding, for which you should charge them. Please let me know what would be the probable charges so that I can circulate them in advance.

We will send you the list of addresses of various Provincial Committees so that in case you have to inform them anything urgently, you could do so directly.

Many of the delegates, after the Congress, would like to visit Trivandrum and other places. So some arrangements about this will have to be thought out in advance.

As regards writing in the Souvenir, I cannot say anything just now. I shall try and find time to send you some material.

I do not know if the Information Department of your State has issued any pamphlet of a descriptive nature on the State and its places of sight-seeing and historical importance. If any such has



been published, it would be better to have it in stock to be given to the delegates. Some of it might be sent abroad for the foreign delegates.

There is one point which I want you to note particularly. It has been our experience that these Congresses are generally overwhelmed with cultural programmes and general rallies and meetings. The result is that the delegates are led away from any serious work such as reporting, discussions and so on. The organising cadres also then are required to spend a lot of their time in these cultural matters which upset a business-like organisation of the Congress. This was our experience in Calcutta. The Palghat experience is also of the same type. So, I would like you not to make any plans for every-day cultural shows or dramas, films, etc., unless you can make an arrangement for films or short programmes in some established theatres. A gala bazaar in open space for such things, will not be very helpful.

Also, we do not want to convert the delegate session into a sort of rally wherein thousands of workers attend and in the absence of their participation, they either get disinterested or we are asked to make speeches in order to suit their presence. This was our experience in Calcutta where after 4.30 every day thousands of workers were admitted to the pandal and the Congress became a rally making it impossible to have reporting or business-like discussions.

This aspect of the matter has to be very strictly followed. Of course, on the last day, one rally of workers has to be held. But there should be no interruptions in the last day by means of rallies or meetings or other kinds.

I hope you will pay attention to this and cut out any show business if you have thought about it by now.

I have a feeling that I should once come down to Ernakulam to see what arrangements are possible and to discuss with you there some of your problems in connection with the organisation of the Congress. But I am not sure on what date I can do so. It is suggested that I might go to Trivandrum on 22nd of this month where this can be discussed along with other things. I am studying the matter and will let you know.

I also once thought why our session should not be held in Trivandrum where we could have better accommodation and also surroundings for a quiet sitting. But Trivandrum has no factories or workers, therefore, some people might object. But, as you know, our main task is not to hold meetings of workers from factories coming to the place of the Congress. So you might give thought to this question also and ask your Committee over there whether Trivandrum is more suitable than Ernakulam. Of course, Ernakulam is nearer to the other centre of Alwaye but for people coming from outside, Ernakulam to Trivandrum does not make much difference so far as distance is concerned. So you consult the people over there and let me know. Temporarily at least, I am taking it for granted that the place is Ernakulam but after studying this question, you should tell us whether we can profitably shift over to Trivandrum.

Yours fraternally,  
S.A.DANGE,  
General Secretary





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9th Nov 57.

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Dear Comrade,

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M. M. Abdul Khader, M. A. B. L.

Secretary:  
V. Raman Kutty

Treasurer:  
Dr. Abraham Chathuruthy

Following the decision to conduct the 37th Annual Session of the AITUC at Ernakulam, Kerala State, a reception Committee has been set up. The Committee has already found temporary accommodation and the office has been inaugurated on 8th Nov 57. A budget of Rs12000 has been adopted by the Reception Committee. The Reception Committee itself is to be expanded and for this purpose a representative meeting of all the associate and independent trade unions in and around Ernakulam is to be held on 14th instant.

We should like to know what financial help would be rendered by the AITUC and whether it is necessary for us to address the various state units regarding this matter. You will please furnish us with the Address <sup>of</sup> the various state Councils.

You would also kindly instruct us as <sup>to</sup> what all facilities we have to arrange for the delegates coming from states other than Kerala in the matter of travel, accommodation, boarding etc.

You would send us without delay photographs, pamphlets, cinema slides, films, projectors and other propaganda equipments available there.



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We intend to bring out a Souvenir in connection with the Session in English and Malayalm and we request you to arrange with intending contributors for articles, photoes, charts etc . We would like to have an article on the short history of the AITUC to be included in the Souvenir and for immediate propaganda purposes.

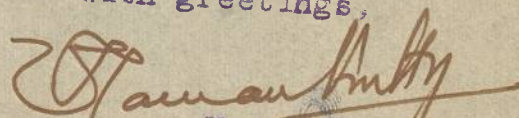
We hereby request you to confirm our decision to hold the Session here on <sup>the</sup> 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th of December 1957. As we can arrange for the accomodation etc. without much cost in case the Session is held during the above-mentioned dates and if otherwise it would mean heavy additional sums thus upsetting our budget, we request you to confirm our decision.

Please furnish us with an idea of the total number of delegates and fraternal delegates likely to take part in the Session.

You would kindly see that the General Secretary of the A.I.T.U.C. issues a statement about the <sup>S.A. DRANGE</sup> Session to the press immediately. We wish that Comrade issues a statement in which he refers to the special significance of conducting the Session in Kerala.

Expecting instructions and advice regularly from the A.I.T.U.C. Centre,

Yours with greetings,

  
V. RAMANKUTTY.

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18th November 1957.

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Dear Comrade,

Your letter of 13th November 1957.

We have noted that the Session is the 25th and not the 37th annual conference of the A.I.T.U.C as we had understood and we are giving the necessary publicity for the same.

Regarding the budget we have tentatively fixed Rs.12000/- as the expenditure and we have adopted energetic measures to collect the same. In the Ernakulam area the workers are to pay half days wages for the session and similar efforts are being made in the other Districts of the State.

We hereby express our gratitude to the A.I.T.U.C. for deciding to send us Rs.1000/- for the initial expenses.

Hotel accomodation for the foreign delegates is being arranged. A good hotel is being arranged for the use of the working committee. We shall let you know the details of the arrangements within a few days after we have finalised them.

We intend to accomodate the delegates in the various government hostels here and for this we have already addressed the Government and the Education Department of the State. Therefore the expense for lodging the delegates will be nominal. Regarding boarding we are contacting people who can cater to the different tastes. We shall let you know shortly what charge the delegates will have to pay.

Meanwhile, it will be very helpful to us if you can inform us in advance as to what all types of food will have to be served and the number of delegates under each type.

Conveyance for intending tourists will be arranged. For this we are addressing the Government as well as the State Transport Department. We are contacting the public Relations Department of the State for guide books and other publications about the State and we

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shall keep them in stock and send you copies for the benefit of foreign delegates at an early date.

We are arranging a separate hall for the cultural programme and therefore the delegates session will not be disturbed in any manner.

We shall not be admitting any one other than the delegates to the theatre where we ~~propose~~ propose to hold the delegates session and the open session is to be held in an open ground with a suitable rostrum. There will be only one rally and that on the evening of the day of the open session. There need not be any apprehension on this score as your suggestions will be strictly adhered to.

We request that you may be kind enough to come down to Ernakulam while going to Trivandrum or while you are returning and that will certainly be of great help to us in our preparation for the session.

The idea of holding the session in Trivandrum is now out of question as the matter has already been fully discussed and decided by the Kerala State Trade Union Council. Further, arrangements to hold the Session at Ernakulam has progressed to a certain extent and a change in the venue of the session cannot be thought of now.

You will kindly note that the dates for the delegates session are given as 25th to 29th in the circular issued by you and copy of which was attached to your letter to me. However we understand from the K.S.T.U.C. that they are holding their conference on the 26th December 1957 and we were given to understand that the A.I.T.U.C. session will be held on the 27th, 28th and 29th December. You will we hope issue a fresh circular if necessary in consultation with the K.S.T.U.C. In this matter however if we have to make arrangements as per the circular already issued you will kindly inform us atonce.



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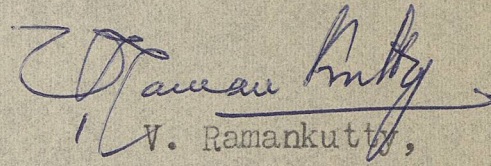
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We express our heartfelt thanks for all the help you have already given us. We request that you may be kind enough to give us instructions on all necessary matters regularly.

  
V. Ramankutty,  
Secretary.

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Conference

November 28, 1957

Dear Com.Ramankutty,

Today we have received three letters from the Convenor, Souvenir and Publicity Sub-Committee, re. (1) Short History of the AITUC, (2) material for Souvenir by Com.Dange and (3) photos of trade union leaders.

2. Com.Dange has gone to Bombay and will be returning here on 5th December or so. As was stated by him in the first letter, he will try on his return to write, for which we are all here pressing, but you should not delay the Souvenir for it.

3. Re. the short history of the AITUC, we had suggested to you in our earlier letter to contact Com.P.Balachandra Menon, MLA, Asst.Secretary, AITUC. You do not state if you tried and with what result?

Here we are putting a comrade on this job and if ready, we will send you the material in 2-3 days.

4. Photos of T.U. leaders that we have are not for block-making purposes, these are for decorations. For blocks to be printed in the Souvenir, we suggest you approach Daily DESHABHIMANI or some other daily paper who will be able to help you in this respect. Among the past leaders of TUC, you may include Shri Nehru, Subhas Bose, Lala Lajpat Rai, N.M.Joshi, Mrinal Kanti Bose, etc.

5. We are replying to you in order that correspondence should be centralised to avoid overlapping and different versions.

6. We are awaiting your reports, re. other points raised in previous letters.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*mm*  
*— 28/11*  
(K.C.Sriwastava)

Com.V.Raman Kutty,  
Secretary, Reception Committee,  
All-India Trade Union Congress Annual Conference,  
ERNAKULAM



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December 5, 1957

The President,  
Reception Committee,  
25th Session of the AITUC,  
Ernakulam, Kerala State.

Dear Comrade,

You have undertaken a very onerous task in preparing to hold the 25th Session of the All-India Trade Union Congress in your State. This Session has to deliberate on matters which are of great importance to the working class and to the country as a whole.


The developing economy of our country and the difficulties that it is confronted with because of the activities of the foreign monopolists and their Indian partners, raise very important problems before the trade union movement. While helping to build the economy of the country, the working class has to defend its own interest against the attacks of those who look only after their own profits.

The Session will also have to consider other important problems like the fight against colonialism and the fight for protection of democratic rights and the preservation of peace.

I am sure your Reception Committee will do all that is needful to enable the delegates to carry out their deliberations with all the conveniences that are possible in the conditions prevailing.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



(S.A. DANGE)  
General Secretary



December 7, 1957

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Secretary, Reception Committee,  
All-India Trade Union Congress Session,  
Cannon Shed Road, ERNAKULAM, Kerala State.

Dear Comrade,

We have received a request from the M.M.C. Employees' Union, Calcutta, that the Union's cultural section be allowed to present a drama and music programme, along with other cultural items that you are likely to organise in connection with the session.

According to the Union, their cultural section consists of exclusively worker members and they have already participated in the West Bengal Yuba Sammelan, Public Stage, International Co-operative Conference and in the BPTUC Conference.

The Union also states that their cultural troupe would bear their passage and that these comrades are very much enthused to participate.

If you think you could include such a programme, please write immediately to the following address:

General Secretary,  
M.M.C. Employees' Union,  
129-A Circular Garden Reach Road,  
Kidderpore, CALCUTTA-23

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*VM*  
*7/12/57*  
(K.G. Sriwastava)  
for General Secretary

Copy to: M.M.C. Employees Union



December 6, 1957

Dear Com. Ramankutty,

Yours of 3rd December. Thanks.

2. By this time this letter reaches you, Com. Panikkar will be with you. He will help you re. WFTU and AITUC history.
3. Photos for block purposes we do not have. Anyway we are writing to Madras comrades to get from any local paper, if possible, and give you.
4. About fraternal delegates from foreign countries, do not worry about the expenses.
5. Originally we wrote to you that we will try to send a cook from here. Now we find it would not be possible. So whatever is possible, arrange locally.
6. For the inauguration of the Conference, did you have any talk with the Chief Minister there? If so, please let us know the result.
7. Can you move the Southern Railway authorities to allot some special bogies from Madras for the delegates on 23rd and 24th December. ~~and~~ Do not take any financial commitment in this respect.
8. Please circulate early the arrangement about lodging and the charges each delegate is expected to pay for boarding. And any other arrangement which you have made for their reception, entertainment, the convenient train, etc. *may be*  
*circulated early.*

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*M. S.*  
*6/12/57*  
(K.G. Sriwastava)

The Secretary,  
Reception Committee,  
AITUC Session,  
Ernakulam.