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Bihar State Committee  
All India Trade Union Congress  
बिहार राज्य कमिटी  
अखिल भारतीय ट्रेड यूनियन कांग्रेस

Langartoll, Patna-4

Ref. No. ....

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Dated, the 2. 11.1965.

Dear Comrade Anshuman,

Received your letter dated 20.10.65 regarding the question of interim relief to Engineering workers. At present it is not possible for me to leave Patna and as such I am herewith sending you my suggestion to you which may be put up for consideration by our comrades assembled at Bombay on this question.

In my opinion it would be proper if we divide the industry into categories namely; big, medium and small and do not demand a uniform rate of interim relief for all factories at the same rates. In my opinion it will not be reasonable and the bigger units may stand to lose in such a uniform rate. Though the decision of units into big, medium, and small is not very scientific, still it cannot be ruled out as being completely irrational.

Secondly, the question of recent awards, pending adjudications or agreements etc. put forward by the managements has some validity in my opinion which cannot just be brushed aside. As a counter-~~argument which sounds reasonable~~, we can say that such amount which has been paid to the Engineering workers in the year 1965 through agreements or awards (except what has been paid as adjustment to D.A. in linked up D.A. schemes) should be adjusted with interim relief decided by the Wage Board.

The definition of big, medium and small units may be worked in accordance with the number of workers in establishments and the amount of interim relief may be discussed and fixed for the different categories.

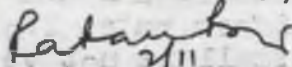
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In this connection I would like you to please enlighten us and the Dalmianagar Mazdoor Union about a thing for which we have been writing to you for several months past. The Rohtas Industries Ltd., Dalmianagar has a Central workshop which has been producing things for its own use as also for sale to outside parties. Now under the terms of reference and clarification, this central workshop should be covered by the decision of the Wage Board. The Management is denying the same. The Dalmianagar Mazdoor Union has filed a memorandum to the Wage Board with copies to you and us on this question sometimes back. They have not heard anything from the Wage Board and neither from you. Will you please let us know what further steps they have to take in this regard and those that you should take may be taken early through Com. Elias.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

With best wishes,

Yours fraternally,

  
(Ratan Roy)

From, Dr. Gopalan.

5/12/65

127/ Patna: Bihar's Chief Minister Sahay's undemocratic actions, arbitrary decision and anti-labour policy have ~~been~~ resulted in a head on collision with the central trade union organisations. This has culminated in the boycott of the tripartite labour bodies by all central trade union organisations including the INTUC.

The INTUC was the first central organisation which decided to boycott the Bihar Labour Advisory Board and other tripartite committees. It was followed by the AITUC, HMS and UTUC. It is <sup>a</sup> clear indication that the Chief Minister had

autorganised all of them at a time when coordination between the Government and the ~~Trade~~ <sup>Trade</sup> unions was more ~~so~~ needed for the interests of the national defence.

While the INTUC decided to boycott the tripartite bodies as a protest against "the arbitrary turning down" of its nominees ~~from~~ for various Committees, the ATTUC, HMS and UTUC boycotted the Committees to mark their protest against "arbitrary and unrepresentative compositions" of the Committees ~~and~~ and "illegal and undemocratic" procedures adopted in the functioning of the Committees. by the Chief Minister, who is the Chairman of the tripartite bodies.

This is the first time in the history of Bihar when all the Central Trade Unions including the INTUC, ~~from~~ simultaneously came out against the anti labour policy of the Govt. This has put the Government in a ridiculous position.

INTUC's decision to boycott the labour bodies came ~~out~~ to light when the reconstituted evaluation and ~~implementation~~ implementation committee met in the third week of last month. All INTUC representatives were conspicuous by their absence. They ~~refused~~ <sup>abstained</sup> from the meeting in obedience with the directive of the Bihar INTUC Chief M. John

and to the INTUC General Secretary Sri G. Ramaniyam.

While directing its members to boycott the labour bodies Sri Ramaniyam said that "this is a very serious matter affecting the integrity of our organisation". He asked the members to see that "the attempts of the Government to disrupt our organisational unity do not succeed." While making this allegation the INTUC General Secretary was indicating towards the efforts being made by the Chief Minister to split the INTUC unions and the Bihar unit of the INTUC on group basis.

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the Chief Minister rejected the majority  
of the INTUC nominees and they  
were replaced by his own  
sympathisers. Bihar INTUC Chief  
M. John has described this  
arbitrary selection as a "sharp  
deviation from the procedure  
adopted hitherto in this State  
or the Centre."

The AITUC, HMS and UTUC,  
which objected to arbitrary rejection  
of the INTUC nominees were further  
agrieved by the Chief Minister's  
efforts to deplete the tripartite  
bodies and his total refusal to  
consider their views. In view

of the undemocratic and anti labour attitude of the Chief Minister Sahay they also preferred to keep out of the labour bodies for the time being.

Boycott by all central trade union organisations came in to effect on November 30 when the first meeting of the Standing Labour Committee was held under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister Sahay. None of the representatives of the four central T. U. organisations attended the meeting. Consequently the tripartite labour machinery in Bihar has become ineffective. It might adversely affect the industrial relations in the State.



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सरकुलर नं० १-६६

पटना - ४

प्रिय माथी,

१/१/६६

जैसा कि आपको मालूम है कि २२ की इन्डियन लेबर कान्ट्रोलिंग फेसिले के मुताबिक (कृपया ५ अगस्त १९६४ की ट्रेड यूनियन रेकॉर्ड देखें) जिन कारखानों में कम से कम ३०० मजदूर काम करते हैं वहाँ मालिकों सहित दर में जरूरीयाती सामानों की बिक्री का इन्तजाम करना है। ज्यादातर जगहों में जहाँ यह सप्लाई किया जा रहा है वह सहयोग समितियों के जरिये किया जा रहा है। भारत सरकार पूर्वी क्षेत्र (आसाम, बंगाल, बिहार, उड़ीसा आदि) में एक बंटवारा २३-२४ फरवरी को संसद में इस सवाल पर विचार करने के लिए बुला रही है कि जहाँ और क्यों ऐसी सहयोग समितियाँ अमफल रहा है और इसलिए जरूरी है कि तमाम मल-कारखानों में कहां क्या स्थिति है यह रिपोर्ट राज्य दफ्तर में ३१ जनवरी तक आ जाय ताकि वह अखिल भारतीय ट्रेड यूनियन काँग्रेस को भेजा जाय।

इसलिए निम्न लिखित प्रश्नावली का जवाब जल्द से जल्द भेज दें :-

- १-आपके क्षेत्र में २२ की कान्ट्रोलिंग का यह फैसला लागू हुआ है या नहीं? नहीं हुआ है तो क्यों?
- २-क्या यूनियन ने सहयोग समिति स्थापना करने की कोशिश की और मालिक ने असहयोग किया? अगर हां तो संबंधित रिपोर्ट या चिट्ठियों की कاپी भेज दें।
- ३-हमारी यूनियन द्वारा स्थापीत कोअपरेटीव के प्रतिद्वन्दी मालिक या इन्टक द्वारा सहयोग समिति स्थपित हुआ है या नहीं?
- ४-क्या मालिकों के असहयोग से सहयोग समिति ठीक से नहीं चल पा रही है? क्या-क्या दिक्कतें हैं?
- ५-क्या राज्य सरकार के सप्लाई विभाग द्वारा अन्न, चीनी, किरासन वगैरह ठीक से सप्लाई नहीं होती है?
- ६-राज्य सरकार या केन्द्रीय सरकार के कारखानों ने कहां तक फैसले को लागू किया है?
- ७-आपकी सहयोग समिति में क्या-क्या सामान मिलते हैं और बाजार भाव से कितना फर्क दाम में?
- ८-सहयोग समिति में उधार भी मिलता है या नहीं?
- ९-सहयोग समिति में आप और कितने सामानों की बिक्री चाहते हैं?
- १०-आपके यहां कितने मजदूर हैं और कितनी दूकाने हैं? क्या इन दूकानों से सभी मजदूरों को काम चल जाता है?
- ११- और जो भी दिक्कतें या सुझाव आप दे सकते हैं?

For Com. K. S. 's attention.  
Chairman.

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जेनरल सेक्रेटरी

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To The Secretary,  
All India Trade Union Congress  
बिहार राज्य कमेटी, Ram Jhansi Road  
New Delhi

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सरकुलर नं०--२-६६

भारतीय कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी, अजय भवन, लंगरटोली

प्रिय साथियो,

A. I. T. U. C. पटना-४  
Received... 89 6/1/66 2-1-1966  
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यह बहुत ही जरूरी हो गया है कि नये-नये खुलने वाले उद्योगों में हमारी यूनियनों बनें और यह तभी सम्भव है जब यूनियन चलाने वाले साथियों की उचित ट्रेनिंग हो। जिन जिलों में पहले से ट्रेड यूनियन हैं वहां तो ऐसे साथियों की ट्रेनिंग करना कुछ आसान है मगर बाकी जगहों में बिना ट्रेनिंग काम चलाना असम्भव हो जाता है। प्रायः तमाम जिलों में बड़ी-बड़ी नहीं तो छोटी-छोटी यूनियन जैसे दुकानदार कर्मचारी, रिक्शा, म्युनिसिपल इम्पाइज, बिजली, और छोटे-छोटे कारखानों और फिर रेलवे चीनी आदि की यूनियन संगठित की जा सकती है।

बड़े कारखाने कोयला, लोहा, सीमेंट आदि के कार्यकर्ताओं की ट्रेनिंग की भी सख्त जरूरत है।

इसी उद्देश्य के अगले महीने में ७-१० रोज का एक ट्रेड यूनियन स्कूल हम लोग चलाना चाहते हैं। यह स्कूल तभी सफल हो सकता है जब हर एक जिला कम से कम दो-एक ट्रेड यूनियन में लगे या लगने वाले साथियों को इस स्कूल में भेजे। जिन जगहों में ट्रेड यूनियन हैं वहां तो छोटे-छोटे यूनियन से कम से कम ५ बड़े बड़े मजदूर कार्यकर्ता आना चाहिए।

स्कूल ए०आई० टी० यू० सी० के साथियों की सलाह से चलेगा और ए०आई० टी० यू० सी० के शिक्षकों की मदद आवेगी।

ऐसे स्कूल के बारे में आप लोगों की क्या राय है यह यथाशीघ्र राज्य दफ्तर में सूचित करें और यह भी सूचित करें कि आपके क्षेत्र में कितने लोग स्कूल में आवेंगे। मिले-वस आदि के संबंध में आपका जवाब आने के बाद सूचित किया जाएगा।

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[Signature]  
ट्रेड यूनियन सब कमेटी

For the attention of  
Com. Satish Kumar.



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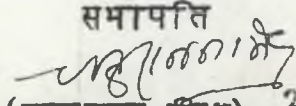
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आप फौरी कार्रवाई करें। अबरस उद्योग विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जन करने का उद्योग है और यहां औद्योगिक शान्ति रखना सबका कर्तव्य है लेकिन जब श्रम विभाग कानून के उल्लंघन पर भी कोई कानूनी कार्रवाई नहीं करें तो फिर औद्योगिक शान्ति सम्भव नहीं हो सकती है।

इसलिए आपसे अनुरोध है कि समय रहते आप उचित कदम उठावें।

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सभापति

  
(चतुरानन मिश्र) 219

प्रतिलिपि: -

१-सचिव, भारत सरकार,

श्रम मन्त्रालय, नई दिल्ली।

✓ २-जेनरल सेक्रेटरी,

अखिल भारतीय ट्रेड यूनियन कांग्रेस  
नई दिल्ली।

३-मंत्री, बिहार माइका मजदूर संगठन।

४-सभापति,

फेडरेशन आफ माइका असोसिएशनस,  
गिरिडीह।

बिहार राज्य कमेटी

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Dated, the 11. 1. 1966.

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From  
Ratan Roy,  
General secretary,  
Bihar State Committee AITUC,  
Langartoli, Patna - 4.

To  
Sri I. Prasad, I.A.S.,  
Commissioner of Labour,  
Bihar, P A T N A .

Ref: Your letter No. IIID1-15018/65 L&E-101  
dated 6th January, 1956(?)

Sir,

Please refer to your abovementioned letter which must have been wrongly dated as 6.1.1965(?) and has been received by our office on 8.1.1966.

2. It appears from your letter that you have given a wrong interpretation of the resolution of the Bihar Central Labour Advisory Board, a copy of which has been forwarded to us for our ready reference.

The resolution as you correctly mention was originally adopted unanimously in the year 1951 by the Bihar Central Labour Advisory Board when AITUC had no representation on the Board. The second fact as stated in your letter that the same procedure has been accepted on National level is not correct. The AITUC has not accepted this procedure on National level.

3. I hope you are referring to clause (5) of the resolution sent by you along with your letter. Now clause (5)

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of the resolution envisages that "the employers should deal with all questions of general interest to the workmen with the recognised union only." This clause has been put, in order that the employers should not enter into agreements with unions which might be spurious and sponsored by the employers themselves. This clause is a bar to the unfair labour practice of the employers and does not prevent the unrecognised unions to raise disputes of general nature affecting the workmen. If in the opinion of the Govt. such disputes seem to be genuine and there are real apprehensions of a breach of Industrial peace, the State Govt. may refer such issues for adjudication. There have been numerous cases like this. The resolution does neither bind the State Govt. nor the unrecognised union or even the workmen to raise disputes of general nature which are genuine and in fact the State Govt. in many cases have referred such disputes for adjudication where issues of general nature were not raised by the recognised union.

It is, therefore, a misinterpretation of the resolution by you, if you have refused to consider certain issues raised by the Dalmianagar Mazdoor Union simply on the ground that it is an unrecognised union. And I consider that there has been no violation of either the spirit or letter of the resolution by the Dalmianagar Mazdoor Union if it has raised certain issues affecting the general workers at Dalmianagar.

4. I fully agree and subscribe to the view expressed in para 4 of your letter "that the success of tri-partite decisions, which are obviously obligatory, depend upon the parties abiding by such decisions." Unfortunately our experience in the recent past has been very unhappy so far as the State Labour department is concerned in connection with the implementation of certain clauses of the same resolution which you have forwarded to us.

Clause (9) of the same resolution envisages that "for withdrawing recognition of a union, the employer shall obtain prior approval of the Tripartite standing Committee

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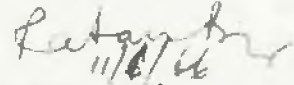
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(E&I). Certain cases had come forward before the E & I Committee where the employers had withdrawn recognition of unions without prior approval of the E & I Committee. The attitude taken by the Labour Deptt. including the Chairman of the Committee in glossing over this action of the managements in face of the unanimous opposition and disapproval of the representatives of the Trade Unions and approving the action of the employers certainly constitutes a clear violation of the accepted principle mentioned above to which the State Govt. is also a party.

Will you kindly take the trouble of explaining such attitude of the State Labour Deptt. which is incomprehensive to us ?

I hope you will kindly reply to this letter of ours and enlighten us on the points raised.

Yours faithfully,



(Ratan Roy)  
GENERAL SECRETARY.

(Letter Head )  
C.M. Rajgarhia.

Giridih, Bihar, India.

January 25, 1966.

To  
The Labour Commissioner, Bihar,  
Patna.

Sub: Payment of Bonus Act, 1965.

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that today we have received a strike notice from Bihar Mica Mazdoor Sangathan, Giridih,. A copy of which is being enclosed herewith for your kind perusal.

First of all, we must tell you that the aforesaid strike notice was a real surprise to us because there is no question of non-payment of any legal dues to the workers. We never intended to not to implement the payment of Bonus Act 1965, but inspite of our good intention we find that a strike notice has been served on us on a dispute which is non-existent.

We are however facing some difficulty in fully implementing the requirements of the Payment of Bonus Act. The difficulty is as follows:-

In the mica industry we are already paying monthly and quarterly bonus to the workers and the same comes to about 16% of the total wages paid. These bonuses are paid according to a Tribunal Award and so we are covered by section 34 of the Payment of Bonus Act 1965. Unfortunately the section is somewhat complicatedly phrased and as a result , it has become very difficult to us to find out the real meaning of the same. Various interpretations are being made complicating the matter all the more.

While studying the original bill which was put up before the Parliament we found that a statement of "objects and reasons" are stated for the clause 34 (now section 34)-

"In certain establishments the employees are getting bonus under an award agreement, settlement or contract of service which would be higher than that payable under the Act. The clause seeks to safeguard the interest of such employees by providing that they would get bonus either on the existing basis or on the basis of the formula provided in the Act, whichever is higher.

Provision has also been made in the clause enabling the employer and the employees to enter into an agreement with regard to the payment of bonus under a formula which is different from that under the Act."

The intention of the legislature is clearly indicated by the above interpretation. But we feel that a clear interpretation of section 34 is still necessary for proper implementation of the Bonus Act.

Under the circumstances stated above, we request you to get a clarification from the authorities concerned so that we can fully implement the payment of bonus act without any further delay.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,  
For C.M. Rajgarhia  
Sd/- Illegible  
Manager.

Copy to:

1. Labour and Conciliation Officer, Giridih
2. Labour Enforcement Officer, Giridih
3. Labour Enforcement Officer, Kodarma
4. The Secretary, Bihar Mica Mazdoor Sangatha, Giridih.



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Ref. No. 107

Langartoll, Patna-4

A. I. T. U. C.	
Received. G.H. <i>S. P. Singh</i>	Dated, the 31.1. 1966.
Replied.....	

Dear Com. K.G. Srivastava,

Received your letter regarding T.U. School. I have already sent you a copy of the circular issued to the different branches on the subject matters of the lectures to be delevered. I expect an early confirmation from you and also from Com. Satish Loomba. I will like AITUC to move for the aid of this school if possible.

The Mica strike is going to take place on the 14th February 1966 and a copy of the strike notice has already been sent to you. We have also addressed a letter to the Central Govt. seeking their clarification on section 34(2) of the Bonus Act, 1965. Find enclosed herewith a copy of the letter from one of the biggest Mica concern in response to our strike notice addressed to the Labour Commissioner of the Govt. of Bihar. The AITUC should immediately contact the Labour Minister and get clarification before 14th February 1966.

Another important point is the payment of bonus in the N.C.D.C. Ltd. The N.C.D.C. Ltd. has already paid the bonus of the year 1964-65. But our claim is that it should pay since the year ending 1962. The bonus ordinance, pending dispute clause i.e. section 33 spoke of the disputes before 2nd September 1964 but in the Bonus Act the date has been changed to 29th May 1965. Our dispute is pending before the Govt. without being refused for reference. At that time Com. Satish was conducting this case and we do not know who will do now. Anyhow the papers are with the AITUC.

I hold this change in the date in the Act is in our favour entitling us for the bonus of past years. I am also enclosing a copy of the letter addressed to the Managing Director of N.C.D.C.Ltd. ~~request~~ and request you to represent to the Govt. immediately.

Yours fraternally,

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COAL WORKERS UNION REGD. NO. 16.  
No. 4 Area, P.O. Bermo, Dist. Hazaribagh

Ref. No. CWU/Bonus/1/66

Dated the 31st January, 1966

To  
The Managing Director,  
N.C.D.C. Ltd., Darbhanga House, Ranchi.

Dear Sir,

This is to draw your attention to the section 33 of the payment of Bonus Act 1965 and request you to make an early payment of the bonus since the accounting year 1962.

Requesting an early action and reply.

Yours faithfully,

*Shafiqur Rahman*  
General Secretary,  
Coal Workers Union.

Copy to:

1. Area General Manager (B&K) Kargali
2. Area General Manager (K) Barkakana
3. Addl. Area General Manager, Giridih
4. Regional Labour Commissioner (C) (Implementation)phanbad.
5. Asst. Labour Commissioner, Hazaribagh.
6. Secretary to the Govt. of India E.I. Division, Ministry of Labour and Employment. New Delhi.
7. Secretary, AITUC, New Delhi.

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A. I. T. U. C.  
Received: 7/5 24/2/66. 46  
Replied: .....

Patna, February 14 - Bihar State Committee of the All India Trade Union Congress has issued the following:

News has been received by telephone that on the call of Bihar Mica Mazdoor Sangathan about 10 thousand mica workers of Miridih went on a one day protest strike on 14.2.66 against the refusal of the Mica employers to pay bonus in accordance with the payment of Bonus Act, 1965.

It may be recalled that the union moved the State Committee of AITUC to move the State labour department to intervene in the matter so that the mica workers may get their bonus but so far the response from the State labour Department has been of no help to the workers.

After the strike a meeting was held under the auspices of the Bihar Mica Mazdoor Sangathan and it was decided that if Bonus is not paid by 2nd March, 1966, the mica workers will go on a continuous strike from 3rd March, 1966. The meeting also decided that on the question of victimisation of some workers by the management of C.M.R. Ltd., the strike in this establishment will continue indefinitely. About 1000 workers will be affected by this strike in C.M.R. Ltd.

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GENERAL SECRETARY,  
*Ranabhai*  
A. I. T. U. C. BIHAR STATE COMMITTEE  
PATNA.

To  
The Editor,  
T. V. Record,  
New Delhi

PATNA DIST. Jail - 20.6.68

My detail sheet is  
Received 30.07.68 I have not heard  
anything from you all since  
long - the reasons are not known  
to me. I wonder why all papers  
and documents of AITUC are  
not <sup>been</sup> sent to me. AITUC is  
still an organization of the  
United Working class and not  
a part-form of any right or left  
party. I can understand the  
opposition of my name to inclusion  
in the list of office-bearers -  
on the basis of non-availability  
for AITUC work. I understand  
my utility is not there - it  
is simply a decorative post.  
It is also true that I have lost  
the glory of 1957-58 - the old  
caption cannot serve or should  
not be exploited for the decorative

post even - but - I don't understand opposition on the basis of political understandings. I am sorry my comrades put up a fight for my inclusion - however I would prefer to get out soon I am released. Early I am to inform you - that I shall be released on 5.7.68 after signing full terms. All o.k. Hope you are doing well.

Yours,  
 Reddies.  
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Sri  
 K. G. SRIVASTAVA  
 Secretary  
 AITUC - 5, JHANDIALLA  
 NEW-Delhi - I

27 June 1966

Dear Comrade Kedar Das,

Thanks for your post card of 20th inst. received by us on Saturday the 26th. We are very glad to hear that you will be breathing in free air again on 5th July. I take this opportunity to welcome you.

As immediately after your release from jail you shall be in need of some money for very immediate expenses a sum of Rs.100/- is being sent to you c/o Superintendent, Patna Dist. Jail. We hope this will be delivered to you at the time of release.

Yes. AITUC is an organisation of working class and both the Communist Parties, some Left parties of West Bengal, and some independents are in it. The recent Session of the AITUC at Bombay has further expressed itself for strengthening the unity of the working class and in fact widening it still further.

I am sure you are aware by now that the Congress has re-elected you as one of the Vice-Presidents and therefore some of your misapprehensions expressed in the post card are without foundation.

The Working Committee of AITUC is fixed to meet on 24th & 25th July at New Delhi.

Hope to meet you then. Documents of the Congress are being sent through separate post.

Please acknowledge the receipt.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*W.S.*  
(K.G.Sriwastava)

Copy to Com. Ratan Roy.

Please ensure that Com. Kedar Das gets the Documents of the Congress and also the sum of Rs.100/- which is being sent by M.D. to him c/o Jailer, Patna.

14 July 1966

Dear Comrade Kedar Das,

Thanks for your letter of 9 July 1966. As I do not know your exact address at Patna I am requesting Com. Ratan Roy to deliver the letter to you.

I am sorry you did not get the M.O. and the documents in time. From this end we are writing to the Postal Authorities. It would be better if you also make enquiry at Patna end.

The Working Committee has been postponed as the dates did not suit some of the comrades of C.P.I. (Marxist). Now it is expected the meeting will take place in the last days of August or 1st week of September. We shall inform you the exact date when it is fixed.

I hope and wish that you will be alright by that time and will attend this meeting.

I am surprised and pained with your remarks about blackmailing. I would prefer to talk to you in this respect when you are alright than to disturb you now in your present state of health. I would, here, only mention that as far as I can see there has been no element of blackmailing from your side or bribing from ours.

Wish you speedy recovery.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Ud. Srivastava*  
(K.G. Sriwastava)  
~~(XXXX XXXXXX)~~

*copy to Com. Ratan Roy*