

PRESS STATEMENT

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Representatives of nine Central Trade Unions met today under the Chairmanship of Dr. G. Sanjeeva Reddy, M.P., President of INTUC and reviewed the joint action programme including country wide Satyagraha/Jail Bhara programme on 5th march, 2010. More than 10 Lakh workers participated in the programme. It was a great success.

The trade unions expressed deep concern over the unrelenting price rise and Govt's total inaction to mitigate the sufferings of the common people particularly the unorganized labour. The trade unions firmly protest against the increase in petroleum products prices due to levying of additional taxes. This is exactly a step that has further inflamed the food prices.

Trade Unions note with concern the unmitigated violation of labour laws, uninterrupted jobloss, continuous disinvestment of govt. equity in public sector units. Trade Union registration depends upon the sweet will of the managements and the Govt machineries. This is totally unacceptable situation, more so because the govt. has not taken any single step whatsoever to look into the problems of distressed working masses.

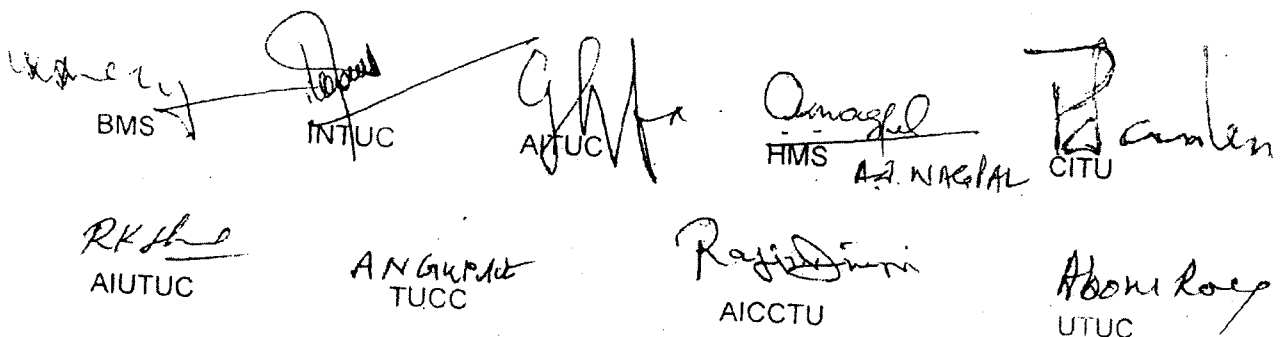
United trade union action is, therefore, the only remedy to halt price rise, curb the criminality of corporates against the working class and bring the govt. to sense.

The Central trade unions welcome and support the decision of telecom workers to go on indefinite strike from 20th April protesting against disinvestment of public sector telecom industry. The trade unions also give their full support to 3 days coal workers' strike on 5-7 May 2010 against privatization, contractorisation. More such sectoral actions should be organized. The central trade unions stand to support them.

The Central Trade Unions call upon the public sector trade unions irrespective of affiliations to unite and hold massive joint protest demonstrations in all the PSUs against disinvestment and contractorisation during the period of BSNL and Coal Strikes and send telegrams to Prime Minister.

The central trade unions call upon the working people of the country to prepare for massive industrial action including strike. Having this perspective in view, the central trade unions have decided to convene a National Convention of Trade Unions in July 2010 at New Delhi.

The central trade unions request their state constituents and federations to participate fully in the joint action programmes.


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