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# Indian Railways Ticket Checking Staff Association

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Ref. GS/IRTCSA/AIRF/74.

Date 1. 2. 74.

From : D. B. Roy,  
General Secretary.



Dear Mr. Fernandes,

I received your letter dated 27th December '73, only on 23rd January '74, with cordial thanks. Naturally it was not possible on my part to attend your meeting scheduled to be held on 24th and 25th January 1974 at Delhi.

However, I, on behalf of the Indian Railways Ticket Checking Staff Association, welcome "the desire of the AIRF to build the widest possible unity of railwaymen in order to secure the demands of all railwaymen in the shortest possible time." I have no difference of opinion with you that only through a massive struggle of railwaymen, it would be possible to achieve their legitimate basic demands.

I, therefore, like to invite your attention towards my following suggestions as under for your perusal please.

That, at first a convention of all railway unions, categorical associations including All India Railway Employees confederation should be held wherein (a) a charter of demands will be framed. (b) A programme for struggle shall have to be taken, (c) A joint action Committee should be formed to conduct the struggle.

Further, considering the importance of a broad based united struggle of all central Government Employees a national convention may also be arranged conveniently.

I hope due consideration will be given to materialise the above.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(D. B. Roy.)  
General Secretary, IRTCSA.

To  
Shri George Fernandes,  
President, AIRF,  
125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi - 1.

# All India Railway Commercial Clerks Association

Regd. Under trade union act 1926. No. 1121.

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Chandrika Prasad, M. P.  
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Luggage & Parcel Office  
Ajmer, W. R.

Ref. 9/74

Dated 21.1.74.

Shri George Fernandis,  
President, AIRF,  
New Delhi.

Sub:-Proposed strike of AIRF from 27.2.74.  
Ref:-Zonal Secy., W. Zone, AIRF's Shri T.C.Jain's  
letter No.Org/74/1 dt.8.1.74.

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Dear Shri Fernandis,

Shri T.C.Jain, Zonal Secy., AIRF, W. Zone, vide his letter under reference, invited the All India Rly. Comm. Clerks Association, on your behalf, to attend meeting on 23rd & 24th inst. at Delhi, in connection with the proposed strike of AIRF from 27th Feb., 1974.

In response to your call for a general strike from 27th Feb., for the demands referred therein, it is to inform you that although I, personally agree with these demands and correct approach and a just solution, even then kindly permit me to submit that Railwaymen in general has a poor opinion regarding this Call. It is barely considered a trick to collect the only donations from the poor Railway employees. The "RED" pamphlets printed and pasted on every station of W.Rly. is a glaring example of it.

If it is not taken otherwise, I may add, that both the recognised federations have also <sup>lost</sup> the faith of the general Railwaymen at all. One is openly considered as a part of the Administration, while the other is also doubted on the same lines, since Jan. last, when it joined hands with NFIR for struggle for "BONUS", collected the huge funds, arranged for Balots for strike and afterwards gone back from its promise.

The image of AIRF is also not fair due to the role played by it very recently at the time of struggle by the locomen and Station Masters, when the officials of the AIRF played leading role in demoralising the striking Railwaymen

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as also did their best to get the strike unsuccessful. You will agree with me, that unless these factors are cleared from the minds of staff, the Call is bound to have a very poor response from staff.

In addition to the above, the examples of 1968 strike is very fresh in the minds of the staff of Western & Central Railways, when the affiliates of these Railways of AIRF played a very dirty and traitors role by withdrawing from the struggle suddenly and the AIRF failed to take any action against them. What is the guarantee that the same trick of 1968 will not be repeated again this time? What will happen if some of the office-bearers, for the sake of "PadamShri" or "Padam Bibhusan", again deceive the Railwaymen?

However, the A.I.R.C.C.A. is of the opinion that in case the AIRF agrees with the following proposals, the proposed strike can be a historical and most successful:-

1. The strike should be called by the Railwaymen as a general and not by the AIRF.
2. All the Office-bearers of the Recognised ~~GRAB~~ <sup>and</sup> unrecognised Unions/Associations should resign from their present portfolios and a general mass should be allowed to elect the new Working Committees at Central, Zonal & Divisional levels, who will pilot the strike, leaving no room to those who can deceive the Railwaymen for Padam-shri and Padam Bhishushan.
3. The Resolutions of the Associations & Federations duly passed in the above connection, should be advised to the Registrar of Trade Unions, as well as to the Govt., so that the newly elected Working Committees will remain only the Executive Body for all purposes in future.

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*Therefore*  
-607 for the betterment of the general mass of Railway  
-men, I urge upon you to kindly look into the above  
suggestions in its true spirit and bring the real unity  
among the Railwaymen to avoid class and personal-cults,  
which are the main causes for the down-fall of the  
labour movements over the Railways.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

*M.P. Srivastava*  
(M.P. Srivastava).  
General Secretary.

- C/- 1. Shri R.R. Sharma, Central Treasurer, AIRCCA,  
Delhi, for information.
2. Shri N.S. Bhangu, Secy. General, A.I.R.E.C., for  
information.



Private letter

# ALL INDIA TRAIN CLERKS' ASSOCIATION

MOTTO :- Do the duties first and fight for the rights. Unity and efforts lead to success.

Regd. No. 1428 H.O. SAMASTIPUR.

Southern Zone : ZONAL OFFICE, ARKONAM JN., S. RLY., TAMILNADU.

Ref. AITCA/SZ/ZS-74/9

Station :

ARKONAM - Jn

Date :

18-1-1974

To

SRI. George Fernandes,

President. AIRF.

New Delhi - 1

President :  
VISWANATHAN, M.A., B.L.,  
Member of Parliament  
Vellore-1

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Arkonam Jn.

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ondiarpet Marshalling Yard  
S. PALANI  
Tiruchirappalli Jn.

Dear Sir,

This Association welcomes your move for the ~~unavoidable~~ inevitable major struggle of railwaymen on wage revision, bonus, hours of work etc.

This Assn. feels that in the prevailing conditions, it will not be encouraging to start an indefinite strike from 27-2-74.

This Assn. suggests - first to have a token strike for 72 hours - ie for 3 days. preferably after the salary day - ie from 21st of any month.

When NFIR is busily engaged and encouraged to preach against strike, it is good both AIRF and AIREC - and other unions in Railways - arrange for a time bound token strike.

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and only time bound token strike will gain the full support of all Rly. Employees.

After watching the success, co-operation of employees and unions, and reactions of the Govt then the question of indefinite strike can be decided upon.

All India Railway Employees Confederation has arranged for a special National Convention at Madras on 15-16 and 17-2.74. During the convention the date for the token strike will be finalised.

If possible, please consider the above points and throw some more light on this subject.

Your kind reply with copy to Sri. K.P. Ramasamy President. AIREC. Station master - RAYAPURAM - Madras - 13. S.Rly - will be highly useful and appreciated.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

K. Durai Samy

K. DURAI SAMY,  
ZONAL SECRETARY - SOUTHERN ZONE

Senior Train Clerk.

Train Clerk's office

AR KONAM - JV -  
Southern Railway

ALL INDIA TRAIN CLERKS ASSOCIATION  
REGD. NO. 1428, SOUTH S. ZONE.

George Fernandes,  
President.

AIRF/24 164-B

January 17, 1974.

Dear Com. Nambiar,

Thank you for your letter, dated January 9,  
1974 and the copy of the resolution.

As you are aware, I have been moving in  
the direction envisaged in your resolution. I shall  
be writing to you again on the matter.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



George Fernandes

Shri K. Ananda Nambiar,  
President,  
Dakshin Railway Employees Union,  
Golden Rock,  
Trichy-4 (Southern Railway).



K. Ananda Nambiar,  
PRESIDENT  
DAKSHIN RAILWAY EMPLOYEES UNION

Phone { REG: 6406  
OFFICE: 3453

GOLDEN ROCK,  
TRICHY-4.

Date.....9-1-1974.....

Dear Com. Fernandez,

Sub: General Strike by Railwaymen  
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I have the honour to forward herewith a resolution adopted by the Central Executive Committee of the Dakshin Railway Employees Union in its meeting held at Golden Rock on 6-1-1974 for your information.

I shall be thankful if you would kindly let us know the steps you are taking in this direction.

With greetings,

Encl:

Yours fraternally,

*K. Ananda Nambiar*

Com. George Fernandez,  
President,  
All India Railwaymen's Federation  
NEW DELHI.

George Fernandes,  
President.

AIRF/160-C

January 17, 1974.

Dear Com. Sindhi,

Thank you for your letter of 10th  
January, 1974.

While I agree with you that we should  
do every thing possible to bring closer coordina-  
tion between the category-wise organisations  
and the Federation, we should also be careful to  
see that nothing that we do comes in the way of  
our immediate objective, namely joint action on  
the demands of the railwaymen during the next  
few weeks.

I am looking forward to meeting you  
and your colleagues at the meeting on 24th and  
25th of this month.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

George Fernandes

Shri J. C. Sindhi,  
General Secretary,  
Indian Rlys. Technical  
Supervisors' Association,  
L-4/A, Grange Road,  
Charbagh,  
Lucknow-1

# Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association

(Regd. No. 1329, under Indian Trade Union Act., 1926)

J. C. Sindhi,  
General Secretary

No. IRTSA/GS/ 8./74/AIRF

Central Hd. Qrs.  
L-4/A Grange Road,  
Charbagh, Lucknow-1.

Dated 10.1.1974.

Shri George Fernadez,  
President, A.I.R.F.,

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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter no. AI+RF/160-C dated 27.12.73. I along with one of my colleagues will attend the next meeting proposed by you on 24th & 25th January, '74 at Delhi.

I would like to remind you of our discussions during the course of the last meeting, in which, you had promised to send us your views on the structural changes to be brought about in the Constitution of A.I.R.F., so that various categorywise Trade Unions could be accommodated, particularly, with a view to enlarge the scope for their representations and also for strengthening the organised labour for any action programme on a consolidated scale. It will be very useful, if the next meeting could be utilized for discussing this aspect in greater details, as solution of this aspect will greatly mitigate the divergence between various associations on one hand and between the Associations and the Federation on the other hand and will pave way for a strong and unified action.

Hoping for an early reply.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,



(J. C. Sindhi)

Shri George Fernadez,  
President, A.I.R.F.,  
New Delhi.

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George Fernandes,  
President.

AIRF/160-B

January-7, 1974.

Dear Mr. Luthra,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of no date, written subsequent to the meeting of the various Railwaymen's Unions convened by the All India Railway-Men's Federation.

Yours fraternally

  
(George Fernandes)  
President.

Shri J.L.Luthra,  
A2/56 Safdarjang Enclave,  
New Delhi-16

My dear Guptaji,

Reg: problems of the categories to be discussed  
in the meeting on 24th and 25th January.

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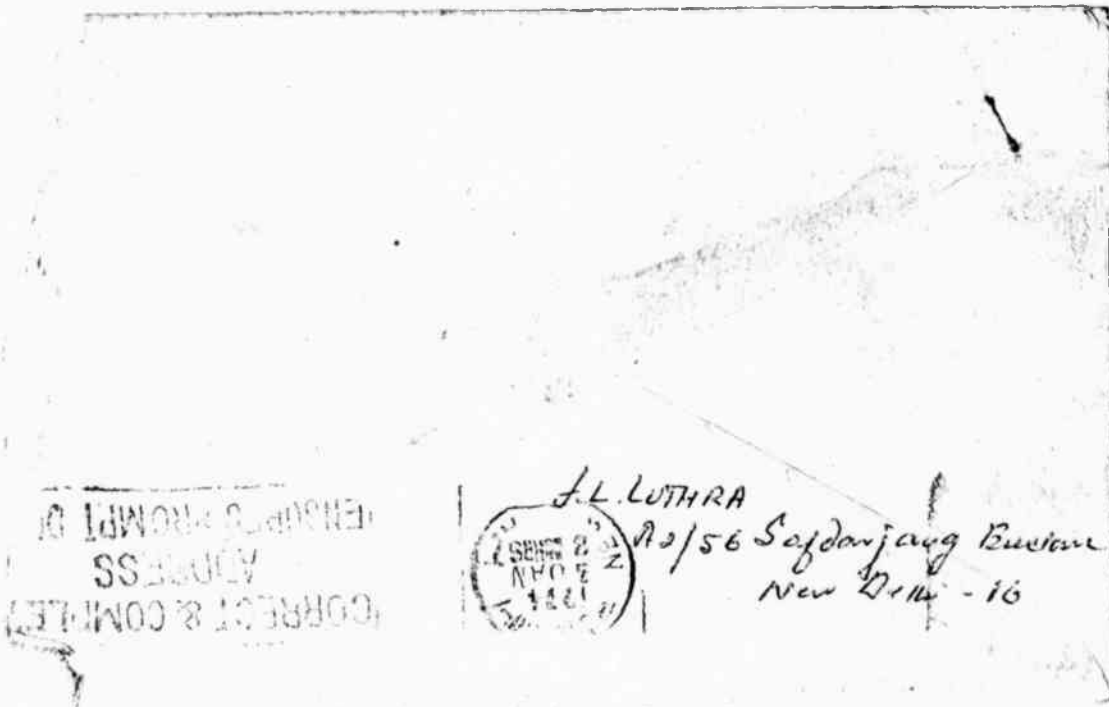
Sh. Jamaluddin, vice President of the  
All India Railway Ministerial staff Association discussed  
some of the problems of his category ( Ministerial Staff )  
with me on date. I have advised him to attend the meeting  
called by the AIRF on 24th and 25th of January, 1974  
in AIRF office. He has desired to be invited on the  
following address: Sh. Jamaluddin, Vice President, All  
India Ministerial Staff Association, CI6/L, Railway Colony,  
Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. His General Secretary is Sh.  
C.M. Singh, QNo. 437/II/33, Hill Colony, Dhanbad.

Kindly do needful in the matter. Thanks.

Sincerely Yours,

Sh. Priya Gupta,  
General Secretary,  
AIRF, New Delhi.

*[Signature]*  
9/1/74  
(A.A. Siddiqui)





A.A. Siddiqui.  
10th January, 1974.

Dear Guptaji,

I discussed the stand taken by the AIRF towards the problems of the Section Controllers with Sh. K.L. Sabarwal, Deputy Chief Controller, Control office, New Delhi. He has appreciated the efforts made by the AIRF in solving their problems. He, therefore, showed his inclination to take part in the deliberations of the categorical meeting on 24th and 25th January in AIRF office. Kindly invite him for the same. He is Zonal Secretary, All India Train Controllers Association.

Sincerely Yours,

Sh. Priya Gupta, Genl. Secy,  
AIRF,  
New Delhi.

(A.A. Siddiqui)

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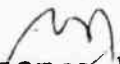
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J. L. LUTHERA

A2/56 Sajdarjung Enclave  
New Delhi. 16

Dear Sri George

4/11/74

While I need to preserve the sanctity of moments and the height of aspirations, I find myself endowed with, by the unique opportunity of <sup>your</sup> association and depth and serene flow of your enlightened thoughts during your meeting with the delegates of various Rep. Categorical Associations on Railways on the 26th & 27th of this month, I feel highly indebted to pay my gratitude and thankfulness for bestowing upon me the right to convey, for and behalf of the staff working in Baroda House, their latent desire for Re-unification of Trade Union Movement.

I fully well understand that nothing can escape from the grasp of your all embracing & towering personality and in the hour of need, each one of us, who seek salvation, would be obliged to render the best of our capability to this end and neither do I have any doubt about the sincerity of purpose we are led by under your leadership, but I have an inborn orient. conviction to see Godliness in the trinity of duties. I believe that such fountain head can better satisfy the multifarious aspects of an individual.

I, having not been elected by one particular Category to represent their cause, the right of representation for the category, I also belong to, goes to the duly elected representative of that Categorical Association; who like the one of other Categorical Associations of Staff would plead for themselves, for their right of representation and organisational adjustments within the frame work of your organisation, I would simply ask your permission to take to the course of persuasion

methods for the remaining few dissenting groups, as to as it appears to me, may like to adopt a sectarian approach under narrow considerations, and may resolve to remain out of the forum you are advocating for.

You would appreciate that the long course of conservative attitude by leaders in one and all labour unions towards the common labour cause and for certain erroneous methods adopted by a few ill-trained and self-centred functionaries in the trade union sphere, has led to the formation of sectarian groups in the name of Categorical Associations and with narrow outlook, like the one recently displayed by Lord Rummig Staff Association in response to your offer for a wider and fatter strife is most unhealthy. They are even now no better in approach as I could read, while my informal talks with them in the above meeting. The staff having been associated with them with regard to their Categorical problem, irrespective of one's ideological affinity with one union group or the other, the representatives were not sure of their means to ratify their decisions of having associated and affiliated to H.I.R.F. I would be so pleased to find them all under one banner and their willing allegiance to your organization at least for the purpose of a united effort as now put forth by H.I.R.F. in their Demand Charter to the Railway Minister, but then, the staff having been formerly associated with their respective Categorical Associations and they in turn having direct link with the federation would under the Union affair, foregone to play any effective role in the strife we are heading fast, and the little considerations they hold for the Union heads for the purpose of their repatriation in P.M.T would be further drifted away. This may also prove detrimental to the cause of Unity we stand for.



The other two Federations and Confederation, you know have some how been carrying on their business well, may be for having better approach with the administration and not taking to the course of united effort, but can surely stand in our way of a further strife if not taken in confidence.

Should it please you and your blessing be with me I, as a common party and under the name of Central Adhoc Coordinating Committee would like to suggest the out-line of a United Front comprising of three members each of the three Federations and two Confederation forming a Cabinet under Co-Chairmanship of the two recognised Federations. The Cabinet thus formed, by virtue of single vote method devise the policy and line of actions binding the Cabinet for identity with such decisions taken on the whole.

The members of the Cabinet with two members each of all <sup>Central</sup> Categorical Associations and three members each of Respective Zonal Unions may form a House of Representatives to ratify such decisions taken by the Cabinet and also for the purpose of their representation in the FNM on Federation level.

The same pattern may be adopted on the <sup>Zonal &</sup> Divisional levels, a nucleus of all trade Unions and Associations for representation in FNM meetings with common approach to Staff problems.

The above line if approved can be developed further and the whole set-up can be so adjusted to fit in the present frame work of all trade Unions except for certain political considerations, which can also be worked out.

I have already sent ~~the~~ introductory letter as the one given to you in person, to the heads of ~~the~~ other organisations, the reply for which is awaited.



The plan to you being initiated by a person of my  
position, I know can't be of much value but once approved  
by the Trade Union leader of your stand will catch the  
momentum and create a U.N.O of near utopia

Hoping to hear soon from you.

Yours Sincerely

Hulland

12/56 Sajdayang Bwelaue  
New Delhi  
Working Chairman.

Shri. George Fernandes  
President.

All INDIA Railwaymen Federation  
New Delhi.

For Central Adhoc Convening Committee

# ALL INDIA TRAIN EXAMINERS' ASSOCIATION

(Registered No. 1501)

NORTH ZONE

**Heera Lal Kapoor**

216, Arya Nager,  
Rly. Colony,  
Ghaziabad

No. AITA/NRZ/4/74

Dated 5-1-1974

To,

The Secretary,  
Railway Board,  
Rail Bhawan,  
New-Delhi.

Dear Sir,

The Railway Board during the discussions with representatives of both the federations on 9th October, 1973 had promised to take and convey the final decision regarding the demands of 'Train Examiners' for up-gradation at par with 'Chargemen' and revision of cadre structure by 31st December, 1973 to be effective w. e. f. 1-10-1973. But nothing has yet been decided and declared.

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The notice for above has already been issued vide my letter No .....

Dated..... 2/1/74.

Copy for information and necessary action please to :

1. The Union Minister for Railways, Rail Bhawan, New-Delhi.
2. The Dy Minister for Railways, Rail Bhawan, New-Delhi.
3. The Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New-Delhi.
4. The Member Mechanical, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New-Delhi.
5. The Member Staff, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New-Delhi.
6. All Zonal and Divisional Officers concerned.
7. General Secretaries A.I.R.F. and N.F.I.R.

  
(Zonal Secretary)

# ALL INDIA TRAIN EXAMINERS' ASSOCIATION

(Registered No. 1501)

**Jagat Prakash**

53-B, Chaupla Rly. Colony,  
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Bareilly (243001)

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Dated.....*12.10.73*.....

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7. General Secretaries A.I.R.F. and N.F.I.R.



(Zonal Secretary)

जे०पी० वाँवे

महा मंत्री 11/11/76 B

दिनांक 15-9-76

आदरणीय त्रिपाठी जी,

विषय:- ए०आइ०आर०एफ० को रेल मंत्री से बैठक ।

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भारत सरकार,

रेल भवन, बड़ौदा, दिल्ली ।

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9. Talked to Mr. Kesava PA to Kamalapati (M.R) who said that Mumukshu Bhai was away to Varanasi. Kesava said he would come back to M.R. that AIRF wants meeting with M.R. as arranged by this week. All AIRF people are here in Boms. PNM meeting. PNM meeting 21/9/76*



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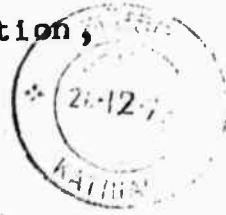
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The General Secretary,

Date-Stamp

All India Railwaymen's Federation,  
125/E, Babar Road,  
New Delhi

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## Indian Railways Ticket Checking Staff Association

Head Office : NEW DELHI

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(Tc. HOWRAH)

~~Working President : Sri J. C. Bhatnagar~~

~~PROSHIKS : Sri S. K. Mishra~~

~~XIR : SEAKRATI~~  
Kanakangan, Bidhanpur  
Madhyamgram, 24-Par  
Date 2. 1. 74.

Ref. GS/IRTCSA/74

From:- D. B. Ray,  
General Secretary.

Esteemed Gupta da,

Your letter dated 22nd December, 1973 has been received on 31st December, 1973 with due tenderness. It would have been a great pleasure had we your valuable presence on the occasion of our 3rd AGM, held at Bombay on 24th and 25th December, 1973.

However, I am very happy to note that, considering the importance the Rly. Categorical Organisations, a meeting was arranged under your auspices, wherein all the categorical organisations were invited to discuss the Railwaymen's demands and chalk out the future course of action. I am sorry that due to our 3rd AGM, I could not avail the chance. It is our adopted policy to maintain brotherly relation with all categorical organisations and to extend best possible support and co-operation towards legitimate struggle of Railway men.

We welcome this noble gesture and assure you our best possible co-operation for any joint struggle for the cause of Railway men.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Priya Gupta,  
General Secretary, A.I.R.F.,



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 †insured for Rupees } **Member, Central Council of the**  
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# ALL INDIA TRAIN EXAMINERS' ASSOCIATION

CENTRAL OFFICE . 3F. PALM AVENUE, CALCUTTA - 19

( Registered under the Indian Trade Union Act. 1926 )  
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Address of Correspondence :

Asansol Rest House,  
 Radipar, Depot Para,  
 Asansol, Bardwan. W. Bengal.

Ref No. AITA/ AKD/CEC/73

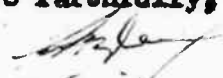
2nd January, 1974.

To  
 The General Secretary,  
 A.I. R. F.  
 125E, Babar Road, New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

In continuation with my letter of even No. dated 28.9.73, I am docketing herewith resolution No. 3 adopted in the 2nd Central executive committee meeting of All India Train Examiners Association held at Kanchrapara on 18/19-12-73 for your information and necessary action.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,  
  
 ( A. K. Das )  
 GENERAL SECRETARY.

Resolution No. 3.

After reviewing the organisational preparation it has been decided that if the Railway administration fails to concede upon the legitimate demands of the Cadre of Train Examiners, viz-a-viz revision of pay scales, 63% higher grade promotional emoluments, Superintending allowances, for the Foreman and depot-in charges, better working conditions by implementing higher grade posts of Artisan Staff, introducing of model duty roster etc.etc., as per charter of demands, the Train Examiners of Indian Railways shall be compelled to withdraw their sympathetic attitude with effect from )) 00:00 Hours of 30th January, 1974.



# All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1.



No. AIRF/160-C

Dated December-28, 1973.

To

General Secretaries of the  
Affiliated Unions/AIRF

Sub: Next meeting of the AIRF with the representatives of the different categorical organizations/Associations at Delhi to be held on 24th and 25th of Jan. January, 1974 at the AIRF office.

Dear Comrades,

As you know the AIRF desires to build the widest possible unity of railwaymen in order to secure the demands of all railwaymen in shortest possible time and therefore, there can be no two opinions, whatever may be our other differences, - that only through a massive and decisive struggle of railwaymen from all sections, it would be possible to achieve our demands.

As per appeal issued by Shri. George Fernandes, AIRF President there was a good response during the last meeting in which several categorical organizations/Associations representatives including all India Loco Running Staff Association, All India Technical Staff Association and others participated in the AIRF office on the 26th and 27th December, 1973.

To make the next scheduled meeting to be held in the AIRF's office at 3 P.M. on January 24, 1974, a success, it is earnestly requested that you will kindly contact our workers and members and make a detailed grass root propoganda regarding the utility and desirability of such a meeting for forcing the Government of India to concede to our demands. For a better confrontation on the five point demands which have been referred to the Chairman, Railway Bd., for negotiated settlement, it is but natural that a joint and co-ordinated effort be made. With this end in view I am sending herewith the copies of the declarations as well as the demands etc., and the letters and appeals issued by our President, AIRF, so that you can approach the categories and make detailed contacts to educate them all about our demands, so that a maximum number of railwaymen from each of such categorical associations of your Zonal Railway come to Delhi to attend this meeting to be held in the AIRF's office on 24th January, 1974 at 3.00 P.M.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

( P. V. Gupta )

General Secretary.

DA/a. above.  
(ten copies each)



# AIRF

## All India Railwaymen's Federation

AIRF/185/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1.

27th December, 1973.

Dear Com.

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Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and send us the names of two representatives from your organisation who will participate in the meeting. The meeting will commence at 3.00 P.M. on January 24, 1974, at the AIRF's Office.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Encl: as above.

*George Fernandes*  
George Fernandes  
President.

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George Fernandes,  
President.

AIRF/24

24th December, 1973.

Dear Com. Misra,

I have received your postcard, dated  
the 19th December, 1973.

*AIRF/60-B*

Enclosed herewith is a folder which states  
our position on the locomen's Strike. All my efforts  
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With fraternal greetings and good wishes,

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Shri B.S. Misra,  
Asstt. Genl. Secretary, AIRMSA  
under DAO, , western Rly. Jaipur.



# ALL INDIA RAILWAY TECHNICAL STAFF CONFERENCE

( UNDER THE AUSPICES OF A. I. R. F. )

*T. N. Bajpai*

CONVENER

ZONAL SECRETARY A.I.R.F

MEMBER J.C.M. (NATIONAL COUNCIL)

WORKING PRESIDENT N. R. M. U.

RAHIMULA BUILDING, PANDARIBA,  
LUCKNOW

Ref. No. AIRESC/AIRF/BOV/LKO-6

Dated 25.12.1973

Dear Shri Gupta ji,

As decided by the Working Committee of All India Railwaymen's Federation, the 6th All India Workshops, Open Line Artisans and Technical Supervisors Conference is to be held on 20th and 21st of January, 1974 at Lucknow.

There are certain dates in the life of Trade Union which afford an opportunity for a review of its work in the past and for a plan in its future. This date has come. Artisans and Technicians of All Indian Railways and Production Units are collecting on this date to consider various problems concerning Artisans and Technicians along with implications of 3rd Pay Commission's recommendations and the situation arising out of rejection of the recommendations of Prof. A.K. Dass Gupta & Prof. N.B. Ray in their note of dissent at page 109 Vol. IV of the report, wherein they have suggested better grades for Artisans and Technicians.

I take pleasure in inviting you to please address this Conference and request you to please send an article for publication in the souvenir being issued on the occasion.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
( T. N. BAJPAI )

Shri Priya Gupta,  
Genl. Secretary/AIRF,  
C/O N.F.Rly. Mazdoor Union,  
KATIHAR (N.F. RLY.)



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Ref. No. AIRTSC/AIRF/LKO-6

Dated 25.12.1973

The General Secretary,  
All India Railwaymen's Federation,  
125-E, Babar, Road,  
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Sub: RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

The Reception Committee of the Conference  
will comprise of following members:-

CHAIRMAN Sh. D.D. Vasisht, Genl. Secy/NRMU  
Secretary Sh. H.C. Pandey, Divl. Secy(W)/NRMU.

MEMBERS.

1. S/Sh. P.N. Tripathi	Divl. Secy. LKO/Divn.	10. S/Sh. B.D. Sharma	President/LKO Stn. Br.
2. B.P. Gupta	Asstt. Divl. Secy(W).	11. V.P. Trivedi,	Secy./LKO Stn Br.
3. Mohd. Taqui	Asstt. Divl. Secy/LKO Divn.	12. Parsu Ram,	President, R/Shed.
4. S.D. Bajpai	President/ CB/Br.	13. Rameshwar Pandey	Secy. R/Shed Br.
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6. Kripa Shanker	President/ AMV Br.	15. Sat Pal, Secy.	Sick Line Br.
7. Gorakh Nath	Secy/AMV Br.	16. R.U. Singh,	President,
8. Harish Mohan	President Elec. Br.	17. Stores Br. AMV.	Mahatam Rai
9. B.K. Misra	Secy/Elec. Br.		Secy. Stores Br. AMV.

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18. S/Shri R.C. Singh
19. S.S. Upadhaya
20. Joginder Singh
21. S.G. Misra
22. J.C. Sindhi
23. Harchandan Singh
24. Hans Raj Sharma

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( T.N. Bajpai )  
CONVENER.

Copy for information to :

1. The General Secretary, NRMU, Babar Road, New Delhi.
2. The Divl. Secretary (W) NRMU/LKO.
3. The Divl. Secretary, Lucknow Divn./NRMU/LKO.

/  
( T.N. Bajpai )  
CONVENER.

# All India Trains Clerks' Association

(REGD. No. 1428)

Head Office : SNEH SADAN MALGODAM CHOWK, SAMASTIPUR DISTT. DARBHANGA.

Sub. Office : Q. NO. 129/1 RLY. COLONY OPPOSIT D. C. M. DELHI-6

Ref. No. 20/A-21NCA/73

Dated 17-12-73 1973  
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The President,  
All India RailwayMen's Federation,  
125, Babar Road,  
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

I have come to know that you are good enough to call a meeting of categorical Associations in the last week of this month. This is a long awaited, heartening and welcome step to unite the unguided, furstrated and scattered labour.

I look forward hopefully for this event. It will not be out of place to mention here that in the year 1967 you were kind enough to inagurate our annual Conference at Gorakhpur. Now the time has ~~come~~ given us this opportunity to trouble you and get our grievances redressed through your good Offices. You also might have recieved a memorandum from Sh. G. BalaKrishan Vice president of our Association, which would have made you aware of our burning problems.

I, hope you will please intimate me the date and place of the proposed meeting on the following address.

With best regards,

Sincerely Yours

*Mohammed Hassan*  
( MOHAMMED HASSAN )  
EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT  
Qr NO. 129/1, DCM?  
Railway Colony,  
DELHI.

AIRF

## All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1



No. AIRF/160-B.

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With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

George Fernandes  
President.

Encl: as above.

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Shri B.S.Misra,  
Asstt. Gnl. Secretary, AIRMSA  
under DAO, , western Rly. Jaipur.

I.H. Khan,  
General Secretary.

A.I.R.T.S .C.  
Gorakhpur.

Dear George Sahab,

I received your letter dated Nil. ~~and~~  
Sri G. Sinha, working president, A.I.R.T.S.C.  
and myself will attend the meeting.

I am sure that this meeting will be  
a successful one.


Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(I.H. Khan) 17/12

Sri George Fernandes,  
President, A.I.R.M.  
125, Bar Road,  
New Delhi.





# All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1.



December 3, 1973

Dear Comrade,

Enclosed herewith are copies of the Resolution adopted at the Annual Convention of the A.I.R.F. held at Secunderabad from October 15-18, 1973, and the letter forwarded to the Chairman, Railway Board on the demands on which the A.I.R.F. is currently preparing the railwaymen for an indefinite general strike should the efforts to arrive at an amicable settlement on the demands fail.

After the sad and frustrating experience of all organisations of government and railwaymen before the Pay Commission, there is now no alternative left before us but to force the Railway Board to open bilateral negotiations with the Railwaymen's representatives and thus reach an accord on all long-pending issues.

I do not have to emphasise that only the widest possible unity of the railwaymen will enable them to achieve their demands whether through the process of negotiations or through effective direct action. In order to discuss with you the perspectives of the struggle that may soon become inevitable, I am proposing a meeting of representatives of Railwaymen's organisations in New Delhi on December 26th & 27th, 1973.

I shall be happy if you were to depute two representatives from your organisation to attend this meeting. The meeting will commence at 3.00 p.m. on December 26th at the A.I.R.F. office.

Please confirm that your representatives will attend the meeting.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*George Fernandes*  
George Fernandes.  
P R E S I D E N T.

A.I.R.F.



# All India Railwaymen's Federation

125/E, BABAR ROAD, NEW DELHI-1.



RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ANNUAL  
CONVENTION OF THE AIRF AT  
SECUNDERABAD IN ITS MEETING HELD  
FROM 15TH TO 19TH OCTOBER, 1973.

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This Annual Convention of the All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) meeting held in Secunderabad from 15th to 19th October, 1973, having given careful/serious consideration of Government's decision announced last week is fully and firmly convinced that Government had no serious intention of making any substantial improvement in the recommendations of the Pay Commission so as to satisfy the minimum and legitimate demands and aspirations of Railwaymen. The AIRF had, with constraint, agreed to negotiate with Govt. through the forum of the Joint Consultative Machinery (JCM), so as to provide one more opportunity to Govt. to gauge the severe frustration and discontentment prevailing in their ranks over the inadequate, irrational and retrograde recommendations of the Commission and to take appropriate measures to remedy them. Instead, Govt. utilised this opportunity for buying time, delaying its decision and to put forth a totally unacceptable proposal for the arrears in the Provident Fund. The Convention notes with serious concern the embittered feelings amongst railwaymen over this episode and Government's decision thereon.

This Convention categorically rejects Govt.'s decision on the recommendations of the Pay Commission. The AIRF makes it clear and unequivocal that no quantification which is not based on the 15th ILC Formula will be accepted by it. The recent settlement of wage disputes in the Bharat Heavy Electricals (Public Sector) and the

Cement Industry (Private Sector) which have been arrived at the instance of Govt., provided for a minimum wage of Rs.294/- and Rs.318/- respectively. Similar wage settlement and awards have been made in Banks, MMTC, again on Govt.'s intervention and guidance. This dual policy of Govt., one aimed at encouragement to the Public and Private Sectors and the other of restraint and denial to Railwaymen, is aimed at a purposeful discrimination against railwaymen. The AIRF having abandoned all hopes of a settlement on the basis of Govt.'s promises and policies decides to resort to strike action for achievement of the following demands on 27th February, 1974 from 6.00 A.M.:

1. Restructuring of the pay scales providing Need Based Minimum wage in accordance with the principles of the 15th Indian Labour Conference Formula.
2. Provision of subsidised Grain Shops.
3. Payment of Bonus to all Railwaymen.
4. Full Neutralisation of Dearness Allowance after a periodic review of 6 months on a rise of 4 points in the All India Average Consumer Price Index.
5. Point to point fixation so as to ensure reflection (of the weightage) of service in the new scales of pay.
6. Retrospective effect of the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission from 1.3.1970 for all purposes including the payment of arrears.
7. Speedy settlement of all other outstanding demands and disputes of Railwaymen pending at various levels, viz. PNM, JCM, Tribunal, etc.

The Convention invites the attention of Railwaymen, particularly, that the achievement of the above concretised demands calls for the firm determination and maximum mobilisation of all their energies and efforts. This attitude must now cease and Govt. must be made to

realise that Railwaymen will not permit any such situation to continue any longer which subjects them to injustice and discrimination.

This meeting also decides to hold a Convention of all Trade Union Organisations of Railwaymen (Excluding NFIR) and other Central Govt. Employees and Central Trade Unions Organisations by November, 1973, to bring about coordination of action for the success of the Strike.

This Convention directs its affiliated unions to collect a Struggle Fund of Rupees Two Lakhs (Rs. 2 lakhs) each by the 31st December, 1973, so as to ensure the success of an indefinite strike action.

In order to review the situation and decide the future course of action in consonance with the date of Strike i.e. 27th February, 1974, this Convention directs the Working Committee to meet not later than the first week of January, 1974.

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INDIAN RAILWAYS PHARMACISTS' ASSOCIATION  
(Regd. Under the Trade Union Act 1926)

Raj Deo Singh, M.P.,  
President.

H.O.: 166/12, N.Rly. Colony  
Kishanganj, DELHI-7.

NO. IRFA/Cir-73.

Dated 8.12.1973.

The Hon'ble Minister for Railways,  
(Govt. of India),  
Ministry of Railways,  
Rail Bhawan,  
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

In the general interest of the Pharmacists, category, and in the interest of our solidarity we have to serve your Ministry with the notice that in case the C.G.H.S. Pharmacists and others having to go on Strike due to inordinate delay in announcing the decision regarding 'Better Pay Scales for Pharmacists and better channel of promotion' as agreed by the Ministry of Health, the Rly. Pharmacists will also be obliged to start a direct action. We may assure you, however, that the Rly. Pharmacists have still faith in the sense of Justice of the Govt. of India and hope that a favourable decision will be made and implemented by you well in time.

With regards.

Yours faithfully,

  
(B.D. ARYA)  
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Copy forwarded to:-

1. His Excellency the President of India, New Delhi.
2. His Excellency the Vice President of India, New Delhi.
3. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, New Delhi.
4. Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
5. Hon'ble Minister of Health, New Delhi.
6. Hon'ble Minister of Finance, New Delhi.
7. Hon'ble Minister of Labour, New Delhi.
8. The Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. The Director Health, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.
10. The Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.
11. The Labour Commission, Gurdawara, Rakabganj Road, New Delhi.
12. The Labour Commissioner, Rajpur Road, Delhi.
13. The President/General Secretary, AIRF/NFIR, N.RMU/URMU, New Delhi.
14. The President/General Secretary, Other Unions/Associations, Delhi State.
15. The Press, New Delhi.
16. All the Members, National Council and all the Members of the Association with the request that the Strike Notice served by C.G.H.S. Pharmacists & others, is well in your knowledge and it is time for all of us to sit side by side and stand like one man for the joint cause. You are called upon to express wide support and give all maximum cooperation, the you can do to the C.G.H.S. Pharmacists.

Yours faithfully,

  
(B.D. ARYA)



"सत्यमेव जयते"

# INDIAN RAILWAYS PHARMACIST'S ASSOCIATION

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My dear Bhai Fernandes,

I thankfully acknowledge your circular calling this organization to take part in the deliberations scheduled to be held on Dec. 26th & 27, 1973. Our representatives will be there in time.

This may be considered as confirmation as desired.  
With best wishes.

Shri. George Fernandes,  
President,  
AIRF,  
New Delhi.

Yours sincerely,  
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CB. D. ARYA,  
Genl. Sec.

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United Committee of Railwaymen

N. F. P. Maligaon

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Convenor

Harachand Das.

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Date 19-11-73.

To  
The General Secretary,  
N.F. Railway Mazdoor Union,  
Panau.

Comrade,

Unilateral modification of retrograde Pay Commission award by the Government without fulfilment of fundamental demands of the workers like need-based minimum wage, full neutralisation of rise in cost of living, bonus etc. has only vindicated the stand of the UCR that Central Government Employees cannot expect any relief to their distressed condition without struggle. Rightly A.T.R.F. has called for a Strike. The UCR wholeheartedly supports it and pledges its full co-operation to make the Strike successful through united action.

The United struggle of the Railwaymen has been all the more necessary in the context of divided allegiance of the workers to different organisations outside the two unions. These organisations have come out with an avowed object of struggle to achieve their demands. The All India Loco Running Staff Association and its leadership have proved their worth in this regard by their last glorious struggle. By their struggle, they helped the other workers to gain confidence of successful struggle which was shattered in spite of the unions. And united struggle must contain this AILRSA leadership for the successful end of the strike.

In the opinion of the UCR, with this divided loyalty of workers no single organisation including the two recognised unions can lead a strike to its successful end without united movement. With that spirit and honesty to the cause of the workers, the UCR time and again asked you to form joint platform in all matters without any success so far.

The recent public call at Maligaon from your Federation President, Shri George Fernandez, for struggle unitedly with all other organisations outside your union within the Railway, has raised hope among the Railwaymen. The UCR considered it a radical change in the outlook of the AIRF for successful end of the Strike, and therefore, with its stand for united struggle had an exchange of views on it with Shri Fernandez.

Bilateral talk between Shri Fernandez and the UCR in presence of several of your Central Office bearers brought out that he is most desirous for real unity both at the top and at bottom. Pressed about the ~~how~~ way how this unity should be forged, he had given to understand that the Working Committee Meeting of the Federation will decide on this modality of united struggle sometimes in December when other organisations including UCR will be addressed.

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The UCR reiterates that real unity is the condition of a successful Strike in the Railway. And ~~thaxxaxaxaxaxax~~ by real unity it means a joint platform of leadership from all organisations including UCR at the top and through efforts of this joint ~~platform~~ leadership, committees at each working spot should be formed democratically with the consent of the whole workers thereat. All programmes for Strike-preparations like holding meetings, processions, demonstrations, collection of Strike-Fund etc. should be done through this platform of joint leadership from different organisations without which the apprehension of the workers of failure cannot be dispelled.

The United Committee of Railwaymen waits for your decision on united struggle in the Working Committee Meeting of the Federation in December. In the meantime, UCR would request you for mutual consent for joint movement on immediate issues and refrain from any unilateral action of forming any body on picked up and choose method or collection or Strike Fund which will only create confusion among the Railwaymen.

Comradely yours,

( Haramehan Das. )

Copy for information and necessary action to:

- (1) Shri George Fernandez, President/All India Railwaymen's Federation/New Delhi.
- (2) All Committee Members/ UCR.
- (3) General N.F. Railwaymen.



CONVENOR,  
UNITED COMMITTEE OF RAILWAYMEN/N.F.RLY.