

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO THE CHIEF MINISTER,  
GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,  
BANGALORE.

BY

THE REMCO EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Sir,

The Industrial relations in the Radio & Electricals Manufacturing Company Limited, Bangalore is deteriorating day by day and is reaching fast a critical situation.

The above situation has arisen due to the most unreasonable attitude of the Management of the REMCO in respect of the employees and particularly its attitude of victimising the employees.

In July 1965, the 1300 workers of REMCO had gone on a spontaneous stay-in-strike for four days from 27-7-1965 to 31-7-1965. This strike came about as a result of again, a very unjustified and improper approach of the Management namely (1) Charge-sheets were given to 26 employees of Cables Division on flimsy grounds. (2) The Management did not consider the issue of granting Ad-Hoc allowance favourably (3) Bonus for the year was not settled. On approaching the Minister for Labour during the strike, he advised us to withdraw the strike and stated that the disputes would be negotiated at the conciliation level. Further, he also stated that there would be no victimisation of the employees for this strike. Apart from this, the Deputy Labour Commissioner of the Government of Mysore, addressed the General Body Meeting of the employees on 1-8-1965 and assured them that the disputes would be taken up under conciliation and that there would be no victimisation of any worker for participation in the strike. On the open assurance of the Deputy Labour Commissioner the Workers ended the strike on 1-8-1965 and went back to work.

When the workers had settled down to work the Management issued charge-sheets to 49 workers, in August 1965. We requested the Management not to proceed with the enquiries but to drop them. We also pointed out the assurance of the Deputy Labour Commissioner. However, all our pleadings, resolutions, discussions etc. with the Managing Director and other officials were in vain. On December 31, 1965 13 workers were dismissed and 36 more are awaiting the axing by the Management.

From the time of the issuance of charge-sheets and show cause notices in August 1965 till the time of dismissal of the 13 employees in December 1965 we have kept informed at every stage the Minister for Labour and the Labour Department the attitude of the Management. We have discussed these issues and urged on the Government to see that the Management does not take an attitude of victimisation. We were informed by the Honourable Minister for Labour and the other officials of the Labour Department that necessary advice has been given to the Management not to dismiss employees for this strike. However despite all these assurances the Management has dismissed 13 employees. After the dismissal we again approached the Minister for Labour as well as the Minister for Industries. While the Minister for Labour said that he has advised the Managing Director and still this dismissal has taken place, the Minister for Industries expressed sympathy with us. However no effective action has been taken till now in order to settle this issue and take back the 13 employees who have been unjustly and illegally dismissed.

In connection with the above we also wish to point out how unjust is the attitude of the Management. Few days prior to dismissal the Managing Director told some of the employees office bearers that he would not proceed with the enquiry or take action if the 13 employees as well as the other 36 give letters of regret. Our Office bearers stated that this would be considered


by the Union. We discussed this and wanted the draft of the letter. The draft of the letter was given by the Management and this was being discussed and finalised. In the meanwhile the Managing Director who was out of station came back and in discussion with us stated that his offer had been withdrawn as it stood only for 3 days. Our pleadings in respect of this and our urging to give letters of regret/mutually acceptable draft/on a were of no avail.


Since all our efforts at negotiations with the Management as well as with other authorities did not fructify we had no alternative but to take recourse to peace-ful agitation. Though the workers were so much agitated that they desired to take to direct action, on the advise of the Association, no strike action has been taken, Also workers are conducting hunger strike in batches from 17-1-1966. 3 LADY EMPLOYEES went on hunger strike from 25-1-1966. On 25-1-1966 all the 1300 employees of REMCO fasted as a protest against the Managements action and urging settlement.

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It is not our intention either to/necessarily bring a conflict or to Mar the Industrial relations in this State Sector Industry. We have tried our level best to settle the matter peacefully at all levels but have not succeeded. Having no other alternative we are forced to the path of agitation. As we are interested in developing this industry and to maintain peace, we request you to immediately intervene and see that the unjustly dismissed 13 workers, who have put in long years of service (from 5 years to 16 years) are reinstated and no action is taken against the rest of the 36. This could be done on the basis of an assurance from the end of the Association or on the basis of a letter of regret from each employee on a mutually accepted draft.@considering that these dismissed employees have put in long and diligent service over years, and have given their best to the development of this industry, considering also that throwing out of employment these 13 would not only be victimisation but one in total disregard/the of assurances of a Government Official of the Labour Department, considering that this action of the Management is in violation of the INDUSTRIAL TRICE RESOLUTION AND CODE OF DISCIPLINE, considering the hardships which these employees will have to face with un-employment in these hard-days, we request you once again to do justice by the workmen of REMCO, for which act they would ever be grateful to you.

Yours faithfully,

  
(M.S. KRISHNAN.)  
President

  
(M. MUNISWAMY)  
Secretary

Bangalore,  
January 26, 1966.

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To:

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a copy of the Memorandum submitted the Chief Minister, Government of Mysore by the Radio & Electricals Manufacturing Company Limited. employees Association. The Memorandum is self explanatory.

The action of dismissing the 13 workers and threatened dismissal of another 36 by the Managing Director of this State Sector Industry raises several issues namely -

- (1) Firstly the confidence of the employees is shaken in the Labour Department of the Government since a Management of the State Government Undertaking acts in violation of the assurances hold out by the Deputy Labour Commissioner.
- (2) Secondly, the action amounts to victimisation as it has been held by Tribunals and Courts that mere participation in a strike cannot entitle the Management to victimise the workers.
- (3) Thirdly the action of the Management is opposed to the Industrial Truce Resolution and the Code of Discipline which the Government, employers and employees have accepted.
- (4) More than all the entire relationship between Management and employees in State Sector Undertaking is called to question if the Management is permitted to dismiss employees unjustly.

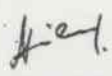
Under the circumstances we request you to lend your wholehearted support to the employees of REMCO and their just struggle and see that the 13 dismissed workers are re-instated and the charge-sheets against 36 withdrawn.

We hope you will do the needful.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

  
(M.S. KRISHNAN)  
President

  
(M. MUNISWAMY)  
Secretary.

ENTIRE WORKING CLASS RALLIES BEHIND REMCO WORKERS'  
STRUGGLE AGAINST VICTIMISATION

7/2/66

Workers of the Radio & Electricals Manufacturing Company (REMCO) of Bangalore, a Mysore Government concern managed by an IAS bureaucrat, have just concluded one phase of their struggle against victimisation and for adhoc allowance and bonus and are preparing for the next and final phase of indefinite strike. The entire working class of Bangalore of both public and private sector industries have magnificently rallied behind the REMCO workers and have pledged their support.

In July 1965 the 1300 workers of REMCO had gone on a spontaneous stay-in strike for four days as a protest against the unjust ~~and~~ highhanded manner in which the management turned down the demand of the workers for an ad-hoc allowance and bonus for the year 1964-65 and at the same time charge-sheeted 25 workers of the Cables Division on flimsy grounds. The workers had just then removed the previous INTUC leadership which was openly pro-management and had elected Com. M.S. Krishnan of AITUC as their legal advisor. The management wanted to 'Punish' the workers and 'teach them a lesson' for daring to make this change in the leadership of the Union.

The strike was withdrawn on the assurance of the Labour Minister that the dispute would be settled by negotiation once the strike is withdrawn and there would be no victimisation whatsoever on account of the strike. The Deputy Labour Commissioner went as far as addressing the General Body meeting of, the workers and conveyed the above assurance to them. Thereupon the strike was withdrawn.

The management went back on these assurances and served show-cause notice and charge-sheets on 49 workers for participating in the strike. The labour minister and the labour department plead that they are helpless in the face of the arrogance of a wooden-headed bureaucrat. Even the Industries Ministers and his department exhibit pathetic impotency. It is a case of the tail wagging the dog, the petty bureaucrat leading the Government and its departments by the nose. Now the management has dismissed 13 workers and the threat of dismissal is hanging on the heads of the remaining

remaining 36. The management took this action all on a sudden when negotiations were in fact going on and when the workers union was considering certain proposals made by the management itself.

All efforts on the part of the Union to settle the disputes, especially the question of victimisation, by direct negotiation and by the intervention of the industries and labour departments and their ministers failed due to the recalcitrant attitude of the management and the policy of pleading helplessness on the part of the Government. The workers had no other alternative but to take recourse to direct action.

As a first step in this direction the workers went on hunger strike in batches, each batch fasting in front of the factory for 72 hours. All sections of workers joined this struggle. Ex-president Nataraj, Ex-Secretary, Prasannamoorthy, Ex-Vice-President, Rangaswamy, present General Secretary Muniswamy, General Council Member Miss Susheela, Miss Sethu Bai and Miss Anasuya, all employees of REMCO were among the hunger-strikers. This programme commenced on the 17th of January and concluded on the 31st.

During these days of hunger-strike the entire organised working class of Bangalore rallied to support the REMCO workers. F. Luis and K.S. Krishna Moorthy, President and Secretary of the Hindustan Aeronautics Employees' Association, M.S. Chandrashekar Rao of Bharat Electronic Employees' Association; Rajagopal of Hindustan Machine Tools Employees' Association; Anandthirth of Guest Keen Williams, Sankey Division Employees' Association; M.S. Neelakentiah, of Kirloskar Electric Company Employees' Association and others addressed the meeting of the Remco workers in front of the factory pledging their support to their struggle. It is significant that Shri Doorvasa Naidu, President of Central Industrial Workshop Employees Union (INTUC) addressed a meeting of the REMCO workers and pledged the support of his Union to their struggle. Shri Maridas, President of Government Electric Factory Labour Association (INTUC) who could not personally address the workers due to ill-health sent a message supporting struggle. The Plywood Factory Employees Association, Kirloskar Electric Company Employees

Association, Guest Keen Williams, Sankey Division Employees Association and some other trade unions jointly took out a cycle procession in support of the struggle. On 25th January, 1966 all the 1200 workers conducted a mass hunger strike protesting against the action of the Management.

Com. M.C. Narasimhan, M.L.C., General Secretary of the Karnataka Pradesh Committee of the AITUC, SSP leader Shri S. Gopala Gowda, M.L.A., Shri P. Venkatariryappa, M.L.A. (independent), Shri Narayanaswamy, Bangalore City Corporation Councilor spoke to the hunger strikers and workers and expressed their sympathy and support. These leaders and Shri S. Rajagopal, M.L.A. (Ind.) actively helped the union by intervening and urging the Government to take steps to settle the dispute.

In the meanwhile every one of the employees of REMCO sent post-cards to the Labour Minister urging him to intervene and settle the dispute by taking back all the dismissed workers and dropping all proceedings against the rest. They shouted slogans after working hours demanding reinstatement of victimised employees. They took out a mammoth procession to the Vidhan Soudha on 28th January, 1966 and demonstrated their unity and determination. They met the Chief Minister and presented a memorandum (copy enclosed).

On the 5th of February a mammoth public meeting was held at Chikalalbagh under the joint auspices of 19 trade unions of employees of both public and private sector industries as well as Mysore State Bank Employees' Federation, Insurance Corporation Employees' Union, Karnataka Pradesh Trade Union Congress and Hind Mazdur Panchayat. Prominent Trade Union leaders spoke in the meeting. The meeting resolved to support the struggle of the REMCO workers.

Representatives of these organisations have met and taken a decision to jointly go on hunger-strike before the Vidhan Soudha if the dispute is not settled immediately to the satisfaction of the REMCO Employees Association. They have met the Labour Minister and submitted a memorandum in which they have stated:

"We have all decided to make common cause with the REMCO Employees' Association. We are strongly of the opinion that the action <sup>of</sup> large-scale dismissals is clearly a case of victimisation ... We have to state that if the issue of REMCO Employees is not settled in a manner satisfactory to the REMCO Employees Association, and that at an early date, we will initiate a programme of action in support of the REMCO employees."

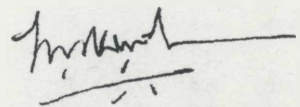
Despite all this agitation, though the Minister<sup>s</sup> express sympathy with us they are ~~experiencing~~ <sup>exhibiting</sup> incapacity to take effective action and see that the bureaucratic ~~Managing~~ Director takes back the 13 victimised employees. The ~~Managing~~ Director is threatening to take further <sup>for</sup> action. If this happens, he will be giving room/further unrest. Remco employees are determined to fight any such acts of victimisation.

In the recent period layoffs, retrenchments threats of freezing or cutting DA, victimisation on flimsiest grounds etc., are becoming quite common in this state. The Government does not lift a little finger even to tackle these problems and settle industrial disputes expeditiously and to the satisfaction of labour. The only thing they seem to know is to impose prohibitory orders under Sec. 144 or take recourse to DIR. Number of struggles have been conducted in the industrial centres of the state recently and more are in the offing. REMCO workers struggle and the solidarity action in support of it is an indication of the situation that is developing in this state.

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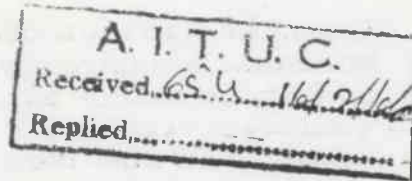
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# Karnataka Pradesh Trade Union Congress

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The General Secretary,  
All India Trade Union Congress,  
No. 5, E Jandhewalan,  
Rani Janshi Road,  
NEW DELHI.

Dear Comrade,

Enclosed is a report of the struggle that is being waged by the REMCO employees. The report is self-explanatory. I learn that the Standing Labour Committee is meeting in Delhi from 14th and our Minister for labour is also attending it. As REMCO (Radio & Electricals Manufacturing Company Limited) is a state sector manufacturing Water Meters, PVC Cables, Radios, Electrical Meters, Band Switches, Condensers etc., it is necessary that the industrial relations must be properly governed. However, in this concern because of the extremely bureaucratic and anti-working class attitude of the Managing Director, viz., Shri M. Subramanyam who happens to be an I.A.S. Officer, the industrial relations are completely ~~marred~~ <sup>marred</sup>. Besides, the action which he has taken is opposed to the Code of Discipline ~~and~~ the Industrial Truce Resolution. Hence, I request you to see that this matter is raised in the Standing Labour Committee.

Another issue of importance is the ~~issue~~ <sup>matter</sup> in which the Regional Director of the Workers Education Centre is trying to enroll trainees for the Worker Teacher Course. We ~~have~~ here established a practice, which has been working well, since the past 3 to 4 years. ~~of~~ Each of the Central Trade Union Organisations viz., AITUC, INTUC, HBS nominate ~~an~~ <sup>eight</sup> persons

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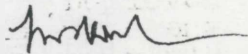


from the list of candidates applying for the Workers Teachers Training Course. However, now it is being said that minimum educational qualifications like S.S.L.C. should be insisted upon; and the Personnel Manager of the concern should testify to the personality, adaptability, and performance of the applicant. We have stoutly resisted this method of selection. If it is accepted it will go against the very principles of Workers Education Scheme. This matter also may please be raised in the Standing Labour Committee if possible.

I have received your circulars for the General Council Meeting of the AITUC as well as for Working Committee Meeting of the National Federation and Metal and Engineering Workers in India. If the position in REMCO worsens and the workers go on strike it may not be possible for me to attend this meeting, otherwise I will try to attend.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



(M. S. KRISHNAN)  
SECRETARY

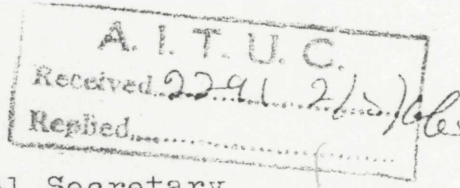
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Date 27.4.1966

The General Secretary,  
All India Trade Union Congress,  
5 E Jhandewallan, Rani Janshi Road,  
NEW DELHI.

Dear Comrade,

The Executive Committee Meeting of the K.P.T.U.C. was held on 18th March, 1966, at the Office of the Pradesh Trade Union Congress viz., 70 A.S. Char Street, Bangalore-2. The intimation of this meeting including the agenda have been sent to all the members of the Executive Committee. We expected all the members, **excepting** those under detention to attend this meeting. Hence we waited from scheduled time 4 P.M. to 5 P.M. in the office. However, six members viz., A. Shantharam Pai, H. Umanath Naik, K. Monappa Shetty, B.V. Kakilaya, U. Krishnan and M.S. Krishnan attended the meeting. Comrade M.C. Narasimhan had expressed his inability to attend the meeting as he was not well. But Comrade S. Suryanarayana Rao (Vice-President), K.S. Vasan and B.N. Ruttappa, though present in Bangalore did not attend the meeting. After having waited for one hour the meeting commenced under the Presidency of Comrade B.V. Kakilaya, Vice-President of the P.T.U.C. The agenda was as follows:-

1. Report of the A.I.T.U.C. General Council Meeting.
2. Affiliation to A.I.T.U.C.
3. May Day.
4. Any other matter - (a) Situation arising-

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out of the closure of Minerva Mills, Raja Mills and the Processing Factories.

(b) Use of D.I.R. against the workers of BEL, BEML and HAL.

(c) Fixation of minimum wages for scheduled industries.

The following decisions were taken on each of the items of the agenda:-

1. Comrade Shantharam Pai, member of the Working Committee of the A.I.T.U.C. reported on the General Council meeting held in February, 1966.

2.1. The Executive Committee reviewed the progress made in respect of getting unions affiliated to the A.I.T.U.C. and also in respect of collection of arrears of A.I.T.U.C. dues.

2.2. The Executive Committee took note of letters dated 13th April, 1966 written by some Trade Unions in Kunigal to the A.I.T.U.C. copies of which have been forwarded to the P.T.U.C. The Committee wishes to state that the statement of the concerned unions from Kunigal viz., that they asked for application forms for affiliation to the A.I.T.U.C. from the P.T.U.C. and that it was not sent by the P.T.U.C. centre is untrue and false. It further wishes to state that the Executive Committee is not aware of the existence of such unions. As the P.T.U.C. has not received any application form for affiliation, the Executive Committee does not recommend the affiliation of these unions to the A.I.T.U.C.

3.1. The Executive Committee appeals to all affiliated Trade Unions to celebrate May Day jointly.

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3.2. The Executive Committee took note of the letter written by the General Secretary, A.I.T.U.C. in respect of May Day celebrations.

4.1. The Executive Committee considered the situation in Mysore Mills, Minerva Mills and the Processing Factory due to closure, resulting in 8000 workers being unemployed. The Executive Committee does not accept the reasons advanced by the employers for the closure. It also notes that the proposals of the employer for cut in D.A., increase in working load, 9 hours day work and retrenchment are totally unacceptable to the working class. It urged upon the government to see that the workers are paid fully the earned wages for the month of March and the mills are opened immediately and all workers get their jobs. The Executive committee further urged upon the Government to take over the mills and see that employment is provided to all the workers. This meeting appealed to all concerned unions to unite irrespective of affiliations and bring pressure on the Government to concede the just demands of the Textile Workers.

4.2. The Executive Committee strongly condemned the Government of Mysore for having used Defence of India Rules to prohibit the strikes of the employees at Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bharat Earth Movers Ltd., and the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. These strikes were meant to bring pressure upon the government to grant profit sharing bonus. The Executive Committee felt that this was an infringement of the right to strike and the action

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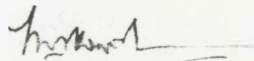
of the government was undemocratic. It urged upon the Government to:

- 4.2.1. Scrap the D.I.R. immediately.
- 4.2.2. Withdraw the proceedings against the Trade Union Leaders who have been charge sheeted under the D.I.R.
- 4.2.3. Release ~~all~~ Deteneus.
- 4.2.4. The Executive Committee noted that ~~xxxxxxx~~ minimum wages in respect of scheduled industries such as Beedi, Municipal, Transport, Tile etc., have not been revised though such a revision is over due. The Executive Committee ~~criticised~~ the inordinate delay and apethetic attitude on the part of the government and urged that minimum wages in respect of all the scheduled industries be revised immediately.
- 4.2.5. The Executive Committee resolved to submit a memorandum to the Minister for Labour, Government of Mysore in respect of all the above and other burning issues of the working class.

The above is a resume of the Executive Committee of the P.T.U.C. for your information and needful action.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,



(M.S. KRISHNAN)  
JOINT SECRETARY

14 June 1966

To,

Com. K. S. Vasan,  
President, KPTUC,  
Mysore Mines Labour Union,  
KGF.

Dear Comrade,

We have received some letters from various members of the KPTUC Working Committee alleging that an Executive Committee meeting of the KPTUC has been called by you on 12 June 66 and that the venue was not the office of the KPTUC but some other place. It is also been said that the General Secretary of the KPTUC was not even consulted about this meeting and that the previous practice had been that the General Secretary convened the meeting.

Could you please enlighten us on this matter.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
(Satish Loomba)  
Secretary

Copy to Com. M.S. Krishnan, for information and with the request to send us full details regarding this.

# Karnataka Pradesh Trade Union Congress

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Date 7-6-'66

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To  
Com. M. Atchuthan  
Secretary  
All India Trade Union Congress  
New Delhi

Dear Com, Atchuthan,

Thanks for your letter of 4th June received here on 6th.

I am really surprised ~~at~~ at the decision of the Secretariat. in respect of acceptance of the invitation from WFDY for the Sofia meeting. More than that it terribly embarrassing to me. You will appreciate that ~~was~~ when I was in Delhi on 27th May '66, I was told ~~that~~ by Com. Sharada Mitra that ~~was~~ such an invitation has come and as time was very short, he wanted me to contact Com. Satish Loomba and fix up a person if possible. Knowing the difficulties, I consulted Com. Satish ~~was~~ and asked him whether I could try ~~for~~ a person to be fixed up from our state. On getting his OK I put a trunk call and on that basis a comrade was fixed. On coming here, as you ~~know~~ might know, ~~another comrade~~ the comrades here had another talk over the phone with Com. Satish Loomba. Only after all this was ~~Com. Satish~~ Com. Shayamsunder Shroff was sent. If only we had been told earlier of the difficulties, if any, we would not have sent him. I am really sorry at the way in which this issue has been handled and decided. This is not to accuse anyone. I hope such things will not be repeated. As to facing the music here because of your decision, I will be forced to explain the entire position.

You have stated that the Engineering Wage Board is coming over to Bangalore on June 21st. I had a discussion with Com. Elias about this. ~~Maxstaxix~~ However, as this is the first sitting of the wage Board on important issues, I wish we have necessary guidance from other Comrades. For this, it would be better if Com. Satish Loomba goes over to Bangalore sufficiently early and help us to prepare the case. I would also like to know for how many days the

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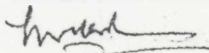
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Wage Board is staying in Bangalore, whether Comrades from Tamilnad, Andhra and Kerala are deposing or not. These details would help us to prepare properly. Anyway, I would not like our side to make a weak case without adequate preparation. If by chance we are not able to prepare, we will ask for another date of hearing at Bangalore.

As far as Bangalore is concerned, we have convened a meeting on 9th June, a meeting of Office-bearers of the Engineering Trade Unions to discuss what to do.

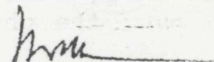
Expecting to hear from you at the earliest,

Yours fraternally,

  
(M.S. Krishnan)

P.S.:

Com. K.S. Vasan, the President of the KPTUC has convened a meeting of the Executive Committee of the PTUC, on his own, without consulting other office-bearers including the General Secretary, at the ~~not~~ previous office of the PTUC. The date fixed is 12th June '66. We have written to him to state, that while a meeting of the PTUC executive Committee is necessary, it has to be convened after discussions and consultations regarding date, time, place and agenda of the meeting. We have requested him to postpone the meeting as on 12th we have other meetings. Com. M.C. Narasimhan is also informed about this. He has also written to Com. Vasan requesting postponement. If they choose not to postpone the meeting, it will create a bad situation in the State.

  
(M.S. Krishnan)



**SOUTH KANARA TRADE UNION COUNCIL,  
Maldan Road, Mangalore-1.**

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To,  
Com: K.S. Vasan,  
President, K.P.T.U.C.,  
Mysore Mines Labour Union,  
K.G.F.

Dear Comrade,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 26th May, 1966 purporting to be a notice of a meeting of the Executive Committee KPTUC on 12th June 1966 at 50A, A.S. Char Street, Bangalore-2.

It was always the General Secretary who was calling meetings of the Executive Committee in consultation, perhaps with the President and other Office bearers. It is surprising that this time you have taken upon yourself the responsibility or the authority of calling the meeting that too without any prior consultation with anybody.

Secondly, you have called the meeting at 50-A, A.S. Char Street Bangalore-2. The notice is also addressed from that place as if that place is the Office of the KPTUC. You are aware that the Executive Committee was constrained to shift the Office from that place some time back to 70-A, A.S. Char Street, Bangalore-2 and function from that place and two or three ~~xxxx~~ meetings of the Executive Committee have already been held at the new office attended also by members like Com B.N. Kuttappa. The AITUC and all concerned also have been informed of the change of address of the KPTUC. Hence the implication of giving the address of the KPTUC as 50-A, A.S. Char Street, Bangalore-2 as well as calling the meeting of the Executive Committee there seems to us to be rather sinister. We feel that it has prompted by your desire to split and do harm to the KPTUC.

Thirdly, the date given by you, namely 12-6-1966 is not suitable for us due to our preoccupation on that particular day. Hence we will not be able to attend the meeting.

Therefore, we request you not to hold the co-called E.C. meeting of the 12th and to kindly have prior consultation with the General Secretary and preferably with the other office-bearers also, in respect of the date, time, place and agenda of the KPTUC meeting, so that all of us will be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting.

With Greetings,

Yours comradely,

*A. Shanmugasundaram*  
Treasurer.

- CC. 1 The General Secretary, KPTUC for information and the needful.
- 2. The General Secretary, AITUC, New Delhi.

*H. Umavathi. Jayal.*

*K. Govappa Shetty*

*A. Krishna*

Members K.P.T.U.C

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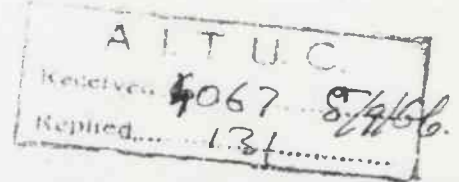
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70-A, A. S. CHAR STREET,  
BANGALORE-2

Date 31st August 66

Ref: No .....

The General Secretary,  
All India Trade Union Congress,  
No. 57-E, Jhandewallen,  
Rani Jhansi Road,  
NEW DELHI.



Dear Comrade,

You might be aware that seven thousand textile workers in The Mysore Spg. & Mfg. Co. Ltd., including its Processing ~~Box~~ Factory and The Minerva Mills at Bangalore have been rendered unemployed for the past five months or so. The management has closed the mills under the plea of lack of finances. On the one side the Trade Unions have been negotiating with the state government to see that the mills are reopened, and on the other, some agitations have also been conducted to get settled this issue. However, it has not been settled till now since the government has not taken effective steps to get the mills reopened. They are just assisting the management to get financial assistance, which has not come forth till now. They are not inclined to take over the mills under the Industrial and Development Regulations Act and run it. Thus, a serious situation of unemployment, hunger (including some deaths) has arisen. It is necessary that the All India Trade Union Congress and our Parliament members bring pressure on the Government of India to take immediate and effective action so that the mills are reopened and all the employees are taken back.

In this connection a delegation of the Minerva & Mysore Mills Staff Association, Bangalore, consisting of Sri B.V. Sadanand (President), Sri M.K.S. Iyengar (Secretary) and Sri T.S. Krishna Murthy (Vice President) is leaving for New Delhi by the night train of 1st September 1966, arriving there on 4th Sep. '66.

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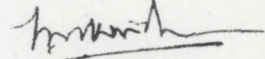
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Date 31st August. 66

They will meet you at the All India Trade Union Congress Office ~~there~~ on 4th September '66 by about 4-00 P.M. I request you kindly to meet them and discuss the issues and help them to resolve the situation.

With greetings,

Yours feterally,



(M.S. KRISHNAN)

Jt. Secretary.

P.S: These friends of ours may require some place to stay in Delhi. I will be much obliged if you can provide place at the AITUC office for about 4 or 5 days.

