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To All Affiliates/State Units/Members

Dear Comrades,

INTER MINISTERIAL PANEL TO LOOK INTO THE DEMAND OF CENTRAL TRADE UNIONS OUR REPRESENTATION FOR BEING HEARD

Our members are aware that a National Convention of Workers held at New Delhi on 26th May 2015, under the banner of Joint Platform of all the Central Trade Unions of the country along with independent national federations of all sectors and service establishments, expressed deep concern over anti worker, anti-people and pro-corporate actions of the present Govt. at the Centre in pursuance of the policy of globalization. The convention expressed dismay over various amendments in labour laws to empower the employers with unfettered rights to "hire and fire" and stripping the workers and trade unions of all their rights and benefits, aggressively pushing through almost unlimited FDI in strategic sectors like Railways, Defence and Financial Sectors by the Government and sweeping changes in the existing Land Acquisition Act, adversely affecting farmers' right to land and agri-workers' right to livelihood.

The Convention unanimously decided the following programme:

1. Joint conventions and campaigns during June-July in states, district, and industry level, wherever possible and taking initiative to involve common people in support of workers' struggle
2. All India General Strike on 2nd September, 2015.

Barely two days before the convention, the Government announced a five member inter-ministerial committee consisting of Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Power Minister Piyush Goel, Labour Minister Bandaru Dattatreya and Minister of State in PMO Jitendra Singh, to hold dialogues with the unions on their 10-point demands. The 10-point demands sent by the Trade Unions to the Government included review of policies on issues including amendments to labour laws, disinvestment and liberalisation of the foreign direct investment regime etc. The inter-ministerial committee led by finance minister Arun Jaitley to look into concerns of trade unions is likely to meet towards the end of June.

Our Confederation was also approached by the Central Trade Union/s urging upon us to join the struggle and country wide united strike action on 2nd September, 2015. The issue was discussed on 8th June, 2015, in the Executive Committee Meeting of the Confederation held at Hyderabad.

During the discussions on the issue one of the members suggested to demand representation of our Confederation also in the discussions with the panel or separate opportunity of being heard so that the specific demands of officers/supervisory cadre and long pending demands of implementation of ILO conventions 87 & 98 can be highlighted. We have today sent a letter to the Hon'ble Labour Minister in this regard. Copy of the letter is attached, herewith, this circular for your information.

With warm greetings,

Comradely yours,



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GENERAL SECRETARY