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Rejoinder to NFIR's Election Bulletin No. 1

The NFIR and its affiliated Unions had never conducted any strike during 65 years of their existence. The **All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) was formed in the year 1924 while Indian National Railway Worker's Federation (INRWF), renamed as NFIR was formed in the year 1948.** It is at the instance of Lok Nayak Joy Prakash Narayan, the then President / AIRF both the Federations were merged. It was decided through a signed agreement in March, 1956 in presence of the then Railway Minister Lal Bahadur Sastri that membership of Unions affiliated to both the fractions i.e. AIRF & INRWF would form the electorate and then election would be held. But INRWF wing backed out, fearing their humiliating defeat.

Justice J. N. Mazumder was appointed as a arbitrator by the Ministry of Railways to enquire into the matter of the failure of the unity agreement. **Justice J. N. Mazumder in his report had held that it was INTUC wing of the Federation who were responsible for non implementation of the agreement.**

May we ask NFIR leadership why they have published the half truth ?

Of course, the NFIR is in habit of misleading the railwaymen by propagating half truth or false propaganda.

Regarding opposing all India strikes of 1960, 1968 & 1974, the NFIR said that those strikes were politically motivated.

May we ask the NFIR leadership whether during their 65 years of existence they had ever conducted any non political strike or any other forms of strike ?

Friends, INRWF renamed as NFIR was formed by the Party in power to divide the Railwaymen's movement and to provide support to all antilabour steps of the Govt. The Raiwlaymen are very much conscious about their right privilege & struggle and this is why during 2007 Secret Ballot, AIRF affiliated unions put together secured 4,97,047 votes while NFIR affiliated unions secured only 3,73,810 votes and lost recognition in seven Zonal Unions viz East Central Railway, North Eastern Railway, North Central Railway, Northern Railway, Southern Railway, South East Central Railway and South Western Railway.

We appeal to railwaymen to cast their valuable vote in favour of unions affiliated to AIRF and to give a befitting reply to the NFIR for their betrayal in all struggles of Railwaymen.