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No.AIRF/214

Dated: 19th March, 2013

The Chairman,
Railway Board,
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Sub: Withdrawal of Railway Board's decision to transfer drawing and design activities to non-railway firms

It has been represented by the ICF affiliate of AIRF, i.e. I.C.F. Labour Union, that the Railway Board have issued instructions to the General Managers of Integral Coach Factory, Chennai and Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, for outsourcing of around 500 coaches of self propelled rakes to some Public and Private Sector Firms and to transfer complete set of drawing and design of these self propelled coaches to non-railway firms.

This arbitrary decision of the Railway Board has put a question mark on the future of the Indian Railway's premier coach manufacturing union, i.e. Integral Coach Factory which has been successfully catering to the needs of the Indian Railways for the last 55 years by manufacturing more than 45,000 coaches of around 60 types.

Since self propelled coaches constitute substantial volume of order for the manufacturing units, this technical transfer is bound to pose a danger of competition to these coach manufacturing units, i.e. ICF and RCF, which may be termed as a big leap step taken by the Railway Board to privatize these Production Units.

AIRF, therefore, lodges its strong protest against the above decision of the Railway Board and demands immediate withdrawal of instructions issued by the Ministry of Railways *supra* to transfer the activities of perennial nature, i.e. drawing and design of self propelled coaches to non-railway firms.

This may be treated as most urgent as all the unions in Integral Coach Factory have been jointly protesting against this move.

Yours faithfully,

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(Shiva Gopal Mishra)
General Secretary

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Copy to: Member Electrical, Railway Board, with the request to do the needful in the matter.

Copy to: General Secretaries, ICF Labour Union, Chennai and RCF Men's Union, Kapurthala – for information.