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PRESS RELEASE

The South Central Railway Mazdoor Union(SCRMU) an affiliate of All India Railwaymen's Federation(AIRF) and Hind Mazdoor Sabha (HMS) has conducted demonstration and a lunch hour meeting today i.e. on 28-2-2012 in the lawns of Rail Nilayam at Secunderabad expressing solidarity to the striking workers of one day All India Strike of Central Trade Union organizations on 28-2-2012.

The lunch hour meeting which was participated by more than 1000 railwaymen was presided over by Mr.V.P.R.Pillai, President, SCRMU & Vice President, AIRF, who called upon the Railway workers to express their solidarity to the All India Strike of Central Trade Union organizations and also to thwart the efforts of the Government of India in privatizing the departmental activities and also exhorted the Railwaymen to be united and fight against the anti-labour policies of Government of India and also Ministry of Railways. He appealed to the employees to be in preparedness to respond to any call that may be given by the All India Railwaymen's Federation and SCRM Union to protect the legitimate rights of employees which were secured through several struggles and agitations. He also urged the Railwaymen to vote for South Central Railway Mazdoor Union in the Secret Ballot elections which may be held at any time from now.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr.Ch.Sankara Rao, General Secretary/South Central Railway Mazdoor Union , Asst.General Secretary/All India Railwaymen's Federation and General Secretary, Hind Mazdoor Sabha, Andhra Pradesh has condemned the policies being adopted by the Government which are leading to uncontrolled price rise making the life of common man miserable. He further stated, that, the Governments at the Centre and State are pursuing the policies by which the number of employees would be reduced in the organized sector. He also stated that the policies of the Governments in selling away the shares in the Public Sector Undertakings should be opposed and the efforts of the Governments to this end should be thwarted unitedly. He has also stated that every effort is being made by the Central Trade Union organizations in scrapping the New Pension Scheme. He further cautioned the Railwaymen of the imminent threat to them in the form of privatization, contractisation and outsourcing, which need to be addressed unitedly.

He has also demanded that the posts lying vacant since a long time should be filled in to ease the burden of the existing staff to function the Railway system efficiently. He has also demanded that the anomalies arisen out of implementation of VI CPC and MACP are to be resolved and also for upward revision of the Rates of Running Allowance and immediate settlement of all pending demands including restructuring of all categories in the Railways. He also demanded that ceiling limit on Productivity Linked Bonus should be removed and the Productivity Linked Bonus should be paid to the Railwaymen on real wages.

He has also demanded for provision of employment to the wards of Railwaymen duly filling all vacancies, implementation of 8 hours duty for all Railwaymen. He has vehemently criticized over the attitude of the Ministry of Railways in the matter of victimization of Trade Union officials and also demanded for regularization of Contract Labour and strict implementation of Labour Laws and for fixation of minimum wage of Rs.10,000/- for each worker.

Earlier demonstrations were held opposite to Rail Nilayam in which several thousands of Railwaymen have participated and raised the slogans demanding immediate action on the issues pending with the Government, which rented the air.

While Mr.G.Udayabhasker Rao, Asst.General Secretary/SCRMU welcomed the gathering, Mr.S.Sreedhar, Zonal Treasurer/SCRM Union proposed vote of thanks.

The meeting was attended by Mr.P.Venkateshwarlu, Mrs.N.Arundhathi and Mrs.C.Krishnakumari Asst.General Secretaries/SCRM Union and Mr.K.Srinivas, Mr.R.Satyanarayana and Mr.K.G.Ravinder Raj, Vice Presidents of SCRMU, Secunderabad, EDB and Hyderabad Divisions and Mr.K.Shiva Kumar, Mr.Md.Farooq Ali, Mr.Y.Veera Raju and Mr.P.Yugandhar, Divisional Secretaries of SCRMU, Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Workshop and Extra Divisional Branches Divisions and other Divisional Office bearers and local Branch office bearers of the Union.

Similar demonstrations and lunch hour and gate meetings were held through out South Central Railway by the SCRM Union in front of Divisional Offices,Workshops and at work places in which large number of Railwaymen have participated.

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