

REPORT

1st May International Labour Day

North Western Railway Employees Union Ajmer Division every year celebrates May Day as a pious and memorable event. All the branches of Division & Work Shops unite together to celebrate.

The Rally started from Government College Circle passing through the main streets of Ajmer and reached Railway Station premises where the employees of other sectors such as LIC, Bank, State Govt. deptt. Medical representatives, Postal and telegraph, BSNL, HMT, Small Scale Industries have joined public meeting which was held under the banner of Joint Coordination Committee, Ajmer. Hundreds of Rail Workers participated with 6 tableaux (live exhibition on trucks) were the main attraction of the huge Rally. The tableaux were related on the subjects viz: Stop Child Labour, Stop Female Foeticide, Financial Condition of Rlys, Stop Corruption, AIDS, and Stop Child Marriage.

While addressing the meeting Comrade U.C. Tyagi, General Secretary, NWREU has said that this year the International Labour Day is being celebrated in such a scenario when the economic and political stability is in a very much challenging state. The inflation has gone sky high for almost all essential commodities. The privatization is being enforced on public sector units. The unemployment is on its height. Majority of country's population is labour class and the life has become hectic for them because of these conditions prevailing in our country.

Shri S.K. Kapoor, Convenor of Joint Coordination Committee has said that in the year 2009, the trade unions movement has taken a revolutionary turn and different political parties have united to warn the government in the interest of welfare of labour class. On 7th Sept. 2011, a national convention was organized at Delhi and as per decision taken in the convention on 8th of November 2011, nation wide rallies, dharnas and demonstrations were being organized on 28th Feb. 2012, there was strike by labour class. Prior to strike the Prime Minister had called the trade union leaders for discussion but there was no positive out come.

Com. Mukesh Mathur, Asst. Gen. Secy. NWREU has said that the largest industry of the nation Indian Railways is also going through a great financial crisis. Every Day approximately 2 crore Passengers are travelling through Railways and lacs of tons of goods freight is being carried by Railways. Through these activities, Railway is contributing a lot in the socio-economic development of the country. What to talk of any financial assistance from government of India even the goods and passenger fare has not been increased due to political pressure. It is matter of deep concern that from where the financial help will come for development of Railways. Central Government will have to definitely think of this issue that how Railway will survive from this financial crisis. He said that thousands of Railwaymen under the banner of AIRF marched to Parliament on 28th March 2012 with the slogan "Save Railway Save nation" and a memorandum to Prime Minister was handed over for early disposal of long pending demands of Railwaymen.

Com. Ravi Verma, Genl. Secy. State Bank Employees Union, Giriraj Upadhyay, Vice-President State Employees Union, Radha Vallabh, Treasurer, HMS, Bhupender Bhatnagar, AGS NWREU, Ashish Mathur, Chairman, Medical representative Union, U.C.Mishra, State President HMS, Smt. Vibha Talaria, AGS NWREU, Sarika Jain, Shashi Rego also addressed the meeting. They said that organized the unorganized is the need of hour. The Contractor labours are even not getting minimum wages, prescribed by State although that is also not adequate.

Large number of women in the rally as well as in meeting have participated. Com. U.C.Mishra was on Chair and Com: Mohan Chelani has convened the Meeting.