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Press Release

The following statement was issued to the press by the joint platform of Central Trade Unions and Independent Sectoral Federations/ Associations today – 24th January 2022

Joint Platform of Central Trade Unions, Independent Sectoral Federations/ Associations back the proposal of Samyukta Kisan Morcha in observing 31 January 2022 as “A Day of Betrayal”

We have been keenly following the developments since the announcement of repeal of farm laws by the Prime Minister on 19th November 2021. While the common reaction was that of elation at the announcement, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) had taken a cautious stand that though the dharna at Delhi borders was being lifted, many more, equally important demands remain to be fulfilled and future course of action will be decided on the steps the Government takes in the matter.

Unfortunately, the Government seems to be dithering on the promises made to the SKM in writing, such as formation of a committee to look into the question of legal guarantee for MSP for agricultural produce, withdrawal of Electricity (Amendment) Bill, 2021, sacking of Shri Ajay Mishra Teni, the alleged perpetrator of Lakhimpur Kheri atrocity etc. Shri Narendra Tomar, the Agricultural Minister, to salvage the image of the PM as having buckled before the rock-like resolve of the Farmers, shamelessly said “we can always enact the laws again”.

Therefore, the decision to observing 31 January as “A Day of Betrayal” is correct and this Government needs to be told that their act of betrayal will not go unnoticed.

We also thank the SKM for their decision to back the nation-wide strike call given by us for 23-24 February, 2022 against the anti-labour, anti-people and anti-national policies comprising of wholesale privatisation of national assets and pushing the labour codes.

We call upon our unions all over India to extend their solidarity support in all possible manner for observing 31st January as black day.



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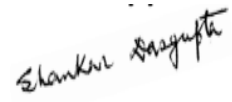
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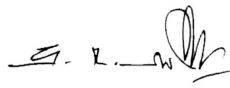
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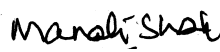
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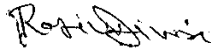
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