

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

To, Shri Sunil Kumar P., Secretary General, All India Station Masters Association (AISMA)

Sub: Request for Support for Strike by AISMA on 31st May 2022

Dear Shri Sunil Kumar ji,

I received your letter on the above subject. Kamgar Ekta Committee (KEC) fully supports your just demands which as you say are common for many sections of railway employees. We fully support your decision to go on Mass Casual leave on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 after having tried all other means to getting your demands addressed. In fact you have heroically taken the step of uniting all station masters for this historic struggle. We wish your struggle resounding success and are sure that it will inspire other sections of railway workers to fight for their just demands.

Your struggle is also for all railway employees who support you in various ways. It is also important for the passengers, whose safety is at stake when railway workers such as station masters, loco pilots and others are overworked and subjected daily to high levels of stress.

As you have correctly said in your letter, "The times ahead for trade unions in general and railway trade unions in particular are going to be very tough. The Government at the centre is pushing through anti labour legislations and promoting anarchy and denigrating the dignity of labour through its policies to appease big corporates. The need for more unity among trade unions and congruity in the ideals, purpose, strategies and standards of railway trade unions cannot be overemphasized at this juncture."



KEC will organise a national online meeting on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of May at 6 PM where national leaders of railway trade unions will get a chance to declare their open support for your heroic struggle. The national leaders of AILRSA *(All India Loco Running Staff Association)*, AIGC *(All India Guards Council)*, AIRTU *(All India Railway Track maintainers' Union)*, and AITCA *(All India Train Controllers' Association)* have already confirmed their participation. Dr. M. Raghavaiah, General Secretary of the NFIR has said he will try to attend. More railway unions are expected to attend.

KEC will also invite unions and federations from other sections, as well as people at large to participate in this program.

In solidarity,

Dr. A. Mathew

**General Secretary**