

ALL INDIA LOCO RUNNING STAFF ASSOCIATION

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To, The Honorable General Manager Southern Railway, Chennai.

Through DRM/KUR

Sub:- Redressal of Grievances of loco running staff of Southern Railway and solidarity support by AILRSA/KUR Division /ECoR.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of this association I the undersigned wants to put forth the following in support of loco running staff of Southern Railway.

Sir, as we know that the loco running staffs of Southern Railway are on non-cooperation movement by availing their legitimate rights and observing 10 hours duty rule strictly since 01.06.2024 on call given by AILRSA/SR. So many representations were given by AILRSA/SR in divisional level and zonal level to redress their demands which are directly connected with the safe operation of trains but in vain. It is common for Railways to ignore safety in the desire to earn more. As a result, accidents are increasing. The simple thing is that the loco pilot has to remain stress free during his duty. But from the time of taking the call book till the time of going off duty, there is a fear in the mind of the running staff that they don't know how big the punishment will be for any small mistake. In addition, leave is being denied (due to acute position), periodical rest is being denied (due to acute position), timely relief in between section is being denied, after working two nigh duty third night rest in bed is being denied and such an environment is being created as if running staff is machine, not a human being. On top of that, everyone from officers to ordinary class-III employees like CTCC, CLI, Power Controller start threatening and intimidating the running staff that if you do not obey our order you will be charge sheeted. There is a limit of tolerance and when the water reaches above the head it becomes a do or die situation.

AILRSA/SR tried all constitutional avenues but all in vain. Now they are agitating peacefully for their legitimate rights and genuine demand to prove that they are human beings and not machines. They are agitating on following issues

- 1. Periodical rest 30+16 = 46 hours. The honourable Court has declared that 46 hours periodical rest is legal.
- 2. Observe the 10 hours duty rule strictly.

3. Not to work more than two nights continuously. So many committee has recommended

for it.

4. Return to HQ after completion of 48 hours out of HQ.

Sir, on behalf of running staff of KUR Division I request your honor to redress the genuine

demands and protect the legitimate rights of running staff of Southern Railway to maintain

industrial relationship between employee and employer; and for the interest of safe running of

trains. I also condemn the repressive measures like, suspension, issuing charge sheet etc. taken

by the local authorities.

Sir, for solidarity support of running staffs of Southern Railway, AILRSA/ECoR has taken

decision in its Virtual ZWC Meeting that on 14.06.2024 all the three divisions will conduct

demonstration programs. Accordingly, the AILRSA/KUR division is conducting a demonstration

program in front of the all crew lobby of the KUR division on 14.06.2024.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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