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STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

All India Train Controllers Association (AITCA) supports the Just Demands of Loco Pilots and Assistant Loco Pilots!

AITCA fully supports the just demands of Loco Pilots (LP) and Assistant Loco Pilots (ALP) under the leadership of All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA) for the right to live and work as Human Beings and operate Trains safely. The AILRSA is demanding to restrict duty hours to 10 hours, periodical rest should be 46 hours every week and not 30 hours as current, no continuous night duty for more than two days and return to Headquarters within 48 hours.

Since 1973, when restricting Duty hours to 10 was announced in the Parliament in 1973, more than 50 years lapsed, but it is not implemented. The Regional Labour Commissioner had ruled that Loco Pilots are entitled to 30 + 16 hours periodical rest and this was upheld by Karnataka High Court. Even then, the genuine demands of the LP's and ALP's are not being granted by the administration.

Train Controllers have the same pinch. Even after the Railway Board's order of 2016 to provide calendar day rest in intensive roster, administration is not agreeing to it and they are compelled to perform duty on 365 days. Recommendations of the High Power Committee on HOER are grossly neglected and orders of Railway Board are violated by Zonal Railway. It is unfortunate to observe that the apex body of Indian Railways has lost control over zones.

The AILRSA is leading an agitation in Southern Railway in support of these demands and AITCA fully supports their rightful demands and calls on Railway authorities to solve these genuine grievances of the LP's and ALP's.

At the same time, it is requested that calendar day weekly rest should be granted to train controllers also as per recommendation of the High Power Committee on HOER, failing to which AITCA will be compelled to take appropriate steps to secure their legitimate rights of cadre.

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