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Honourable Minister for Railways,
Ministry of Railways,
Rail Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001

**SUB: Urgent Intervention Required to Address Loco-Running Employees'
Strike and Ensure Railway Safety.**

Dear Honourable Minister,

I am writing to bring to your urgent attention the ongoing strike by loco-running employees that commenced on June 1. This strike is in response to the Central Administrative Tribunal and Karnataka High Court rulings, which clearly state that denying daily rest along with weekly rest as per the Railway Act and Rules is illegal.

Despite these judicial rulings, the authorities remain adamant in their refusal to grant the statutory rest to loco-running employees, even in situations where train traffic remains unaffected. This rigid stance has led to unwarranted punishments and suspensions of employees, despite there being no disruption to train operations. Such actions seem to be a deliberate attempt to justify the denial of rest, resulting in what can only be described as gross lawlessness and anti-people behaviour.

The current measures taken by railway officials not only disregard legal mandates but also compromise the safety and well-being of both employees and passengers. It is imperative that immediate steps be taken to resolve this issue by granting the legally mandated rest to loco-running employees and to withdraw the retaliatory actions imposed on them.

Ensuring the safety and efficiency of our railway system should be a top priority. I respectfully request your intervention to address this critical issue and restore normalcy by upholding the legal rights of the loco-running employees.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt and favourable response.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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