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Press Release

The following statement was issued to the media by Ms Amarjeet Kaur General Secretary AITUC today on 23rd June 2025.

AITUC Protest against the Railway Board Decision for Re-engagement of Retired Personnel's even at the Lower Grades

In a Country where Crores of Unemployed and Jobless Youth are waiting for a Job, it's a matter of very serious concern that the Railway Board under the Ministry of Railway have issued a Policy document authorizing the Railway Divisional Managers for rehiring of not only Retired Officers but also the Non-Gazetted and Industrial Employees including in the Group "C" & Group "B" posts which means from Pay Level – 1 to Pay Level – 9. Such reengagement can be done on Contract Basis. The BJP Government which claims that it cares the "Youth Sakthi" of our Country is depriving the Jobless youth of our Country through such type of unfair practices. In the Railways an estimated more than 3 Lakhs posts are lying vacant and the Railway Ministry doesn't bother to fill up these vacancies which are available in the Railway Running Lines, Operations, Railway Workshops and Production Units. The most venerable are the Safety Related Categories in the Railways. The Loco Pilots are relentlessly fighting for reducing their abnormal working hours as they have to work for 12 to 14 hours daily.

In Central Government alone 15 Lakhs posts are lying vacant including in Railways, Defence, Postal and other Departments. Equally Public Sector Industries including Banks are having almost 10 Lakhs post lying vacant. The fact remains that the existing employees are over burdened with additional work which they are not able to cope up resulting in mental stress, depression and other physical and mental illness. By reengaging retired employees the Government is taking away the Job opportunities of Trained Apprentices of Railways and Defence who are in the queue for a Government Job, and completely destroying the constitutional provision of reservation in Government Jobs, for the youth from OBC's, SC's & ST's and also for Physically Disabled persons. AITUC protest against the decision taken by the Railway Board to reengage the large number of Pensioners thereby taking away the employment opportunities of the Jobless Youth of this Country. AITUC urges upon the Government of India to stop such type of unfair practices like reengagement of Retired employees Contractual Employment and Fixed Term Employment etc., and to immediately start employment drive for filling up of all the posts lying vacant in Railways, Defence and other Departments and also in the PSU's. AITUC Calls upon the Trade Unions of Railways and all sectors to intensify their fight for filling up of all vacancies.

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