

Railway workers! Extend full support to the All-India Strike on 12 February!

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Railway worker brothers and sisters,

On 12 February, crores of workers and farmers of the country are going on strike. Workers will hold demonstrations in front of their factories and offices, and farmers will organize massive rallies at various places. So far, workers of public sector units such as banks, insurance, electricity, telecom, post, mines, ordnance factories, port and docks, etc. and their unions have declared their decision to participate in the strike.

The very policies, legal provisions, and changes that crores of workers and farmers across the country have been opposing are being forcibly imposed by these governments. This authoritarian attitude of these governments is the main reason for workers' and farmers' anger.

Railway worker brothers and sisters,

Railway workers are also having to face such dictatorship of the government. While the majority of railway workers are demanding OPS, the government is forcibly imposing NPS. Railway employees across all categories, including loco pilots, motormen, train maintainers, signal and telecom workers, station managers, train managers, ticket checkers, train controllers, etc., are repeatedly demanding that more than 3.5 lakh vacant posts be filled promptly. Moreover, railway services have expanded significantly over the past 15 years. Therefore, the additional posts required should be reassessed, and the number of posts should be accordingly increased and recruitment should be done. However, the government is doing the exact opposite, leaving thousands of posts vacant. Railway workers are demanding that the contract system be abolished, while the government is expanding it.

Thus, the anger of the railway workers and the anger of all the workers and farmers of the country is the same—the government should do what the majority of the country, that is, the workers and farmers, want.

Railway worker brothers and sisters,

“An immediate halt to privatization in all public sectors” is a key demand of the 12 February strike. Clearly, railway workers must strongly support it.

The four labour codes forcibly implemented by the central government will have a devastating impact on all workers, both organized and unorganized, in the country. For example:

- Contract system has been made easier, so contractualization will increase even more in the railways.
- Minimum wages will certainly be reduced. This will also impact our families.
- “Fixed term contracts” will become common, leading to significant job insecurity. Workers who currently hold permanent jobs, such as railway workers, will increasingly find their sons and daughters in similar jobs.
- It will be very easy for industrial owners to avoid the necessary expenditure to ensure safe workplaces because they will now be able to self-certify workplace safety, and the

government will accept it as true. Today, railway workers have to work in extremely unsafe conditions, and the struggle against this will be even more difficult.

- It will be even more difficult for all workers, including railway workers, to carry out a strike.

Railway worker brothers and sisters,

Another major reason for the all-India strike is the government's attempt to forcibly impose the "Electricity Law Amendment Act 2025."

This Act clearly states that one of its objectives is to increase privatization in electricity distribution. Privatization will force all workers, including railway workers and electricity workers, and farmers to bear the burden of rapidly increasing electricity rates.

The third major reason for the strike is rising inflation, which is hitting everyone hard.

The next major reason is the "Seed Bill 2025," which the central government is forcibly imposing. This Bill will allow big seed-producing companies to loot farmers, adversely affecting all toiling people of the country, including railway workers.

These facts make it clear that railway workers should strongly support the 12 February strike.

Railway worker brothers and sisters,

It has become necessary for us workers to consider whether our country is truly a "democracy." A growing number of workers are realizing that this is not a "democracy" but a system run according to the "will of the capitalists." We appeal to you: let us all begin to think about how we can establish workers' and peasants' rule in our country.

Extend full support to the 12 February strike!

Long live workers' unity!