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Shri Shankar Dasgupta, General Secretary, AIUTUC has issued the following statement: Condemning Unilateral Notification of Rules on Anti-Worker Labour Codes; Calls for Intensified Resistance.

“The AIUTUC vehemently opposes and condemns the arbitrary move of the Central Government in notifying the Final Rules for the Code on Wages (2019), Code on Social Security (2020), and Industrial Relations Code (2020) on May 8, 2026, in spite of severe opposition from the entire working people of the country.

This unilateral action, taken without meaningful consultation with Central Trade Unions or convening the Indian Labour Conference, is a direct assault on democratic norms and a violation of International Labour Standards to which India is a signatory. These Codes, brought under the guise of “Ease of Doing Business”, prioritise corporate profits over the lives of the workforce.

The Codes systematically undo 150 years of historic gains achieved through arduous struggle, effectively pushing Indian workers back to colonial-era exploitation. We condemn the move to make union registration more stringent, decriminalisation of employer violations, the criminalisation of trade union activities, and the practical dismantling of the Right to Strike.

The normalisation of “Fixed Term Employment” and open-ended working hours threatens the very foundation of job security and workplace safety. By introducing a “floor-level minimum wage” below the poverty line and dismantling existing sector-specific safety and social security obligations, the government has abandoned its duty to the informal and formal workforce alike. Time tested inspection machinery is done away with through these Codes, thereby providing total immunity to the erring employers to the detriment of the employees.

The Central Government remains stubbornly reluctant to withdraw these Codes, despite the historic massive all India General Strike of February 12th.

AIUTUC declares that there is no recourse left but to intensify our struggle. We call upon the working class to build a wall of resistance against the implementation of these draconian Codes. We shall not rest until these anti-worker, unconstitutional, and inhuman laws are scrapped in their entirety.”

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