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To,

The Circle Secretaries,  
Central office-bearers  
and District Secretaries.

***Organise black badge wearing lunch hour demonstrations on 02.05.2023,  
demanding immediate restoration to NFPE and AIPEU – Group 'C'.***

Dear Comrades,

It is shocking to note that, the Department of Posts has withdrawn the recognition of National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE) and AIPEU-Group 'C' (P-3 Union) on 26.04.2023. The Department of Posts has alleged that both NFPE and P-3 Union have given political donations. In its letter no.SR-10/7/2022-SR-DOP dated 26.04.2023, the Postal Department has leveled the following allegations against NFPE and P-3 Union.

- 1) That NFPE and P-3 Union have donated Rs.30,000/- for the Farmer's agitation.
- 2) That NFPE and P-3 Union have donated Rs.50,000/- to CITU.
- 3) That NFPE and P-3 Union have donated Rs.4,935/- to CPI(M).

We are shocked to note that the Department of Posts has branded Rs.30,000/- given to the farmer's agitation as political funding. The year-long united agitation organised by the farmers, was purely a non-political movement. Even the ordinary citizen of the country knows that the farmers have gone on agitation only to save the agriculture and food security of the people of this country. It is condemnable that, the Postal Department has branded the donation given to the Farmer's agitation, as political funding.

As regards, Rs.50,000/- given to CITU, it has been explained that, this amount is NFPE's contribution to the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU). Since, individual unions are having difficulty in remitting their contribution directly to the World Federation of Trade Unions, the same is routed through CITU, which is a Central Trade Union.

It is ridiculous to note that, an online payment of Rs.4,935/-, made to the CPI(M), has been branded as political funding by the Postal Department. The Secretary General of NFPE has submitted in his explanation that, Rs.4,935/- has been remitted through online payment mode, to the CPI(M), for the books purchased from the CPI(M) Publications. Even after this explanation, the Postal Department has reiterated that it is political funding. It is nothing but laughable that, the paltry amount of Rs.4,935/- is branded by the Postal Department as political funding.

Many Central Trade Unions, as well as Service Associations have condemned the withdrawal of Recognition of NFPE and P-3 Unions by the Postal Department. ***The Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers has called on the employees to organise black badge wearing lunch hour protest demonstrations on 02.05.2023.***

The All India Centre meeting of BSNLEU, held online at 15:00 hrs. today the 29.04.2023, discussed this issue at length. NFPE and P-3 Union are having a paid membership of 70% among the postal employees of this country. Both these Organisations are spearheading struggles against the attempts of the government to convert the Postal Department into a corporation and to subsequently hand it over to the private / corporates. Hence, the withdrawal of the Recognition of NFPE and P-3 Union, is nothing but the conspiracy of the government to silence the Organisations which are fighting against the sell-out of the Postal Department.

Taking all facts into consideration, the All India Centre unanimously decided to call on the employees to organise powerful black badge wearing lunch hour protest demonstrations on 02.05.2023. All the circle and district unions are requested to mobilise maximum number of employees in this protest action.

Thanking you,

Yours fraternally,

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