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## CITU condemns the vindictive actions of derecognizing National Federation of Postal Employees(NFPE) and the All India Postal Employees Union Group-C on frivolous grounds

Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) strongly condemns the high-handed vindictive anti-trade union action resorted to by the Postal Department at the instance of ruling RSS-BJP dispensations to withdraw the recognition to NFPE, the majority union in the postal department which commands the support of 70% employees.

It is nothing but the patently of draconian actions of the Govt to silence the opposition of workers and employees to its destructive and anti-worker policies.

The NFPE and AIPEU has been consistently opposing and mobilizing the employees in the postal sector against the destructive policies of the corporatisation and privatization of the country's postal services through multi-pronged routes through various forms of trade union actions. This resulted in hurdling the destructive measures of the Govt at every stage. This has earned the wrath of the Govt and the entire conspiracy of derecognizing the NFPE and AIPEU representing overwhelming majority of the employees in the sector, has been hatched by the concerned ministry and other agencies. Besides consistently championing the postal employees' cause and lending solidarity with fellow working people like our peasantry, now NFPE is vehemently resisting the government anti-worker and anti-people policies.

NFPE and P-III unions are the important constituents of the Confederation of Central Government Employees and Workers. During the historic Kisan struggle, the Confederation gave a call collecting solidarity fund for the struggling farmers. NFPE and P-III unions collected some fund and remitted to their Confederation which, in turn, gave to the farmers. The anti- farmer RSS affiliate has had made-out a case even on such solidarity action as a political donation.

The complaint of paying donation to CITU is another frivolous and dubious plea. In fact, on behalf of Confederation (of which the NFPE and AIPEU are integral parts) the affiliation fee payable to World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) was routed through CITU which is also a fellow affiliate of WFTU. Is paying affiliation fee to WFTU an offence? Rather the vindictive punitive action against NFPE and AIPEU on that plea by the concerned authority is clearly an act of bias as well as a crime committed to democratic and trade union rights of the concerned employees and the unions. This is totally condemnable.

The vindictive attack on the recognition and related rights of NFPE is an integral part of the overall onslaughts being carried on by the corporate communal nexus in governance on the rights and entitlements of the employees and workers and their organizations. And the consistent opposition and struggle by the entire trade union movement of which NFPE, AIPEU are integral parts, against the destructive anti people policies of privatization/corporatization etc both at national level and in the concerned sectors made the Govt to act with a vengeance against NFPE. Thus the derecognition of NFPE and P-III union is itself a politically motivated action by the postal administration bereft of any fair element of industrial relations management in any democratic country worth the name. Similar vindictive attacks on other fighting unions/organization cannot be ruled out.

CITU extends full support to the protest struggles being organized against such vindictive actions of the Govt by the postal and central govt employees and calls upon the working people to raise their voice against such motivated onslaught by the Govt on basic trade union rights. CITU demands upon the Govt and Postal Department to withdraw such vindictive order of de-recognition on NFPE and AIPEU unconditionally

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