



PRESS STATEMENT

GLOBAL TRADE UNION LEADER BACKS INTUC AND WORKING PEOPLE IN INDIA ON ANTI-LABOUR POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT

The General Secretary of ITUC, Ms. Sharan Burrow visits its affiliate INTUC accompanied by Mr. Shoya Yoshida, General Secretary, ITUC-AP to show the full support and solidarity of 180 million workers from more than 160 countries from all over the world with the Indian workers and gives full support to the 12 point charter of demands of the Central trade unions in India.

Government promised to create 10 million jobs per year, the reality is that only in the last 4 months 1.5 million of jobs are lost.

Workers of India will no longer accept attacks on their rights and ever lasting poverty.

In the year 2015 and 2016 the INTUC and other central trade unions organised the largest strike worldwide ever, 100 million workers were on strike, this workers power is an inspiring example for all our unions over the world. The coming demonstrations of 9, 10 and 11 November in front of Parliament give NDA Government a last chance to stop with their attacks on workers.

We do a strong appeal to the government and Parliament to show respect for the workers of India and to avoid further confrontations.

It is high time to ratify the two ILO core conventions of Freedom of Association and Right to Collective Bargaining and puts in practice.

The attack of the Government specially on the INTUC, India's largest and most powerful union are shameful and will never succeed. We strongly advise the Govt to include the INTUC in all relevant meetings, further attempts to exclude INTUC from the negotiating tables will lead to more confrontation.

ITUC confirms its full respect and support of the INTUC, also for their great Organising work in the informal and rural sectors.

The ITUC, ITUC-AP and INTUC will increase their cooperation on Organising by special activities in a number of regions. The ITUC welcomes the increasing membership of INTUC and urges the Govt to speed up and complete the verification process as more than 5 years have elapsed, and it is a deliberate attempt of the Government to deny INTUC its recognition as national centre with highest membership. It will be a true recognition of the massive workers power that INTUC enjoys.

We also praise the unity of the central trade unions in India, especially among our member organisations.

We strongly regret that BMS excludes itself from this unity in action, it shows their lack of independency from politics, which will never qualify them for ITUC membership!

The Indian government is in the international spotlight of the global workers movement.

They still have a chance to change their negative and undermining attitude to workers into a respectful behaviour.

The global support for our brothers and sisters in India will continue as long as needed and without limitations.

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