

ALL INDIA FORUM AGAINST PRIVATISATION

AN ATTACK ON ONE IS AN ATTACK ON ALL!

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Shri S.N. Pathak,

President,

All India Defence Employees Federation (AIDEF)

On behalf of the All India Forum Against Privatisation (AIFAP) we express our whole-hearted support to the struggle that AIDEF and the other two federations are waging to oppose the draconian Essential Defence Services Ordinance, 2021 that the central government has passed to crush the just struggle of the defence production sector workers.

This Ordinance takes away the just right to strike and protest of workers involved in production of defence equipment, services and operation or maintenance of any industrial establishment connected with the military as well as those employed in repair and maintenance of defence products.

We also support the fight that AIDEF along with the other two federation are waging to oppose the decision of the central government to dismantle the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and convert it into 7 corporations. As has been done in various other sectors, this move is the first step towards the privatisation of the defence production sector. This attempt has been made several times in the past too, but it has been thwarted by the united struggle of our defence workers. We hail the united struggle you have waged to successfully defeat all past attempts of corporatization of ordnance factories.

The privatisation of the defence sector is an anti-national, anti-worker, anti-people and anti-social step. Time and again, we workers have found that the privatisation of a public sector or a government enterprise has led to hundreds of workers getting thrown out of their jobs.

Ordnance factories have been built with the toil of thousands of workers over decades and by using public funds. They also own vast amounts of land of more than 60,000 acres in prime locations all over the country. It is these valuable assets that the Central Government is planning to hand over to greedy monopoly capitalists. These assets are the property of the people of India and cannot be handed over for private profit.

The Central Government has declared an all-out war on all government –owned and public sector enterprises through corporatization and privatisation. It is only the united struggles of all of us that can stop these anti-worker, anti-people steps.

Yours in solidarity,

All India Forum Against Privatisation (AIFAP)

Constituents:

- 1) All India Coal Workers Federation (AICWF),
- 2) All India Federation of Power Diploma Engineers,
- 3) All India Guards Council (AIGC),
- 4) All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA),
- 5) All India Pointsmen Association (AIPMA),
- 6) All India Port and Dock Workers Federation (AIPDWF),
- 7) All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF),
- 8) All India Railway Employees Confederation (AIREC) - Western Zone,
- 9) All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF),
- 10) All India Railway Track Maintainers Union (AIRTU),
- 11) All India Station Masters Association (AISMA).
- 12) All India Train Controllers Association (AITCA),
- 13) Bharat Petroleum Technical and Non-Technical Employees Association (BPTNTEA)- Mumbai Refinery,
- 14) Chittaranjan Loco Works (C.L.W.) Railwaymen's Union, Chittaranjan, W.B.
- 15) Chittaranjan Railwaymen's Congress (CRMC), Chittaranjan, West Bengal,
- 16) Cochin Refinery Employees Association (CREA-INTUC),
- 17) DMW Railway Workers Union (DMWRWU), Patiala, Punjab,
- 18) Dakshin Railway Employee Union (DREU),
- 19) Diesel Loco Modernisation Works (D.M.W.) Railwaymen's Union, Patiala, Punjab,
- 20) Diesel Loco Works (D.L.W.) Men's Union, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh,
- 21) Hindustan Petroleum Employees Union, Vishakaptanam Refinery,
- 22) Hind Khadan Mazdoor Federation (HKMF),
- 23) Integrated Coach Factory (I.C.F.) Labour Union, Chennai, Tamil Nadu,
- 24) Indian Railway Loco Runningmen's Organisation (IRLRO),
- 25) Indian Railway Ticket Checking Staff Organisation (IRTCSO),
- 26) Integral Coach Factory Mazdoor Sangh (ICFMS), Chennai, Tamil Nadu,
- 27) Kamgar Ekta Committee (KEC),
- 28) Lok Raj Sangathan (LRS),
- 29) Maharashtra State Bank Employees Federation (MSBEF),
- 30) Maharashtra State Electricity Workers Federation (AITUC),
- 31) Men's Congress Diesel Loco Works (MCDLW), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh,
- 32) National Federation of Indian Railwaymen (NFIR),
- 33) Purogami Mahila Sanghatan (PMS),
- 34) Rail Coach Factory Men's Congress (RCFMC), Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh,
- 35) Rail Coach Factory Mazdoor Union (RCFMU), Kapurthala, Punjab,
- 36) Rail Coach Factory (R.C.F.) Men's Union, Kapurthala, Punjab,
- 37) Rail Coach Factory (R.C.F.) Men's Union, Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh,
- 38) Rail Wheel Factory Karmika Sangh (RWFKS), Bangalore, Karnataka,
- 39) Rail Wheel Factory (R.W.F.) Mazdoor Union, Bangalore, Karnataka,
- 40) Research Design and Standards Organisation (R.D.S.O.) Karamchari Sangh, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.