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To

The Secretary,
Ministry of Labour

Sir,

Sub: Strike Notice: All India Strike of Scheme Workers on 7-8 August followed by Satyagraha/Jail Bharo on 9 August 2020

The Central Trade Unions have continuously been raising the issues of scheme workers and demanding the implementation of the recommendations of the 45th and 46th ILC recommendations on Scheme Workers. During the Corona Pandemic, the scheme workers - especially the ASHA workers, anganwadi workers and helpers and the workers of NHM and others in the health sector are in the forefront fighting against it. If not for them the community spread could be prolonged in our country. In spite of this, it is shocking that the government has failed to provide for even the safety of these grass root level workers, scores of whom are dying due to lack of safety gear. The repeated demands by the central trade unions, for safety measures, insurance, risk allowance compensation etc., are totally ignored by the Government of India.

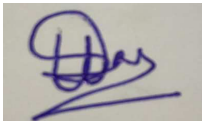
Therefore, the Central Trade Unions have decided to go on three days action programme- two days all India Strike of Scheme Workers on 7-8 August 2020 culminating in mobilisations (keeping physical distance and all norms by WHO) on 9 August 2020, Quit India Day on the following demands

- 1. Withdraw the proposals for privatization of basic services including health (including hospitals), nutrition (including ICDS and MDMS) and education Stop Privatisation of PSEs and Services.**
- 2. Make the Centrally Sponsored Schemes like ICDS, NHM and MDMS permanent with adequate budget allocation**
- 3. Implement the recommendations of 45th and 46th ILC for regularization of scheme workers as workers; Pay Minimum wages Rs.21000 per month and pension Rs.10000 per month; Provide ESI and PF to all scheme workers**
- 4. Enact legislation for right to universal healthcare as in case of right to food and right to education**
- 5. No Pro employer change in Labour Laws in the name of codification; No increase in working hours and freezing of Labour laws in the name of Covid Crisis. Include scheme workers in the category of workers**
- 6. Free ration /food for all the needy and Rs.7500 per month for all non taxpaying families for six months ; Ensure Jobs and income for all**
- 7. Safety gear for all frontline workers, especially the ASHA workers, anganwadi workers and those in the health sector; PPEs for those who are engaged in containment areas and red zone ; Frequent, random and free**

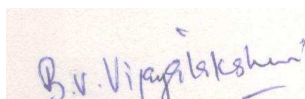
Covid-19 test of all frontline workers; Do not engage those who are above 60yrs and those who have health problems in Covid-19 Duty.

8. Rs 50 lakhs insurance cover to all frontline workers covering all deaths on duty and Pension/jobs for the dependants of the workers and also coverage of treatment for Covid-19 for the entire family.
9. Additional Covid Risk Allowance of Rs.10,000 per month for all the contract and scheme workers engaged in Covid -19 duty, especially ASHA and anganwadi workers and workers in NHM. Payment of all the pending dues of wages and allowances etc., of all the Scheme workers immediately
10. Compensation of minimum Rupees Ten lakhs for all those who got infected while on duty
11. The existing insurance schemes (a) Pradhan Mantri Jivan Jyoti Bima Yojana, (b) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana and (c) Anganwadi Karyakarti Bima Yojana must be implemented properly with universal coverage applicable to all scheme workers
12. Mid Day Meal Workers must be paid Rs.10000 per month for the period when the schools are closed including the summer holidays; No contractorisation or centralised kitchen
13. Increase the budget allocation for CSSs. Provide adequate additional ration with good quality for all the beneficiaries of ICDS and MDMS immediately; include return migrants in these schemes
14. Provide free and adequate COVID tests and treatment to all non tax-paying people; Ensure adequate facilities in quarantine centres and hospitals. Strengthen the public health system and the health infrastructure; Allocate 6% of GDP for health sector
15. For Finance mobilisation, projects such as "Central Vista Project" be scrapped. Tax the super rich and recover the dues from willful defaulters for resources

Yours sincerely,



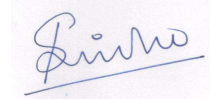
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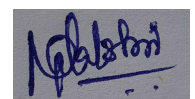
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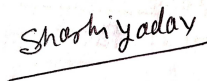


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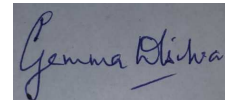
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