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## STATEMENT

### CENTRAL TRADE UNIONS DECIDE FOR COUNTRYWIDE GENERAL STRIKE ON 28.2.2012

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The Central Trade Unions in a meeting congratulated the mass of the working people for their massive response to the programme of countrywide Jail Bhara/Satyagraha of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 jointly organized by Central and other Trade Unions of India.

The Central Trade Unions also convey their appreciation to the independent All India Federations of the employees and workers for their active wholehearted support to the call of countrywide Satyagraha/Jail Bhara.

The Central Trade Unions noted with serious concern that despite several rounds of united protests by the entire trade union movement of the country, the Govt has remained totally unresponsive to major concerns of the working people. Rather anti-~~people~~<sup>worker</sup> moves are being taken to further aggravate the rise in prices through frequent hike in power tariff, urea, etc besides complete decontrol of petrol prices. Existing labour rights including right to form union are sought to be curbed and social security and pension are under attack through various legislative and administrative moves. Mass scale contractorisation of the regular work is continuing in all the workplaces including in PSUs and Govt. establishments. Contract workers are not being paid in most of the places even the statutory minimum wages. Disinvestment of shares of Public Sector Units is being actively pushed through by the Govt to facilitate phased privatization of the highly profit-making PSUs.

The Central Trade Unions also expressed serious concern over the flaring up of the rampant corruption all around and huge black-money-generation in the economy resulting in widespread popular discontent and disgust over the issue of corruption. The CTUOs demand concrete legislative and administrative measures and change in the economic policy regime to eradicate and prevent corruption and bring back the black money stashed abroad.

The Central Trade Unions reiterate the most pressing demands of the workers highlighted by the Jail Bhara/Stayagraha agitation on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011:

While reiterating the five point demands formulated jointly by the Central Trade Unions and Federations for 1) concrete measures to contain price rise 2) concrete measures for linkage of employment protection with the concession/incentive package offered to the entrepreneurs, 3) Strict enforcement of all basic labour laws without any exception or exemption and stringent punitive measures for violation of labour laws, 4) universal social security cover for the unorganized sector workers without any restriction and

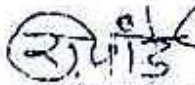
creation of a National Social Security Fund with adequate resources in line with the recommendation of NCEJS and Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and 5) Stoppage of disinvestment in central and state <sup>profit making</sup> PSUs, the Central Trade Unions also demand immediate action by the Govt of India to ensure:-


- 1) No Contractorisation of work of permanent/perennial nature and payment of wages and benefits to the contract workers at the same rate as available to the regular workers of the Industry/establishment
- 2) Amendment of Minimum Wages Act to ensure universal coverage irrespective of the schedules and fixation of statutory minimum wage at not less than Rs 10,000/-.
- 3) Remove all ceilings on payment and eligibility of Bonus, Provident Fund; Increase the quantum of gratuity.
- 4) Assured Pension for all \
- 5) Compulsory registration of trade unions within a period of 45 days and immediate ratification of the ILO Conventions nos 87 and 98

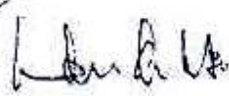
To press for above demands, the Central Trade Unions decided to observe countrywide general strike on **28<sup>th</sup> February, 2012**.

The Central Trade Unions also urge upon their state committees and all the trade unions irrespective of affiliations to hold statewise and industrywise conventions and launch immediately other forms of joint campaign to make the countrywide general strike on **28<sup>th</sup> February, 2012** a total success.

The Central Trade Unions call upon mass of toiling people and their organizations irrespective of affiliations to join the call for general strike enmasse throughout the country.

  
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