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PRESS STATEMENT

Jamshedpur-29/04: We learn with profound dismay that the Department of Posts under Ministry of Communications has withdrawn the Recognition of the All India Postal Employees' Union(Group C) and National Federation of Postal Employees (NFPE) citing some utterly flimsy and frivolous grounds. The NFPE is not only the majority union amongst postal employees, it enjoys the support of an overwhelming 70 per cent of the employees. The fact that the so called enquiry was initiated on the basis of the complaint of another union enjoying support of hardly 5 per cent of the employees speaks volumes about the intention of the complainant and nefarious designs of their political masters.

This is of a piece with the times we are living in. While dissent is the essence of democracy, any voice different from that of the ruling dispensation is viewed with suspicion. What a pity that the actions of solidarity and fraternity – the two essential ingredients of our Constitution – among the trade unions are seen as a threat to the economic, social and political ideology of the government.

The All India Insurance Employees' Association (AIIEA) enjoys the support of over 80 per cent of employees in LIC. Yet it is not recognised. This is indicative of the lack of respect for industrial democracy by the ruling class in the mother of all democracies in the world.

The AIIEA unequivocally condemns the arbitrary, unilateral, authoritarian and politically motivated move of the Department of posts and expresses solidarity with the NFPE and AIPEU in this moment of crisis. We demand that the Recognition of the two unions be restored forthwith.

General Secretary

The Editor/ Correspondent.....

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