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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LABOUR

Record of decisions of the Thirteenth Meeting of the National Commission on Labour held on December 7, 1968, at New Delhi.

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The Thirteenth Meeting of the National Commission on Labour was held in the I.C.A.R. Conference Room I, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi on December 7, 1968 at 5.30 P.M.

The following were present:-

1. Dr. P.B. Gajendragadkar, Chairman.
2. Shri Manohar Kotwal, Member.
3. Shri R.K. Malviya, Member.
4. Shri G. Ramanujam, Member.
5. Shri Raja Ram Shastri, Member.
6. Shri S.R. Vasavada, Member.
7. Shri B.N. Datar, Member-Secretary.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the record of decisions of the Eleventh and Twelfth Meetings.

The record was confirmed.

Item No.2: Progress report of the work done in the Commission since its Twelfth Meeting held at New Delhi on November 2-3, 1968.

The progress was noted.

Item No.3: Programme of Meetings during January, February and March, 1969.

The programme of Meetings during January to March, 1969 as in Annexure I was approved.

Item No.4: Consideration of letters received from Members of Parliament belonging to C.P.I.(M) and S.S.P. Groups.

Chairman read out a letter received from the following Members of Parliament belonging to C.P.I.(M) in response to the Commission's invitation to meet them:

1. Shri P. Ramamoorthy
2. Shri K. Ananda Nambiar
3. Shri K. Ramani
4. Shri K.M. Abraham.

Chairman also read out the reply proposed which the Commission approved.

Copies of the letter and the reply sent are enclosed (Annexures II and III).

Shri S.M.Joshi, a Member of Parliament belonging to S.S.P. also sent a similar letter. The Commission approved that a reply similar to that sent to the C.P.I.(M) Members should be sent to Shri Joshi. A reply was sent accordingly by Member-Secretary. Copies of Shri Joshi's letter and reply sent to him are enclosed (Annexures IV and V).

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LABOUR

Programme of Meetings during January/February/March, 1969.

NEW DELHI.

Saturday	4.1.69	Afternoon	}	(i) Commission's meetings.
Sunday	5.1.69	Forenoon/Afternoon		
Monday	6.1.69	Forenoon/Afternoon	}	(ii) Meeting with the Planning Commission on January 7, 1969 from 10.30 A.M.
Tuesday	7.1.69	Forenoon/Afternoon		
Wednesday	8.1.69	Forenoon.	}	(iii) Meeting with representatives of Industrial Cooperatives on January 8 and 9, 1969. Meeting to be inaugurated by the Chairman on January 8, 1969.

BOMBAY.

Friday	31.1.69	Afternoon	}	(i) Commission's meetings.
Saturday	1.2.69	Forenoon/Afternoon		
Sunday	2.2.69	Forenoon/Afternoon	}	(ii) Meeting with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other signatories of the Joint Memorandum on the "Employment of Local Persons in Maharashtra" on any date between January 31, and February 2, 1969.

NEW DELHI.

Friday	28.2.69	Afternoon	}	(i) Commission's meetings.
Saturday	1.3.69	Forenoon/Afternoon		
Sunday	2.3.69	Forenoon/Afternoon	}	(ii) Meeting with Members of the Working Groups on Labour Administration on a date between February 28, 1969 to March 3, 1969
Monday	3.3.69	Forenoon		

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The timings of the Commission's meetings on the above dates will be as follows:-

Forenoon Session 9.30 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.

Afternoon Session 3.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M.

The meeting with the Planning Commission on January 7, 1969 will be held from 10.30 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.

Timings for other meetings will be decided and intimated later.

ANNEXURE II.

(COPY)

P. Ramamurti,
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)

9, Talkatora Road,
New Delhi

6th December, 1968.

Dear Shri P.B. Gajendragadkar,

We wish to thank you for the invitation to appear before the Commission and give oral evidence on the various issues before it.

We must, however, point out that the way in which the Commission allowed itself to be used by the Government of India on the eve of the recent one day token strike by the Central Government employees is not one that inspires confidence in the Commission.

On the other hand, the Government of India is pushing forward its Bill to ban strikes by Government employees and certain other categories of workers. The fact that the National Commission on Labour has wide terms of reference and all these issues will be covered in its report has not deterred the Government.

And the strangest part is that the Commission has not even uttered a word of protest so far.

Under the circumstances, we feel that no useful purpose will be served by our appearing before you.

We, therefore, regret that we are unable to accept your invitation and appear before you.

Yours truly,

Sd/- P. Ramamurti
Sd/- K. Ananda Nambiar
Sd/- K. Ramani
Sd/- K.M. Abraham

Shri P.B. Gajendragadkar,
Chairman,
National Commission on Labour,
D.27, South Extension Part II,
New Delhi.

ANNEXURE III.

(COPY)

P.B.Gajendragadkar
Chairman

D.O.No.1(22)/68-NCL
Government of India
National Commission on Labour,
D-27, South Extension, Part II
New Delhi, dated December 7, 1968.

My dear

Please refer to your letter of the 6th instant.

It is a matter of deep regret that you and your colleagues have decided to deny to give to the Commission the benefit of hearing your views on the major topics included in the Commission's terms of reference.

While expressing my regret may I take the liberty to add that in my view the reasons set out by you in your letter for not meeting the Commission are neither fair nor sound nor justified. However, it is obvious that no useful purpose would be served by my entering into an argument with you on this point.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-P.B.Gajendragadkar

To

Shri P. Ramamurthi,
Member of Parliament,
9, Talkatora Road,
New Delhi.

Shri K. Ananda Nambiar,
Member of Parliament,
17, Windsor Place,
New Delhi-1.

Shri K. Ramani,
Member of Parliament,
13, Windsor Place,
New Delhi-1.

Shri K.M.Abraham,
Member of Parliament,
125, North Avenue,
New Delhi.

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ANNEXURE IV.

अ. ज. जोशी,
संसद सदस्य
(लोक सभा)

29, कौन्सिल लेन,
नयी दिल्ली - 1
5 दिसम्बर 1963.

प्रिय श्री दातार,

नेशनल लेबर कमीशन के साथ विचार विमर्श करने के लिए आपने जो पत्र भेजा था उस के अनुसार मैं आने का लोच रहा था परन्तु केन्द्रीय गजूरों की 19 सितम्बर की हड़ताल को लेकर कमीशन के सदस्य हारे बुजुर्ग सहकारी कारपोरेशन डांगे ने कमीशन की सदस्यता से इस्तीफा दे दिया। इस इस्तीफे के सम्बन्ध में कमीशन का जो खबरा हुआ और हुकूमत की तरफ से डांगे साहब का इस्तीफा गंजूर करने में जो जल्दबाजी बरती गयी वह निन्दनीय है। मैंने डांगे साहब से स्वयं इस सम्बन्ध में बातचीत की। उससे मुझे काफी जानकारी हासिल हुई। मेरी दृष्टि से कमीशन की और हुकूमत की इस मामले में जो भ्रष्टाचार रही वह निन्दनीय है। ऐसी हालत में कमीशन के साथ विचारविमर्श करने के लिए जाना कोई अर्थ नहीं रखता। इसलिए मुझे यह सूचित करते हुए खेद है कि मैं नहीं आ सकूंगा।

आपका,

ह. ज. अ. जोशी

श्री बा. ना. दातार,
सचिव, राष्ट्रीय श्रम आयोग,
डी-29, साउथ स्कवर्टेखन (भाग 2),
नयी दिल्ली - 3.

VI ANNEXURE
1 - 10/11/68
29/12/68
(10/11/68)

ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF ANNEXURE IV

S.M. Joshi,
Member,
Lok Sabha.

29, Canning Lane,
New Delhi-1.

December 5, 1968.

Dear Shri Datar,

I was thinking of meeting the Commission with a view to give oral evidence as per your letter in this regard, but our old Comrade Dange resigned from the Membership of the Commission in connection with the strike of the Central Government Employees on the 19th September, 1968. We condemn the way in which the resignation of Comrade Dange was considered by the Commission and the hasty manner in which the Government accepted the resignation. I discussed this with Shri Dange and had a first-hand knowledge on the subject. I do not appreciate the way the Government and the Commission have treated this matter. In the circumstances I do not feel it would serve any useful purpose to meet the Commission. I, therefore, regret my inability to attend the meeting of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(S. M. Joshi.)

Shri B.N. Datar,
Member-Secretary,
National Commission on
Labour, D-27, South Ext. Pt. II,
New Delhi.

ANNEXURE V.

(COPY)

B.N. Datar,
Member Secretary.

D.O.No.1(22)/68-NCL(C)
Government of India,
National Commission on Labour,
D-27, South Extension, Part II
New Delhi, dated December 7, 1968.

My dear S.M.,

This is with reference to your letter of December 5, 1968. I have been instructed by the Commission to send to you a ^{*}copy of the reply sent by the Chairman to Shri P. Ramamurthi, M.P.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-B.N. Datar

Shri S.M. Joshi,
Member of Parliament,
29, Canning Lane,
New Delhi.

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* Annexure III may kindly be seen.