

ALL INDIA DEFENCE EMPLOYEES FEDERATION
INDIAN NATIONAL DEFENCE WORKERS FEDERATION
BHARATIYA PRATIRAKSHA MAZDOOR SANGH
(RECOGNIZED FEDERATIONS OF DEFENCE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES)

Ref. No. : 04/AIDDEF/INDWF/BPMS/19

Date : 13.07.2019

To,

Shri Rajnath Singhji,

Hon'ble Defence Minister

Government of India

South Block, New Delhi - 110 001.

SUBJECT : APPEAL TO NOT VIOLATE THE ASSURANCE GIVEN IN THE PARLIAMENT AND ALSO TO THE 3 RECOGNISED FEDERATIONS OF DEFENCE EMPLOYEES THAT ORDNANCE FACTORIES WILL NOT BE CORPORATISED / CONVERTED TO PSUS.

Respected Sir,

You are aware that the 3 Recognised Federations of the Trade Unions of the Defence Civilian Employees represents the 4 lakh Defence Civilian Employees including employees of 41 Ordnance Factories. Ordnance Factories are strategic production unites under the Department of Defence Production. The O.F.B. Organisation is more than 218 years old and are contributing to the self reliance in Defence of our country. The Ordnance Factories are treated as the 4th force of the Defence of India. The Ordnance Factories have played a constructive role in all the wars faced by the country including the Kargil crisis and the various surgical strike undertaken by the Indian Army. However, to dilute the role of the Ordnance Factories and with the ulterior motive of privatising the Ordnance Factories many committees in the past have recommended to convert the Ordnance Factories into a corporation/PSU. Since these recommendations are against the interest of National security and also change of service conditions of the Defence Civilian Employees who are basically Central Govt. Employees we opposed the move and staged various agitational programmes including strike. Considering the genuiness of our demand, the previous Defence Ministers have given written assurance to the Federations that Ordnance Factories would not be corporatized. Moreover, in the parliament also the previous NDA Govt. has given such an assurance (Rajyasabha unstarred question No. 833 answered on 03.03.2015).

In this situation, it is now understood that a series of meetings were held at MOD in the presence of the National Security Advisor to restructure the Ordnance Factories by converting the OFB into a corporation/PSU. All these meetings have taken place without involving the major stake holders i.e. the employees of Ordnance Factories whose service conditions will undergo massive changes. We have also understood that a Cabinet Note in this regard has been prepared and it is being put up to your honour for your approval. If it is a fact then the same would amount to breach of trust on the part of the Government.

Considering the seriousness of the situation the 3 Federations and CDRA have already moved a resolution against Corporatisation of OFB and have handed over the same to the DGOF & Chairman in the Apex Productivity Council Meeting held on 04/07/2019 and requested the Chairman to forward the same to the MOD. Thereafter a joint meeting of the 3 Federations which was held at Kolkata on 05/07/2019 have unanimously taken the following decisions :

- (i) To submit joint representation to Hon'ble RM requesting him to not violate the assurance given to the Federations and to not approve any proposal to corporatize the Ordnance Factories.
- (ii) **To sit on a full day hunger strike at Delhi near Parliament on 20/08/2019 by the Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members and JCM II Level and III Level Members of the 3 Federations jointly. The same day all the Defence Employees will attend duty by wearing "Black Badge" in support of the Hunger Strike.**
- (iii) To invite the representatives of CDRA also to join the agitation.

In view of the above we request your honour to intervene in the matter and to arrange to issue necessary instructions to not violate the assurances given to the Federations in the past and allow to function the Ordnance Factories as a departmental organization under DDP/MOD since the decision to corporatize the Ordnance Factories would ultimately result in disinvestment/privatization which is not in the interest of the security of nation and the employees and their families.

A delegation of 3 Federations would like to meet the Hon'ble RM in this regard in person so as to enable us to place our views before your honour at a convenient date of yours.

Awaiting for your favourable response please.

With Kindest Regards,

Yours Sincerely,



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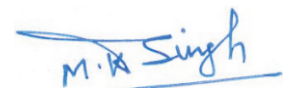
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For kind information and favourable action please