

Maharashtra MSRTC Workers are on Strike

Already 22 days have passed since the MSRTC conductors and drivers began their strike. Their main demand is to merge the corporation into state government.

When this strike was started the Maharashtra government tried to apply pressure over these workers, but workers resisted its pressure and continued the strike. The present government thought that this strike is initiated by opposition BJP party because Ex. Agricultural minister Sadabhu Khot and present BJP MLA Gopichand Padalkar pretended that they are running this strike. But after 20 days of strike, when government announced some increment to finish this strike, these two people have taken away their support for strike saying that government has announced good incentive and attractive increment for workers. Their withdrawal of support to strike exposed BJP's politics towards working class.

Maharashtra MSRTC workers are near about 95 thousands and contract workers are near about 4 thousands. All these workers are loyal and hardworking. They serve in rural and interior places also with devotion to their duties. They are down trodden people through their jobs. But this government, ministers, bureaucratic officers loot this corporation and giving the licenses for private buses. These private buses are run by the owners of the richest companies, who are relatives of this coalition congress -NCP -Sivasena government ministers, and opposition party BJP MLAs.

As BJP government at the centre is privatizing each public institution, the state government also is trying to follow the same path in MSRTC. But the MSRTC workers are demanding that the corporation must be merged into state government. While governments are trying to privatize institutions workers are fighting against it and demanding nationalization. MSRTC workers are adamant and firm on their strike and showing their militancy. The CPI (ML) Maharashtra state committee is also giving support to this strike.