

Concor Workers Struggle in Dronagiri, Maharashtra

Concor (Container Corporation of India Limited) is a government company of railways. This company is engaged in imports and exports through containers. It is situated in the Dronagiri region of Raigarh district. Due to this, it is also called as DRT (Dronagiri Rail Terminal). The workers working in this channel are continuously working for the past 12 years under different contractors till now many contractors are changed. This is because of the strong unity of the workers. Whenever a contractor is changed, he tries to remove these workers and hire new workers on low wages. That is why the struggle exists every time. On 4th April, 2023 Concor tried to remove one of its own machines and install another hired machine in its place. When workers asked to give assurance that they will get work on the new machine, the Concor management did not respond. So the workers prevented the machine from going out. Then the management assured them to give work on the new machine. After getting assurance from the Concor management, the workers allowed the machine to go out. Even after giving assurance, Concor and the contractor did not engage the workers working in DRT and recruited 2 new workers for the new machine. Due to this act, there exists the danger of losing their jobs for the workers. Hence the workers called a meeting and decided that all the other machines should be made stand. As a result, the entire work had been stopped. They stopped the machines working for half an hour. Talks took place between Concor and the workers. The decision was taken on the condition that the new machine would remain standing, the rest of the machines would work. If the new machine is operated by new workers, then the work will be stopped again. After 4 days of struggle and tension, finally the workers working for the last 12 years got the machine. Now after a week, all the workers have heaved a sigh of relief. This struggle, the process of dialogue was possible only on the strength of the unity of the workers. In today's era hatred and communalism is increasing in the country, only the unity of the workers can stop it.