
Downsizing deals - INTUC wants industries to restrain from lay offs

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Statesman News Service reported that the Orissa unit of the INTUC warned industrial houses against lay offs or retrenchment on the plea of global meltdown and said the UPA government had initiated several measures to ease the impact on industries and there was no reason for any lay off or retrenchment.

Adopting several resolutions at its 23rd State Convention, the INTUC came down heavily on the BJD-BJP government in the state and described it as anti poor and anti working class.

It said that "The state government is busy placating big industrial houses without bothering a bit for the workers."

INTUC demanded immediate enhancement of the minimum wages for the skilled workers to INR 150 per day. Mr Ramachandra Khuntia president and MP of INTUC said that "Salary of the employees working in state run PSUs, Insurance Company, Gramya Banks have not been revised as per the recommendation of the 6th Pay Commission."

Significantly, the INTUC asserted that all mining leases should be cancelled and the Orissa Mining Corporation should be entrusted with the task of mining and supply of ore to private companies as per their requirements on valid market rates.

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