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Press Note

Indian Journalists Union (IJU), the premier and most representative organisation of working journalists in the country, strongly protested against giving a free run to the managements of the industrial and business houses in the name of 'ease of business' by replacing the inspections by the Government Officers by self certification of the compliances required under various laws.

In a statement issued here on Friday, President S N Sinha and Secretary General Devulapalli Amar of Indian Journalists Union (IJU) termed the proposal as retrograde as it would give a free hand to the managements to violate the labour laws with impunity. The proposal to move to a system of self-certification and inspections based on computer-drawn lots would lead to large scale violation of the security of employment of the employees and make them vulnerable. Complaints by employees and their unions would go unheeded, the IJU leaders alleged.

They said newspaper managements which violate the provisions of Working Journalists and Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of service and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act routinely would now become blatant. The statement said managements would falsely claim implementation of the Wage Board wages to all employees without fear of being caught in the act as there would be no inspection of their records except in the unlikely event of coming up in random computerized selection.

S N Sinha and Amar called on working journalists all over the country to join protests called by Central Trade Unions on 5 December and fight back the attempts to tamper with the labour laws to favour the employers. They directed the affiliated State Unions of IJU to co-ordinate their agitation along with other unions in their respective states.

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