

## Unions plan general strike on Sept. 2

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All the major trade unions in the country have decided to observe a one-day general strike on September 2 against the anti-labour policies of the Narendra Modi government, Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) president G. Sanjeeva Reddy has said.

He was here to participate in the biennial general body meeting of the East Coast Railway Shramik Congress (ECoRSC) here on Tuesday.

Addressing a media conference along with National Federation of Indian Railwaymen (NFIR) general secretary M. Raghavaiah, the INTUC president deplored the attitude of the NDA government, which was rolling out the red carpet to MNCs while trampling upon the rights of Indian workers and watering down indigenous production units and industries. Mr. Reddy recalled the decision of the Rajasthan, Haryana and Maharashtra governments to impose heavy penalties, if workers resort to strikes to resolve their demands. On the other hand, MNCs were invited to invest in India and take away the profits. They were being assured of incentives and 'no labour unrest' in India. He said the INTUC was opposed to FDI in Railways and defence sector and disinvestment in Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

He recalled that the INTUC had opposed the divestment of PSUs even during the UPA regime. All the major trade unions including the AITUC, CITU and BMS had joined hands with the INTUC and were supporting the general strike.

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