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Press Release

To,
The Editor,

Please Send Reporter to cover our union Dharana Program.

Yours faithfully

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General Secretary

Forward Seamen's Union of India (FSUI) has organised a Massive Dharna with seafarers in protest against the decision of Central Government decision to sell "Mini Ratna" Public Sector company Dredging Corporation of India at Azad Maidan, CST Mumbai-400 001 on 17th January 2018 at 2pm to 4 pm. Ensure massive participation in program.

Demonstration against the privatization of Dredging Corporation of India

On 1st November 2017 the union cabinet has approved total disinvestment of Dredging Corporation of India Ltd. (DCIL) as per the recommendation of NITI Aayog with a few other PSUs.

The Decision of selling of DCI stake i.e. 73.47 to the private will be a disasters decision so far as the interest of national economy is concerned. As we know it better that the various kinds of extremely crucial activities being carried on by DCI in maintaining our national maritime and navigational facilities of country's waterways catering yeoman services to the entire major and minor ports of our country. The very idea of privatization of DCIL for one time sale- proceeds is therefore totally imprudent besides contradicting to the program of "Make in India" which may pleased be appreciated. The move of the government for privatization of DCIL has already created serious resentment amongst the mass of the DCIL employees being reflected in united agitations by them.

We must make the government to review and refrain the decision of privatization of DCIL and also refrain the move of the DCIL management to outsource the operation of the DCIL dredgers through private operators in the overall national interest.

As per Media the government had claimed that it would be able to realize around Rs. 1400 crores from the sale of government holding in DCIL. However DCIL is in a strong position now with 12 trailing suction hopper dredgers and three cutter dredgers along with other vessels. DCIL has been a strong competitor to other companies involved in dredging operations.



It is obvious that the government decision is neither to protect the interest of the country nor those of the port sector.

Hasty decision:

The public sector DCIL was associated with at least eight major ports and private ports as well as southern command. The government decision is hasty. It is feared that it will pave the way for cartelization of private Indian and foreign dredging firms to loot major ports.

Threat to the coastal security as well as the sovereignty of country:

The privatization of the DCIL will threaten the coastal security as well as the sovereignty of country.

Therefore FSUI has organized the "DHARNA" agitation on 17th of January 2018 at 1400 hrs at Azad Maidan CST. To protest the government's decision of privatization.

All the Seafarers, are appealed to join the agitation and Muster by Large Numbers.