

Directive on "body search" approved by the Standing Committee of the All-China Federation of Trade Unions on February 9, 1950

Body search (also known as "self-examination", "copying body", "copying yarn", "copying pockets", etc.) system is an extreme insult to workers' personality by the ruling class in the old society. This system has now been basically abolished in state-run and public-run factories everywhere; however, it is still widespread in private factories. This is a serious violation of the people's government's policy of protecting personal freedom. Immediately abolishing the "body search" system has become an urgent call for the textile workers across the country. Facts have proved that after the abolition of this old system, the masses of workers enthusiastically celebrated their liberation, cherished the factories more, strengthened their sense of ownership of the country and increased their enthusiasm for production. Any excuse for trying to preserve this unreasonable system is essentially an insult to the minds of the workers. Therefore, the congress instructed the China Textile Trade Union Preparatory Committee to take necessary steps to completely abolish the "body search" system, and required trade union organizations at all levels to educate all textile workers to actively produce, care for the factory and consciously abide by labor discipline.