

## Plea for 30 per cent festival bonus

- Staff Reporter

The Kanyakumari District Estate Workers' Union (KDEWU) affiliated to Centre for Indian Trade Union (CITU) demanded disbursement of 20 per cent bonus and 10 per cent ex-gratia for their members working in Tamil Nadu Rubber Corporation for Deepavali here on Friday.

The KDEWU spearheading the demonstration consecutively for four days from October 28 before the offices of the Divisional Managers in the western part of the district, said M. Valsakumar, general secretary of the union.

Mr. Valsakumar said the union was demanding that the Tamil Nadu Rubber Corporation disbursed 20 per cent bonus and 10 per cent ex-gratia before Deepavali.

Last year the corporation had disbursed 8.33 per cent bonus and 11.64 per cent ex-gratia.

### 2500 workers

The union has over 2,500 workers including factory workers, field workers, rubber tapping workers etc.

The union staged a demonstration before the office of the Divisional Manager at Mylar for two divisions including Kothaiyar Division on Wednesday (October 28), in Chittar on Thursday, Keeriparai on Friday.

The demonstration in front of the Keeriparai Divisional Office was presided over by S. Sashi, Divisional Convenor.

Mr. Valsakumar, Joint General Secretary P. Natarajan, Vice President Mohamed Abdul Khader among others participated in the demonstrations.