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To all the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units:

Dear Comrades,

Unprecedented floods wreak havoc in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka
AIIEA appeals for liberal donations to provide relief to the flood victims

During the past 6 days unprecedented floods in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka caused loss of human lives and huge devastation and destruction to properties worth thousands of crores of rupees. Torrential rains in the catchment areas due to the depression in Bay of Bengal coupled with the activation of south east monsoon resulted in the Krishna, Tungabhadra and other rivers to overtake towns and villages in their path. Hundreds of people have perished and thousands missing because of the fury of floods. It is estimated that around 30 Lakh people have been displaced in the two states together. The Hindu in a news item today reported that the floods in the Krishna river since October 1, 2009 have been described by irrigation and engineering experts as the rarest one that could occur once in 10,000 years.

In Andhra Pradesh the districts of Kurnool, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Krishna and Guntur have been the worst affected. In many places, road and rail links have been cut off. The floods in Krishna and Thungabhadra rivers have wrought havoc to the lives of millions of people living in these districts. In the town of Kurnool five lakhs of people were displaced. Three fourths of the Kurnool Town was submerged. Similar was the situation in the pilgrimage centre of Mantralayam and another town called Nandyal. LIC Branch in Kurnool was submerged in water upto first floor while the employees tried to shift the servers and other important material to first floor. Mahabubnagar district is normally a draught prone district. The district received a rain fall on a single day equivalent to half of the annual rain fall. The ever increasing water level at Prakasham Barrage between the Vijayawada and Guntur towns led to inundation of parts of Vijayawada and many villages in both the districts of Krishna and Guntur. It is reported that these have been the worst ever floods Andhra Pradesh witnessed in the last 106 years. The inflow of River Krishna waters into Srisailam on October 2, 2009 was 25.5 lakh cusecs as against the highest inflow of 10.6 lakh cusecs recorded in Vijayawada in 1903.

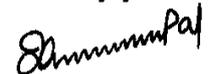
The State of Karnataka is severely affected due to the floods. 15 Districts in the state including many parts of Northern Karnataka are severely hit. Over 7.5 lakh people in 451 villages have been affected in one of the worst natural disasters that the state has witnessed. The districts of Bijapur, Bagalkot, Belgaum, Raichur, Gulbarga, Bellary, Koppal, Dharwad, Karwar and Gadag are the worst affected. The rail and road links to the districts of Raichur, Gulbarga and Bijapur have been cut off. More than 168 deaths were reported from Karnataka. The loss to the public and private property is put at Rs.20,000 crores by the state government.

Our comrades of Kadapa (A.P.) and Raichur (Karnataka) Divisional areas have immediately started the relief work with the funds mobilized from their divisions. South Central Zone Insurance Employees' Federation already came out with an appeal to the employees in the zone for donations.

As conscious citizens responsive to the needs of the people in distress, we should reach out to help the people affected by these unprecedented floods. All India Insurance Employees' Association appeals to all the employees to contribute liberally to render help to the suffering people.

The remittances may be drawn in the name of "South Central Zone Insurance Employees' Federation" and the same may be sent to the address of AIIEA Headquarters.

Comradely yours,



General Secretary.