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

Dear Comrades,

WORKERS' MARCH TO PARLIAMENT ON 18th FEBRUARY 2009

Workers' march to Parliament on 18th February, 2009 organized by the Sponsoring Committee of Trade Unions consisting of the central trade unions and all India Federations of insurance, banks, central and state government employees, railways, defence and telecommunications and other sectors was a massive success.

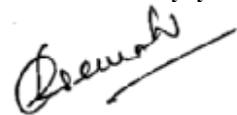
The event witnessed more than a lakh of employees and workers actively participating in the rally. From the insurance sector around thousand employees participated from Delhi, Rohtak, Karnal, Jaipur, Meerut, Kanpur, Aligarh and Bhopal Divisions. The insurance employees were led by Com. A.K.Bhatnagar, Com.V.Ramesh and Com. Ashok Tiwari, Joint Secretaries of AIIEA. The March to Parliament began at 11a.m. and concluded at 2 p.m. The rally which culminated near the Parliament Street Police Station was addressed by leaders of central trade unions and the independent federations. Com.M.K.Pandhe, President, CITU while addressing the rally criticized the UPA government's anti-employee and anti-worker policies and demanded the government to immediately address the issues of the workers including the job losses. Com. A.K.Bhatnagar addressing the rally on behalf of AIIEA demanded the government to withdraw the two Bills introduced in the Parliament amending the insurance laws.

Immediately after the conclusion of the rally, a delegation of the leaders from all central trade unions and all India Federations (including Com.Bhatnagar from AIIEA) met Shri Pranab Mukherjee in the Parliament and submitted a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister. The memorandum contained thirteen demands urging the government to halt the attacks on workers and reverse the anti-people policies of the government. A copy of the memorandum is enclosed for your information.

The Workers' March to Parliament sent out a clear signal to the government that the working class in the country is prepared for an intensified struggle and campaign to defeat the neo-liberal policies and protect the workers' rights and the economic sovereignty of the country.

With greetings,

Comradely yours,



for General Secretary.