

ALL INDIA INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

LIC BUILDING SECRETARIAT ROAD HYDERABAD

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

Dear Comrades,

MASSIVE SUCCESS OF 7TH SEPTEMBER STRIKE MORE THAN 10 CRORE WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE

Nation wide One Day Industrial Strike called by the central trade unions and independent federations of banking, insurance, BSNL, state government, central government, medical representatives, steel, coal, Mining, Aviation, Ports and transport and other sectors on 7th September 2010 against the UPA government's anti labour policies and price rise was total in many states and it affected the functioning of industries, banks and insurance offices, besides road transport and flight operations. **More than 10 crore workers and employees participated in the largest ever strike witnessed in India according to the media reports.**

Employees of LIC and PSU general insurance companies participated massively in the strike as per the call of AIIEA and other unions. AIIEA called up on the employees to participate in the strike on the issues of price rise of essential commodities, disinvestment of public sector companies, opposing the government's moves to increase the FDI limit in insurance sector and opposing the New Pension Scheme.

There was a massive rally of the striking employees in front of Jeevan Bharathi on the Parliament Street, New Delhi. More than 1200 insurance and bank employees participated in the rally in spite of heavy rain. Com. Tapan Sen, General Secretary, CITU and Com. Gurudas Dasgupta, General Secretary AITUC addressed the rally. Com. K. Venu Gopal, General Secretary, AIIEA addressed well attended strike rallies at Secunderabad and Hyderabad. At Chennai, there was a largely attended rally in front of Head Office of United India Insurance Co. and another in front of the LIC Building. In the city of Bengaluru, workers and employees organized a massive procession to Town Hall which was joined by the LIC and GIC employees in large numbers.

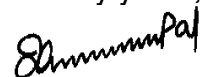
Visakhapatnam Divisional unit with a massive strike of 99.5% led the strike performance. (796 out of 800 employees were on strike). Thrissur Divisional Unit, the youngest Divisional Unit of AIIEA formed on 1st August 2010, came out with a magnificent strike performance of 97.37%. Our comrades in Goa took up the task of strike preparations in a big way and that was reflected in their strike performance of 84% which was an appreciable performance in the state of Goa. The striking employees at our Mathabhanga branch under Jalpaiguri division were attacked by a group of around 50 persons belonging to Trinamool Congress but the comrades held their positions and successfully continued the strike rally.

Ernakulam, Madurai, Coimbatore, Kottayam, Gandhinagar, Raipur, Satna, Bilaspur, Shahdol, Jullunder, Amritsar, Shimla, Ajmer, Karnal, Bikaner, Sambalpur, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Berhampur, Hazaribagh, Faizabad, Allahabad, Asansol, Howrah, Kharagpur, Bangalore II, Raichur, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Nellore, Rajahmundry, and Kadapa were the other divisions where the strike performance was more than 90%. Apart from these divisions there were many other divisions with strike performance of more than 80%.

It was also heartening to note that on the same day, as per the call of WFTU, workers in Greece and other part of the world observed International Action Day with a slogan "Capital must pay for the crisis, not the workers." In France, workers went on strike on 7th September to protect their pension and other benefits. Hence, in a way this was an international show of strength by the workers who are fighting the government policies against the working class.

We congratulate all the employees in the insurance sector who made this action a total success.

Comradely yours,



General Secretary.