

# ALL INDIA INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

LIC BUILDING SECRETARIAT ROAD HYDERABAD

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

Dear Comrades,

Successful observance of One Hour Walk Out Strike on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010

One Hour Walk Out Strike on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010 protesting against the unilateral imposition of New Pension Scheme for new recruits was observed successfully across the country by the employees of LIC and Public Sector General Insurance Companies. AIIEA had always been in the forefront in opposing the New Pension Scheme where the contributions will be defined but the pension would not be defined and would depend on the vagaries of the stock market where the amounts are proposed to be invested.

Strike statistics received so far from various Zones indicate that around 72.25% employees were absent during the strike. Shabdol Division (Central Zone) recorded the highest strike performance participated by of 95.13% of the employees, followed by Nellore Division (SCZ) with 94.52% and Visakhapatnam Division (SCZ) with 91% strike participation. Srinagar Division (NZ) recorded a near 90% strike action.

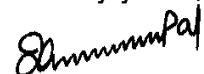
Ten Divisions in South Central Zone, seven divisions in Northern Zone, five divisions in East Central Zone, four divisions in South Zone, three divisions in Central Zone, and two divisions in North Central Zone recorded strike performances between 80% and 89%. Gandhinagar in Western Zone recorded a strike percentage of 88%. Zone wise strike performances are as follows: South Central Zone – 77.24%, South Zone – 76.97%, North Zone – 72.75%, Central Zone – 72.70%, North Central Zone – 66%, East Central Zone – 63.31%, Eastern Zone 62%. In General Sector the strike rallies were joined by the new recruit officers in large numbers who are affected by this unilateral notification.

The strike call which was to be an immediate protest against the unilateral notification of the government had to be given at a short notice in view of various conferences of the Zonal Units starting from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010 onwards. The day of the strike was followed by Vijaya Dasami Holidays in many states including the East and East Central Zones where a considerable number of employees were on LTC. Similarly in Bihar many employees were drafted for election duties and were away from the offices. LIC management also tried its own hand by issuing a circular that meal coupon would not be allowed to the participants of walk out strike. AIIEA immediately lodged its strong protest against this and addressed a letter to the Managing Director which is already circulated to all the Zonal Units. In spite of all these odds, the strike was very successful.

Through this strike action the employees of LIC and the Public Sector General Insurance Companies have sent a clear signal to the managements and the government that such unilateral actions will be challenged through concerted actions of the employees.

We congratulate all the employees in LIC and the General Insurance Sector for the successful observance of the strike and call upon them to continue the campaign against the neo-liberal policies of the government attacking the benefits of the workers including their pensions.

Comradely yours,



General Secretary.