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

Dear Comrades,

WORK FOR THE VICTORY OF LEFT

Elections to the four State Assemblies of West Bengal, Kerala, Assam, Tamil Nadu and the Union territory of Puducherry are scheduled to be held during the period April 4 to May 10, 2011. A total of 14.4 crore voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in these elections.

These elections are being held at a very critical juncture of our parliamentary democracy. The people in general have become cynical about politics. This is the dubious contribution of bourgeois political parties to the Indian democracy. Never in the past India had earned so many dubious distinctions – ranked as one of the most corrupt country, home to the world's largest number of hungry people and a country with massive and ever rising inequalities.

The people are horrified to witness the nation rocked by one scam after another of gigantic proportions. The wikileaks cables have shown how democracy is subverted and vandalized through purchase of votes from the poor and vulnerable electorates and bribing of the parliamentarians. These cables have also shown how our national interests are often overlooked to accommodate the interests of U.S imperialism. The wikileaks revelations have shamed the nation.

These dark and murky political dealings are really nauseating. But our countrymen and women have also seen the practice of alternate politics by the Indian Left. The record of West Bengal in land reforms, empowering people through Panchayati Raj and defending secularism remains unmatched. The record of Left rule in Kerala in providing food security, ending farmer suicides and the turning around of public sector is fascinating. These two Left led States have demonstrated that even within the constraints of the bourgeois democracy, some relief can be provided to the people.

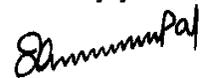
This alternate practice of politics and an alternative set of economic policies are seen as a threat by both the Indian bourgeoisie and the world imperialism. The ability of the Indian Left to mobilize the people against the anti-people policies including the dismantling of public sector has angered imperialism and the Indian ruling classes. Therefore, efforts are being made by whatever means possible to dislodge these governments. We see the coming together of all reactionary forces from the extreme Right to the extreme Left with the avowed objective of weakening the Left.

The Left has been the strongest defender of our peoples' interests. It has defended the public sector including the insurance sector both inside and outside the Parliament. It has led massive protests against back breaking price rise and other anti-people policies of the government. The Left led governments of West Bengal and Kerala are the two advanced outposts of Indian democracy. The 22nd General Conference of AIIEA understood the significance of Left in Indian politics and called upon the insurance employees and other sections of the working class to take up programmes to defend the Left.

In the recent elections to the three Graduates' constituencies of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council the Left and democratic candidates supported by the AIIEA units have won in all the three constituencies. AIIEA units could unite all the workers and employees and mobilize the opinion of people across all sections in favour of these candidates.

The present Assembly elections are very crucial. We need to work for the victory of Left in West Bengal and Kerala. The conspiracy to weaken the Left by any means has to be countered and defeated. We need to strengthen the presence of Left in the legislatures of Tamil Nadu, Assam and Puducherry. We need to take the lead in mobilizing the working class and other progressive sections in favour of the Left. This is the most urgent task.

Comradely yours,



General Secretary.