

**ALL INDIA INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION
LIC BUILDING SECRETARIAT ROAD HYDERABAD**

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

Dear Comrades,

**28th February 2012 nation wide strike total success
Workers across the country unite and demand a stop to the neo-liberal
policies
More than 10 crore workers join the massive strike action
Strike total in insurance sector**

The nation-wide strike called by the Central Trade Unions and the independent federations and associations was massive with its spread and intensity. More than 10 crore workers participated in the strike.

In the financial sector the strike was total. In LIC the strike action was implemented with total success. In many centres the offices were closed.

In South Central Zone the strike performance was 91% across the zone. **Visakhapatnam Division (SCZ) once again recorded the highest strike percentage of 99.34%** (5 employees were on leave and could not participate in the strike) followed by Karimnagar (SCZ) with 98.79%, Meerut (in respect of offices which were not on a holiday) 97.28%, Thrissur (SZ) 97.03% and Sambhalpur (ECZ) with 97% strike action.

According to the reports received so far from the zones, Raipur, Shahdol, Satna , Asansol, Burdwan, Kolkata I, Howrah, Kolkata Suburban, Kharagpur, Gandhinagar, Gorakhpur, Faizabad, Hazaribagh, Patna II (a new divisional unit), Jamshedpur, Muzaffarpur, Berhampur, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Ajmer, Amritsar, Bikaner, Jaipur I, Jalandhar, Karnal, Shimla, Srinagar, Ernakulam, Madurai, Kottayam, Coimbatore, Thanjavur, Bangalore II, Belgaum, Dharwad, Raichur, Kadapa, Hyderabad, Machilipatnam, Nellore, Rajahmundry, and Warangal recorded a strike percentage of more than 90%.

The highlight of this strike action was the enthusiastic participation of the newly recruited Class IV employees across the country who joined few days ago. In three divisions in UP, the day was declared as holiday on account of Assembly Elections in certain parts of the state. Hence strike could not be observed in such offices. A special mention should be made about the strike performance in Burdwan division which recorded more than 95% strike. In West Bengal, the ruling party made every attempt to disrupt the strike. In Burdwan, a few days before the strike, there was an attack by the Trinamool Congress on the procession taken out in support of the strike. Two of the CITU leaders were killed in the attack. Even on the eve of strike action there were threats of physical attacks on our comrades. In spite of all these odds the strike was a massive success.

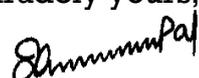
In New Delhi, the joint rally of financial sector employees was held at SBI Building, Parliament Street, and was addressed by Com. Tapan Sen and Com. Gurudas Dasgupta and Com. A.K. Bhatnagar among others. In Bangalore, two strike rallies were organized by the Joint Council of Trade Unions and one of them was at LIC DO I. Com. Amanulla Khan addressed the rally along with other leaders. In Hyderabad the financial sector employees held rallies at SBI, Koti and LIC DO Hyderabad. Shri M.V.S. Sharma, Dr.K. Nageshwar and Shri K.S. Lakshmana Rao, Members of Legislative Council spoke at the rally before the LIC Hyderabad. Com. K. Venu Gopal addressed the rallies at Hyderabad and Secunderabad Divisional Offices. In Gandhinagar a massive rally of the workers was taken out where Com. HI Bhatt addressed. In Chennai, the financial sector rally was held at Memorial Hall, where Com. K. Swaminathan, Joint Secretary, AIIEA and Com. G. Anand, General Secretary, GIEA, SZ addressed.

In the General Insurance Sector, the strike was observed with total success. In the states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, and North East, many offices were closed including the National Head Office. The strike was also successful in Chandigarh, Rajasthan, UP, Uttarakhand, Delhi, MP and Chattisgarh. In South, in all the four states the strike in general insurance sector was complete. In Kolkata the strike rally was organized before the National Head Office which was addressed by Com. P. Bagchi, Vice President, AIIEA.

The working class of the country in a single voice has clearly sent out a signal to the government that the anti-worker and anti-people policies of the Government will not be accepted any more and demanded an immediate course correction. AIIEA congratulates all the workers across the country who made this strike action a magnificent success.

We note with appreciation the solidarity extended by World Federation of Trade Unions to Indian working class for the strike action.

AIIEA congratulates all the insurance employees for massively participating in the joint call given by the unions in the insurance sector.

Comradely yours,

General Secretary.