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To

All the Divisional/Regional/State Units,

Dear Comrades,

**2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 NATION WIDE GENERAL STRIKE – A STUPENDOUS SUCCESS**

All India Insurance Employees' Association congratulates the insurance employees and working class of the country for making the 2nd September, 2016 strike a spectacular success. This is the 17<sup>th</sup> Nationwide Strike since 1991. The 180 million workers participated in the strike against failing economy and raising inequality, rise in essential commodity prices, unemployment, and demanding social security to unorganized workers, minimum wage of Rs.18000/p.m. apart from rejecting the disinvestment of public sector and opening up of Indian Economy to the finance capital. The anger of the strike also reflected the dangers to democracy caused by the forces beyond the nation-state and rise of a radical right characterized by its nativism, authoritarianism. The other sections including students, agricultural workers and farmers also participated supporting the demands of the working class which encompass the demands of the people. The Modi government which celebrated recently its two years in power in a grand scale stands exposed by this strike on its failed policies in all fronts.

The Central Government tried everything to subvert the strike by propagating that the major demands were met when in fact they did not even meet the demand of the minimum wages when they offered Rs.350 per day as minimum wages (working out to Rs.9,100 per month calculated for 26 days). In spite of these attempts the strike across the country was total and in some states there was total bandh observed in support of the strike. In Kerala and Tripura the total political support to the strike was reflected in the bandh observed across the states. Steel, Coal, Transport and other sectors witnessed a near total strike across the country. In many states the workers of Road Transport Sector including autorikshaws observed a total strike.

In the insurance sector, the strike action was near total with many divisional units in LIC reporting high performance of strike action. Majority of the offices of LIC and PSGI sector remained closed in east and north eastern parts. The insurance employees joined the strike with their demand to stop FDI in insurance sector and disinvestment of PSGI along with other demands like one more option for pension and recruitment of Class III and IV employees etc. in LIC.

AS per the information received, Visakhapatnam division (SCZ) recorded a strike percentage of 99.5% stood No. 1 in the country in strike performance. The divisions that recorded above 95% strike performance are Nellore, Kadapa, Rajahmundry (SCZ); Sambalpur, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack(ECZ); Thrissur, Coimbatore (SZ); Jalandhar, Jammu (NZ); Similarly, the units which recorded 90% and above strike performance are: Gandhinagar(WZ), Bangalore-II,Dharwad, Raichur, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Machilipatnam (SCZ). Amritsar, Bikaner, Ajmer (NZ); Madurai, Ernakulam, Thanjavur, Kottayam(SZ); Allahabad, Kanpur(NCZ); Shahdol, Raipur(CZ).We congratulate all the divisional units for recording a spectacular strike performance.

The massive strike action by workers on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 sends out a loud and clear warning to the Government that unless the policies of neoliberalism are reversed, the working class would not rest and would intensify their struggle.

We once again congratulate insurance employees and the workers across the nation for making the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2016 strike action a memorable one.

With warm greetings,

Comradely yours,



General Secretary.