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To

All the Zonal / Divisional/ Regional/ State Units,

Comrades,

COM R.GOVINDARAJAN IS NO MORE

With profound sorrow and deep grief, we have to inform that **Com R. Govindarajan, Former Joint Secretary, AIEA** and a foremost leader of the insurance employees' movement passed away around 7.10 pm on 18th February 2017. The end was sudden due to a massive cardiac arrest. He was 81 and leaves behind a son and daughter and thousands of admirers in grief. Hundreds of insurance employees assembled to pay their respect and participate in the final journey on 19th February. The General Secretary, AIEA paid floral tributes to Com Govindarajan.



Com RG, as he was popularly known, joined LIC in 1960 at Madurai Divisional Office after completing studies at St. Joseph's College, Trichy. Those were the turbulent times and the AIEA was engaged in a number of struggles to protect and advance the interests of the insurance employees. Com RG was drawn to these struggles and became a brilliant soldier of the AIEA. He moved over to Thanjavur Division in 1962 on LIC forming a new divisional office there. He worked closely with Coms R.Umanath and R.Narayanan and became the General Secretary of ICEU, Thanjavur Division in 1963. Since then, he led the organisation in different capacities.

The Jaipur Conference of AIEA in 1988 decided to shift the headquarters of AIEA from then Calcutta to Madras. This Conference elected Coms N.M.Sundaram as the General Secretary and R.Govindarajan as the headquarter Joint Secretary. Com R.G. shifted to Chennai from Thanjavur. He served the AIEA as Joint Secretary till 2003 and relinquished the post in the Raipur Conference of AIEA which decided to shift the headquarters to Hyderabad.

Com Govindarajan was firmly committed to the working class ideology. He made great contribution to the growth of AIEA and played an important role during the legendary automation struggle. With his simple life style, a firm conviction in the cause he espoused and affable manners, Com RG was loved and respected by the ordinary rank and file of the organisation. He was also a constant source of inspiration to the cadres. He was a great orator and had amazing command over the national and international political developments. He was a prolific writer exposing the hollowness of capitalist system.

Com RG did not remain confined to the movement of the insurance employees. He always played a leading role in the general democratic and progressive movement. He was an invitee to the State Committee of CPI (M) Tamilnadu. He was on the Editorial Board of Marxist, an ideological journal of the CPI (M) and was closely connected with a number of democratic and progressive movements.

The insurance employees and the working class of India lost a valiant leader. His unfortunate death has created a big void difficult to fill. The insurance employees would remain indebted to Com RG for his valuable contribution and struggles to improve their living and working conditions. The life and struggles of Com RG will remain a source of inspiration to all those who dream of making the Indian society just, fair and equal.

The All India Insurance Employees' Association dips its banner in memory of Com R.Govindarajan.

Long live Com R.Govindarajan.

Comradely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Aswathi', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

General Secretary.