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To

All the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

**8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY ONE DAY STRIKE - ASTOUNDING SUCCESS**

The National Convention held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at New Delhi consisting of 10 Central Trade Unions (CITU, AITUC, INTUC, HMS etc.), independent Federations and Associations of workers and employees of both the Industrial and Service sectors, Central and State government employees and Public Sector employees decided to go on a nationwide strike on 8th January, 2020. Around 250 million workers and employees from almost all sectors have participated in the strike. The strike was also joined by 175 Farmers and Agricultural Workers' Organisations by observing 'Gramin Bharat Bandh' with their charter of demands. Similarly 60 students' organisations have also joined the strike on their demand to allocate more funds for the education in the budget, free education to all and against the privatisation of education.

The strike certainly has sent a stern warning to the BJP led NDA government to halt the anti-people and anti-worker policies. The strike witnessed anger against the six years of ruling of the Narendra Modi government and its disastrous economic policies leading to slowing down of economy, skyrocketing price rice, acute unemployment, faster decline in average level of earnings and abnormal rise of economic inequality, lack of safety to workers, displacement of workers, reckless privatisation of public sector units, inviting the foreign direct investments in Defence, Railways and proposed increase in FDI in Insurance etc. The strike equivocally called the government to annul the amendments to Labour Act.

In the public sector insurance the strike was a massive success. The employees in insurance industry while are in one mind with the 12 point charter also demanded for an early satisfactory wage settlement to insurance employees which was due from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017. The employees also vented their anger against the government's move to increase FDI to 74% from 49% thus paving way to weaken Public Sector Insurance Industry. The employees also urged the government to eschew the idea of divesting the LIC by listing it and demanded the government to merge 4 PS General Insurance companies and not to disinvest it after the merger.

As per the report received at the AIIEA HQ despite hurdles created by certain groups the strike action was unprecedented success.

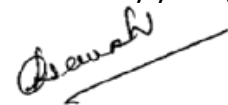
In life sector the following Divisions have recorded more than 90% strike participation. Berhampur (99.71%), Sambalpur (96.29), Bhubaneshwar (96.26%), Cuttack (96%), Patna-II (92.77%), Hazaribagh (92.16%), Jamshedpur (91.59%) Patna-I (90.45%), (East Central Zone).

Faizabad (93.40%), Kanpur (90.50%), Gorakhpur (90.00) in North Central Zone, Coimbatore (97.20), Thrissur (96.99%), Madurai (94.63%), Ernakulam (93.51%), Kottayam (92.882%), Thanjavur (92.24) in South Zone, Jalandhar (95.86%), Amritsar 94.68%), Srinagar (93.30%) in North Zone, Gandhinagar (93.5%) in Western Zone, Visakhapatnam (99.30%), Nellore (96.75%), Raichur (95.16%), Kadapa (94.88%), Rajahmundry (94.26%), Hyderabad (90.32%),Dharwad (90.21%) in South Central Zone, Raipur (92.85%) in Central Zone. In Eastern Zone most of the offices remained closed. In PSGI Companies across the country the strike was a grand success.

We once again congratulate all the employees for making this strike action massive. We also thank NFIFWI and Class I officers for expressing the solidarity to the striking employees. Long live this unity of the employees in insurance sector. We continue to defend the interest of policyholders by protecting the public sector insurance companies.

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,



GENERAL SECRETARY.