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To

All the Zonal /Divisional /State /Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

Re: 26th November One Day Strike – A Huge Success

The One Day Strike on 26th November 2020 called by ten central trade unions and hundreds of independent federations and associations against the anti-worker, anti-farmer and anti-people policies of the government has been hugely successful. Preliminary estimates suggest that around 250 million (25 crore) workers and employees participated in this Strike. The 20th Strike action of the post liberalisation period in our country was not only the biggest ever strike action in India, this is also the biggest ever coordinated general strike anywhere in the world.

Industrial and mining belts in many states such as Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Assam, Odisha, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh reported almost complete lockdown. All the major public sector industries in Bengaluru like HAL, BEML, BHEL, ITI etc. reported almost hundred per cent strike participation. Lakhs of women Anganwadi workers, healthcare workers, mid-day meal workers, scheme workers and workers of the unorganised sector are reported to have enthusiastically participated in the strike. University teachers, students and professionals in many parts of the country came out in large numbers to express their solidarity with the strike. Despite the severe repressive measures put in place by various State governments, particularly the BJP ruled states like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana, farmers have participated in large numbers. There are reports coming in at the time of writing this circular that farmers are heroically resisting the police atrocities in the Haryana-Punjab-Delhi border. The strike has been hugely successful throughout the country.

The strike was a massive success in public sector insurance industry. While expressing solidarity with the seven points demands raised by the central trade unions, insurance employees were greatly agitated over the moves to disinvest LIC by way of its listing in the stock exchange and floating the IPO. Insurance employees both in LIC and PSGI companies gave vent to their anger against the inordinate delay in wage settlement, delay in government clearance to the Board recommended improvements in the Pension Scheme in LIC, arbitrary denial of functional autonomy to LIC for taking expeditious decisions on matters related to the institution and its employees and on the demand of merger of the public sector general insurance companies for their consolidation.

As per reports received at AIIEA headquarters, the strike was a stupendous success all over the country. Despite the holidays declared under NI Act in some parts of South Zone due to cyclone Nivar, the strike was a huge success in the life sector. Visakhapatnam Division in South Central

Zone recorded the highest percentage of strike participation by clocking a percentage of 99%. Barring one division, the remaining ten divisions under East Central Zone have reported a strike percentage of over 90%. We give hereunder, the strike statistics where the strike percentage is 90% and above in our units. We congratulate these Divisional Units for recording splendid strike performance.

East Central:- Patna-1(94%); Patna-2(93%) ; Muzaffarpur(92%); Begusarai(96%); Jamshedpur(92%); Hazaribagh(93%); Cuttack(95%); Bhubaneswar(92%); Sambalpur(94%); Berhampur(96%) **East Zone:-** Burdman(97%); **West Zone:-** Gandhinagar(91%); **North Zone:-** Bikaner(91%); Jalandhar(96%); Amritsar(96%); **South Zone:-** Thrissur(98%); Coimbatore(98%); Ernakulam (95%); Thanjavur(95%); Madurai(94%); Kottayam(92%) ; **South Central:-** Visakhapatnam(99%); Nellore(97%); Raichur(95%); Kadapa(94%); Rajahmundry(94%); Dharwad(92%); **Central Zone:-** Raipur(90%). **North Central:-** Gorakhpur (95%), Kanpur (91%).

In General Sector also, the strike has been hugely successful. Employees in PSGI Companies showed remarkable spontaneity in strike participation. Almost all the offices under Eastern Zone were closed. Despite threats by some leaders of the ruling party in states like Tripura our employees enthusiastically participated in the strike. Our employees in cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, Bhopal, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and several places in Kerala took active part in the joint strike rallies of Central Trade Unions and Independent Federations. As at the time of writing this circular, the overall strike participation among AIIEA members in PSGI companies is over 80%.

We congratulate all the employees in LIC and PSGI companies for the magnificent strike action. We express our sincere thanks to the Federation of LIC Class I Officers Associations, National Federation of Insurance Field Workers of India (NFIFWI), LIAFI and LICAIOI for expressing their solidarity to the striking employees in many centres.

The huge success of the strike all over the country goes on to demonstrate in clear terms the firm resolve of the working class including the insurance employees to unitedly fight the disastrous policies being pursued by the government. Insurance employees under the banner of AIIEA have shown their resolve to remain prepared for a grim struggle in the days ahead to defend the interests of their industry, the interests of the policy holders, the interests of the employees and that of the people at large.

With Revolutionary Greetings,

Comradely Yours

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