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To,

All Members

Adieu 2007
Welcome 2008

Dear Comrades,

The New Year 2008 has dawned. The old year 2007 has gone into the limbo of history. The New Year is an occasion of celebration and exchanging good wishes. It's also an occasion to reflect and resolve.

Being an integral part of the great AIIEA and still greater international working class movement, what has been our experience? As worlders, we have seen how the world has become more unequal and unsafe to live in. As citizens of India, as to how our beloved country has been vivisected into two Indias, the 'shining India' crowned by a miniscule minority and the 'suffering India' inhabited by overwhelming majority of teeming millions. We have also seen as to how dangerously our country is being driven by our rulers to sub serve imperial capital's hegemonic drive and also how our social fabric is being torn asunder.

As employees of the public sector insurance, we have seen the continuing efforts, overt and covert, of our rulers to destabilize and destroy this 'jewel in the crown' at the behest of their overseas masters, notwithstanding its dazzling all round performance and stellar contribution towards national development.

But all these are but one side of the picture. There has also been another side. That is full of hopes. Be it the heroic resistance against the US occupation forces in Iraq, be it the popular upsurge of the Latin American people against the imperialist driven globalisation leading to installation of anti-imperialist governments, be it the strike struggles of the working populace of the developed world, be it the heroic struggles launched and successes secured by the peasantry of Rajasthan, the unorganized sector workers of Ludhiana and elsewhere, or the recent historic land struggle in Andhra Pradesh- all these have inspired the toiling masses and rekindled their fighting spirit to march forward. Our struggle in the insurance industry has also been crowned with unbelievable success. Through our consistent struggle and the unflinching support of the political left, we have been able

to protect our public sector for over one and a half decade. Also we have succeeded in de facto burying the infamous Booz Allen Hamilton Report and achieved opening of yet another LIC Zonal Office and several Divisional Offices. What is most significant is our success in forcing the management-government combine to start the process of new recruitment, which is an anathema under neo-liberalism.

All these successes, no doubt, inspire us when we set our feet in the year 2008. But there can never be any room for complacency nor any occasion for rest. Because the tasks to be accomplished far outnumber those already accomplished. We have to achieve our due wages and regain our lost rights. We have to continue our onward journey towards our cherished goal of securing justice, equality and fairplay for the majority. For this, we have to further steel and sharpen our organization and build up a movement bigger than the present one, by making common cause with our co-passengers and making them our compatriots. Let 2008 inspire us to march ahead with still greater courage of conviction. Success shall be ours. With this hope and confidence, let us say: **Adieu 2007- Welcome 2008**

With Warm New Year Greetings,

Comradely Yours

GENERAL SECRETARY