
EAST CENTRAL ZONE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

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To,
All Members

Dear Comrade,

Re: Com.R.N.Mallick, Vice President ECZIEA, retires from LIC

Com.R.N.Mallick, Vice President, East Central Zone Insurance Employees' Association (ECZIEA) and President, Cuttack Division Insurance Employees' Association (CDIEA), is retiring from the services of LIC on 31 August 2010 from Cuttack Divisional office after serving the institution for almost four decades. Com. Mallick joined LIC in the year 1971 after graduating from Ravenshaw College, Cuttack in Economics Honours with Distinction. His commitment to the cause of the working class can be gauged from the fact that he joined as an Assistant and is retiring as an Assistant. He joined AIIEA immediately after joining LIC.

Com. Mallick joined LIC at a time when the industry, nay the country at large was on the boil. He had his baptism in the trade union movement in the run up to the dark days of the infamous Emergency. That was a time when all constitutional rights were under attack in the name of protecting the constitution itself. The situation in the insurance industry was not good either. The authoritarianism so very much visible in the political arena had its decisive imprint in the attitude and behavior of the LIC management. Taking cue from their political bosses, the management in LIC was gleefully attacking the employees on fictitious and flimsy grounds. Participating in trade union activities, let alone organizing and leading a movement, was an unnerving proposition. Such was the ferocity of the times when Com. Mallick joined the Cuttack Division Insurance Employees' Association. Needless to add, he grew with the organization and the organization also grew with him. During his formative years in the trade union movement itself he had to resist the politically motivated attempts to split the organization. Aably supported and guided by the leading lights of the trade union movement in Odisha like Late Com. S. N.Sircar, Com. Kashinath Mohanty and Com. Gajendranath Mohanty, he developed an uncanny knack to work with and for the people which was evident during the relief work for the super cyclone victims and various other occasions. Com. Mallick's insatiable appetite to learn from life, avid love for books, matchless capacity for incisive analyses, unflinching commitment to the working class philosophy and great oratorical skill made him a leader par excellence. He started his trade union career as the Base Secretary of Rourkela Base (then under Cuttack division) and went on to become the President of the Eastern Zone Insurance Employees' Association (EZIEA) in the Asansol conference of the EZIEA. He assumed the responsibility of the Vice President of the ECZIEA in the year 2007.

Com. Mallick did not confine his trade union activities within the four walls of the insurance industry. He is one of the founder members of Cuttack City Coordination Committee and one of the convenors of Orissa Shramik Karmachari Ekata Manch (OSKEM). He is one of the leading lights of the progressive and democratic movement in the state of Odisha. A very inspiring trade union life apart, he has also had a very fulfilling family life. He has a very caring and supportive life partner in his wife Smt. Usharani Mallick. His only son is now placed as an Associate Professor at IIT, Guwahati. Both her daughters are Doctors and are happily married. The most striking thing about Com. Mallick is his diminutive figure but remarkably big personality.

Com. R.N.Mallick is retiring from the services of LIC at a very critical conjuncture of our movement. Imperialist led globalization is out to gobble up our economic and political sovereignty. The successful public sector insurance industry is being sought to be privatized under the garbs of the Insurance Laws (Amendment)

Bill and the LIC Act (Amendment) Bill. The long overdue wage revision issue of insurance employees is heading towards finality and the organization is taking all steps to make the wage hike not only handsome but also wholesome. Life and living of the common people are under constant strain owing to the anti working people policies of the government and the entire nation is preparing for the 7th September 2010 all India Strike action. It is under his stewardship that the CDIEA is going to host the second General Conference of the ECZIEA at Cuttack from 9-11 October 2010. While placing on record the immense help, cooperation and guidance of Com. Mallick to the ECZIEA, we feel that he would be able to contribute more to the ECZIEA after his retirement from LIC. Now that he will no longer be circumscribed by the demands of normal office duties he will certainly contribute more to the general left and democratic movement in the state of Odisha.

We wish Com. R.N.Mallick a very Long, Happy, Fulfilling and Fruitful retired life.

With Revolutionary Greetings,

Comradely Yours

Handwritten signature of Shreekanth Mishra in black ink.

General Secretary