

**EAST CENTRAL ZONE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES'
ASSOCIATION**

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To,
All Members

Dear Comrade,

Implementation of Programmes decided in 22nd AIIEA Conference

(1) Zonal Level Trade Union Class at Sambalpur:

As per the call of the Diamond Jubilee Year 22nd General Conference of AIIEA held at Delhi from 20-24 November 2010, the zonal level Trade Union Class of ECZIEA was held at Sambalpur on 12th and 13th February 2011. The Working Committee members of ECZIEA from all over the zone, barring those from Bhagalpur and Beguserai divisional units, attended the classes. Comrade Amanulla Khan, President AIIEA and Comrade K.Venugopal, General Secretary AIIEA took the classes. As intimated earlier, Com. Amanulla Khan took the class on “Challenges before the Insurance Employees’ Movement”. Com. K.Venugopal took the classes on two topics- “Political History of AIIEA” and “Functioning of AIIEA units”.

While dealing on the question of Challenges before insurance employees’ movement, Com. Amanulla Khan said that the biggest achievement of insurance employees’ movement under the leadership of AIIEA was the remarkable unity amongst the employees. This unity was achieved because of the ideological cohesion amongst the members because of their unequivocal commitment to the working class philosophy. Speaking exhaustively on the different facets of the liberating ideology of the working class, he narrated the genesis of international finance capital and described in lucid terms as to how international finance capital was out to grab each and every sphere of the production process. Attack on Public Sector insurance industry was a direct offshoot of the expansionist zeal of finance capital, averred Com. Amanulla Khan. He felt that apart from direct attacks on the industry in the name of the so called reforms, invidious attempts were being made to disrupt toilers’ unity through the introduction of identity politics in the trade union movement. He called upon the members to see through the game plan and fight resolutely for safeguarding the interests of the employees as well as those of the industry. Com. Amanulla Khan’s talk was followed by a lively interactive session.

Com. K.Venugopal spoke extensively on the History of AIIEA. He noted that the glorious history of AIIEA spanning almost sixty years has been founded on innumerable sacrifices and abiding commitment to the liberating ideology of the working class. AIIEA’s relentless struggle on the question of nationalization of insurance industry, standardization of wages of the employees, against automation, against the infamous LIC split Bill, against partial lock out, against the dark days of Emergency, against the so called policy of insurance reforms including the Malhotra Committee recommendations, on the issue of Pensions and various wage revision struggles were discussed.

The second topic for Com. Venugopal, as noted earlier, was “Functioning of AIIEA units”. On this question, Com. Venugopal said that our organization is a mass organization having live members. It is therefore imperative to develop excellent interpersonal relationship in order to keep the organization live and vibrant. Highlighting the importance of democratic functioning in running the affairs of our units, he observed that both leaders and cadres are equally important in the effective functioning of the units. He called upon the leaders to identify cadres and develop them in true spirit of AIIEA for the smooth conduct of the organizational affairs.

Comrades, the ball has just started rolling with the conduct of the zonal level trade union class. It should now be the endeavour of our divisional units to conduct Divisional level Trade Union classes and thereafter trade union classes in each and every Branch unit also. We request our divisional units to immediately fix up the dates of their divisional level classes in consultation with ECZIEA headquarters.

Comrades of Sambalpur Division Life insurance Employees’ Association (SDLIEA) deserve special appreciation for the excellent arrangements made by them for making the trade union class programme truly successful. They left no stone unturned to make the stay comfortable. Once again they gave a very good account of themselves.

(2) Pamphlet Distribution Programme from 15th to 28th February 2011:


The Diamond Jubilee year Conference of AIIEA had also given a call for Pamphlets distribution, during the period from 15th to 28th February 2011, highlighting the performance of LIC and four Public Sector General Insurance companies. We understand that some of our divisional units like Patna and Hazaribagh are already on the job. Here the efforts of divisional units should be to prepare the leaflets in vernacular and distribute these leaflets by involving our members, agents, all field personnel and our sympathizers. We should try to unleash a powerful campaign among the general public through this leaflet distribution programme.

(3) Lunch Hour Demonstrations on 23rd February 2011 expressing solidarity with Workers March to Parliament:

The Central Trade Unions and Independent Federations have given a call for March to Parliament on 23rd February 2011 against Price Rise, Unemployment, Contractualisation, Labour Law violations, Disinvestment of shares from PSUs and demanding National Fund & Universalisation of Social Security for Unorganised Workers. AIIEA has also supported this movement and we have already gone on a one day Strike on 7th September 2010. The issues highlighted here have assumed alarming proportions in recent times. We are in the midst of struggle to protect the public sector insurance industry. Our units are therefore requested to hold Solidarity demonstrations on 23rd February 2011 in all centres and join the wider democratic movement wherever possible.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours



General Secretary