

# **EAST CENTRAL ZONE INSURANCE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION**

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To, All members

Dear Comrade,

## **ECZIEA secretariat meeting resolves to accelerate the campaign**

**Against FDI hike in Insurance**

**Against disinvestment of Public Sector General Insurance**

**Against the anti people Policies of the government**

The secretariat of the ECZIEA met, as scheduled, at Patna on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Com. Shravan Kumar, President ECZIEA was on the chair. Before the formal commencement of the proceedings, the meeting paid rich tributes to the memory of Com. Hugo Chavez, former President of Venezuela and one of the outstanding leaders of the working class movement; Com. Dillip Kumar Mukherjee, general secretary of All India Rural Bank Employees' Association; Com. Mohan Lal of CITU; Com. Nikhil Sarkar, President of Jalpaiguri Division Insurance Employees' Association; Com. Sudipta Gupta, leader of SFI of West Bengal state unit and Nirbhaya (Damini), who succumbed to her injuries after the brutal Delhi gang rape.

The ECZIEA secretariat reiterated its total agreement with the assessment and decisions of the AIIEA secretariat meeting held at Hyderabad on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2013. The meeting agreed that the UPA II government was committed to neo liberalism and wanted to show its commitment to the international investors' community. Given the fact that a peculiar sense of desperation had gripped the government over the widening current account deficit, the meeting felt that the government might try to tide this over by going for increase in FDI in insurance. The meeting appreciated AIIEA secretariat's understanding that we should not let our guards down; rather a high voltage campaign should be unleashed before Parliament recommences after the recess. In keeping with the decision of AIIEA secretariat, the ECZIEA secretariat also felt the need for a synchronized action all over east central zone on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013, the day Parliament reconvenes. Accordingly, the following programmes were decided upon:

1. **Meeting Members of Parliament** and submitting memoranda against FDI hike in insurance, disinvestment of Public Sector general insurance and demanding merger of the four public sector general insurance companies. (This is to be done on a top priority basis and care should be taken to complete this job before 20<sup>th</sup> April)
2. **Press Conference** in all divisional headquarters on 22<sup>nd</sup> April; Branch centres may also hold press conferences wherever possible, but lunch hour demonstrations should be organized without fail.
3. **Badge Wearing on 22<sup>nd</sup> April:** Text of the Badge is to be "WE OPPOSE ANY MOVE TO INCREASE FDI IN INSURANCE AND DISINVESTMENT OF SHARES FROM PUBLIC SECTOR GENERAL

INSURANCE. DEMAND MERGER OF THE FOUR PS GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANIES.

4. **Torch Light Procession (Mashal Julus)**, should be taken wherever possible, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
5. **Employees' meetings** should be held in all offices on a continuous basis, Conventions including other unions (including agents and officers) should be attempted.

While congratulating the employees all over the zone for the magnificent response to the two days strike action on 20-21 February 2013, the meeting called upon them to intensify the campaign against the ill conceived proposals of the Insurance Laws Amendment Bill and remain prepared for a day's strike action if and when the Bill is passed in Parliament.

The meeting noted with satisfaction that a fairly good measure of advancement had been made on the question of consolidating the organization. Special mention was made of the disciplinary proceedings foisted on the organization and its leadership in various divisions. The meeting profusely thanked AIIEA for guiding ECZIEA in the formative years and called upon the members to consolidate the gains made and solidify the unity still further.

The meeting took stock of the preparations being made by our Bhagalpur divisional unit for hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> ECZIEA conference from 29 September to 01 October 2013. The divisional units were requested to finalise the dates of their divisional conferences well in advance, in consultation with ECZIEA headquarters. Recognizing the fact that financial mobilization is an important aspect of organizing a conference in a befitting manner, the meeting unanimously decided to give a call for collecting donations from our members (excluding those of Bhagalpur division) @ Rs.300/- from Class III employees and Rs.200/- from Class IV employees. The meeting called upon the units to complete the collection at the earliest and remit the same to ECZIEA headquarters.

Issues relating to some employees' problems and office infrastructure were also discussed. Developments relating to these will be informed to the respective divisional units in due course of time.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours



General Secretary