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**ECZIEA SECRETARIAT RESOLVES:**

- **TO IMMEDIATELY START CAMPAIGNS DECIDED BY AIIEA**
- **TO LAUNCH A SPECIAL CLAIM SETTLEMENT CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE ZONE**

The Secretariat of the ECZIEA met at Cuttack on 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. The prime agenda before this Secretariat meeting was to discuss the decisions and deliberations of the AIIEA Secretariat meeting that took place in Hyderabad on 26-27 January 2019, to plan effective implementation of the decisions in our zone, to chalk out some specific campaign programme for the zone and to discuss organizational issues.

The ECZIEA Secretariat completely agreed with the assessment made by AIIEA secretariat about the global and Indian economy. The world economy is heading towards a slowdown. Both the IMF and the World Bank have pruned their projections of global growth rates for the years 2018 and 2019. Both the institutions have acknowledged that the world economy is staring at the prospects of a recession. The Indian economy has also started feeling the pinch of it. The Secretariat felt that the impact of the recessionary trends was clearly visible in the insurance industry as well. The ill-conceived demonetization measures and poorly executed GST policies spelt disaster for the Indian economy. The Secretariat noted its concern that a GST rate of 18% on life insurance policies was hurting the insurance industry apart from impeding the resource mobilization effort. The acute crisis in the agricultural sector and huge unemployment problem had added to the woes of the Indian people, noted the secretariat. The Secretariat was of the opinion that rather than taking note of the genuine concerns of the people and the economy and trying to resolve the issues, the government of the day is however busy raking up divisive issues for electoral purposes only. The attempt by the ruling classes to silence dissent and criticism by way of invoking British era laws came in for sharp criticism and the meeting felt that it was an assault on freedom of thought and expression.

The meeting however expressed satisfaction over the fact that people had started seeing through the game plan and responding to the challenges. The massive success of the two-day nation-wide strike action on 8-9 January 2019 was a testimony to this growing anger, noted the secretariat. In this context, the secretariat of the ECZIEA congratulated the employees in the east central zone for a massive 91.3% strike action which, by the way, was the highest strike percentage at the all India level. It was also noted with a sense of accomplishment that seven out of eleven divisions in the zone registered a strike percentage of over 90 per cent.

The Secretariat meeting appreciated the decisions of AIIEA Secretariat to widen our campaign on issues affecting the people in general and also on issues specific to insurance industry. The secretariat was unanimous in its understanding that the growth of insurance industry and improvement in the material life of LIC employees was inexorably linked to the well being of the people and society at large.

Accordingly, the Cuttack Secretariat meeting decided upon the following programmes of action:

- (A) **Four broad-based Conventions at four centres before March:** It was decided to organize four Conventions at four different centres of the zone. A convention on the theme "Save Constitution Save Democracy" is to be held at Bhubaneswar (to be jointly organized by Cuttack, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur Divisions). A convention on "Crisis in the Agriculture Sector" is to be organized by Sambalpur Division. A third convention on the theme "Vanishing Jobs under Neo Liberalism" is to be jointly organized by Jamshedpur and Hazaribagh divisions preferably at Ranchi. The fourth convention is to be organized at Patna on the theme "Relevance of Public Sector Financial Institutions". It was underscored that these conventions should be as broad-based as possible.
- (B) **Special Claim Settlement Campaign throughout the Zone from 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:** The Secretariat of ECZIEA discussed the challenges confronting LIC today in all its ramifications. It was felt that claims settlement was an important area which needs our focused attention. The recently launched special revival campaign of IEAHD Hazaribagh and its massive success underline the positive contributions that our units/members can make to further improvement in claims settlement. The Secretariat gave a call to launch a Special Claim Settlement Campaign throughout the zone and requested the units to take the help of local managements in this effort. Our units should give wide publicity to this effort and leave no stone unturned to make this campaign successful. (We have attached a separate Note on the modalities of this special claim settlement campaign).
- (C) **5<sup>th</sup> General Conference of ECZIEA to be held at Sambalpur from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019:** The meeting finalized the dates of the ensuing 5<sup>th</sup> General Conference of ECZIEA after consultation with AIIEA headquarters and the host divisional unit Sambalpur. The Conference will be held from 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at Sambalpur. All divisional units, accordingly, have been advised to conclude their conferences by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

The Secretariat meeting discussed issues relating to day to day working in the office, problems related to infrastructural facilities and office ambience, issues related to Mediclaim settlements and a host of other issues. It was decided that these issues would be taken up with the management at the appropriate level. Financial mobilization for Insurance Worker was also discussed and it was agreed that the divisional units would rise up to the occasion and take care of the advertisement needs.

The Secretariat placed on record its appreciation and gratitude to CDIEA Cuttack for successfully hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Zonal Women's Convention and Secretariat meeting close on the heels of the working committee meeting of ECZIEA in July 2018.

We request all units under ECZIEA to implement the decisions of the Secretariat meeting in letter and spirit.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours

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