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ECZIEA Secretariat Meeting at Ranchi on 12-13 June 2019, decides

- **To Strengthen LIC of India and protect it from disinvestment.**
- **To oppose privatization of PSUs and reform of labour laws.**
- **To ensure Zero outstanding in SB claims as on 30th September 2019.**

The secretariat of ECZIEA met at Ranchi on 12-13 June 2019 mostly to discuss and implement the decisions of AIIEA secretariat meeting at GOA on 8th & 9th June 2019. This is the first time after formation of Jharkhand state that IEAJD organized a secretariat meeting of ECZIEA at Ranchi, the state capital. It was a very well-organized meeting and the comrades of IEAJD left no stone unturned to make it successful.

The secretariat discussed the issues and decisions of AIIEA Secretariat meeting in detail. The historic achievement on final option of pension was celebrated throughout the zone jubilantly with deep appreciation for AIIEA. It was discussed that AIIEA's vision, continuous persuasion and struggle changed the stand of this government and finally the long-awaited demand for decades is achieved. It was also noted that maximum employees have submitted their option forms duly filled in, along with the necessary annexure throughout the zone and the comrades are already on the job to contact the retired employees and family pensioners. The task has to be completed with all seriousness without waiting for the last date of option, felt the Secretariat.

The secretariat unanimously expressed satisfaction on initiation of wage revision issue and noted that wage offer of 10% increase is good to start with. It also discussed that the existing offer in no way matches the appreciation and expectation of the employees and the paying capacity of LIC of India. The secretariat called upon the employees to be in preparation for a serious struggle, if required, to achieve a good wage revision.

The secretariat congratulated AIIEA for making a breakthrough in recruitment of class III employees in LIC of India and noted with satisfaction that the process for recruitment of 8000 new assistants will start very soon. It is undoubtedly a great achievement in view of the fact that the neo liberal economic policy was bent upon reducing employment rather than increasing it. The secretariat demanded that the process of recruitment in class III & IV cadre should continue as a regular process, in LIC of India.

The secretariat congratulated and extended "Red Salute" to all the comrades of CDIEA Cuttack and BDLIEA Bhubaneswar for their relentless service to victims of cyclone "Fani" in Odisha, although the comrades themselves were affected due to the devastating cyclone. The children of our comrades from across India who were stranded without food and money in different hostels at Bhubaneswar were taken to a safe custody and seen off to their native places by our Odisha comrades. The secretariat widely appreciated the contribution of Rupees 5 Lakhs by AIIEA for the cyclone victims. The divisional unit already distributed relief materials like solar light, mosquito net, candles, bed sheets and other urgent requirements. ECZIEA also issued a circular for immediate donation and the Secretariat was happy to note that Bhagalpur, Hazaribagh, Sambalpur, Patna I and Muzaffarpur divisional units had already remitted their donations. The meeting appreciated the

contribution by the employees and requested the remaining divisions to send their donations at the earliest.

The secretariat briefly discussed the election results and the impact it is likely to have on the working-class movement in India. The Secretariat entirely agreed with the assessment made by the AIIEA Secretariat in Goa and felt that the landslide victory of the NDA government would give a further push to neo liberal economic reforms. The Secretariat noted with concern the reported statement of the vice chairman of “Niti Ayog” regarding closure/disinvestment of 40 PSUs, reforms of labour laws and monetizing of govt. lands. Although the unemployment situation is highest in 45 years, the future shows more joblessness and exploitation of workers, noted the Secretariat.

The secretariat decided to protect LIC of India from disinvestment with all strength. It also noted that despite difficult social and economic situation, slowdown in financial savings, diversification of savings to the risky market and huge unemployment LIC has registered progressive growth in the year 2018-19. The secretariat also expressed its concerned over our declining share in regular premium policies and undesired outgo. So, it decided to take all necessary steps to raise our market share and asked to be vigilant towards surrender of policies. As our commitment towards our esteemed customers is on top priority, it was decided to **“Ensure Zero Outstanding in SB claims as on 30th September 2019”**.

The secretariat extended its total support to **25th general conference of AIIEA at Vishakhapatnam from 27th to 30th January 2020 and 5th ECZIEA conference at Sambalpur from 29th September to 1st October 2019**. It has given a clarion call to all members to donate generously with a minimum of Rs. 300 for class III and Rs. 200 for class IV for each conference.

The Secretariat congratulated and extended its support to AIIEA for holding an **All India Women’s Convention on 11.08.0019 at Bangalore**.

The Secretariat discussed the issues related to employees like PLLI, 5 days week, updation of pension, CGIT issues and other issues like Mediclaim and system related problems. It was decided that the issues will be taken up at appropriate level along with other individual issues. **It was also decided that we will submit memorandum to the newly elected MPs for lifting of GST on insurance premium.**

The secretariat expressed their gratitude to the comrades of IEAJD for their great efforts with heart and soul in organizing the meeting.

Comrades. although the time is very challenging for the entire working class still, we are confident that our struggle and unity will lead us to achieve our goal.

With greetings

Comradely Yours



General Secretary