

ECZIEA DELEGATION MEETS ZONAL MANAGEMENT

A delegation of newly elected Zonal Secretariat, comprising the President Com. Pradip Mukherjee; Vice President Com. Shreekant Mishra; General Secretary Com. Trinath Dora; Jt. Secretary Com. Virchand Singh; Assistant Secretaries Com. R.B.Raman, Com. Anil Kumar, Com. Sanjay Kumar and Com. Vishal Sharan, General Secretary, IEAPD II met Sri Mahendra Kumar, Zonal Manager at ECZ office, Patna on 5th October 2019. Sri B. Acharya, R.M.(P&IR) was also present during the meeting. Although the meeting was introductory in nature, yet some important issues pertaining to our institution and the Zone were discussed.

The delegation first apprised the Zonal Manager about the decisions of our 5th Triennial Conference. The Zonal Manager congratulated the new team and assured total co-operation from Management to implement our decisions in true sense, for the increase of renewal premium income/first premium income and to reduce outstanding SB claim to zero within 31st December 2019.

The delegation pointed out it's concern over the recent negative campaign about investment in LIC by a section of press, which has tried to create a perception that the policyholder's money is not safe with us. The Zonal Manager has also shown serious concern over this matter and requested the delegation to work together to counter and condemn such type of false campaign.

The delegation congratulated Zonal Management for Recruitment of Class three employees in LIC and requested him to take necessary steps to accommodate and train the incoming tech-savvy new recruits. The Zonal Manager informed the delegation that they have already started to assess the infrastructural requirements. The R.M.(P&IR) shared the information regarding the preparation of a blueprint for their training and requested us to extend all possible helps. We assured the Zonal Management that it will be our joint endeavour to retain them in our institution.

The delegation apprised the Zonal Manager that ECZIEA will continue its struggle to protect our institution from disinvestment/ privatization and will request eminent personalities throughout the Zone to appeal to the Finance Minister against GST on insurance premium.

The delegation further held separate discussions with the R.M. (P & IR), R.M (E & OS) and Chief Engineer. The following issues were discussed.

1. Cyclone Advance for Fani

We were informed that the issue is under consideration at Central Office. The R.M (E & OS) called Central Office in front of the delegation and requested them to inform their decision at an early date. The R.M (E & OS) assured that the decision will come within a short time.

2. Difficulties related to Dhanbad SSS Cell.

The issue of consideration of Dhanbad SSS Cell as a separate accounting unit of LIC has been pending for decision at Corporate level since long and the employees are facing immense difficulties in every financial matter including their salaries. The R.M. (E & OS) is

constantly pursuing the issue and assured the delegation to resolve it at its earliest.

3. Patna Guest House.

The delegation informed the R.M. (E &OS) about the worst condition of Patna Guest house. It is not only shabby, but water seepage from all the walls and roof makes it further prone to electrical short circuit. So, it requires urgent repair and maintenance. The R.M. (E & OS) assured the delegation that she will take up the issue with engineering department. When the delegation raised this issue before the Chief Engineer, he informed us that the Zonal Management has decided to shift the guest house, but it does not mean that immediate minimum repair cannot be done.

4. Office ambience.

The R.M. (E & OS) requested the delegation to help in maintaining a clean office, not only for a better look and healthy working atmosphere, but also to meet the present-day customers' expectations.

5. Own office building for Padampur Branch under Sambalpur Division.

The employees of our Padampur Branch office were demanding for construction of own office building since long and co-operated with the management in this regard as desired. The Chief engineer informed the delegation that the work for our new branch building will start very soon.

6. Modernisation of Branches.

Throughout our Zone, many branch units are raising the issue of modernisation and installation of ACs due to increasing heat. The Chief Engineer confirmed the delegation that the process for modernisation of Nuapara, Phulbani, Bhawanipatna and Kuchinda branch is in an advanced stage and phase wise the other branches will be taken up.

6. Maintenance of Modernised branches and Installation of Acs in Non-AC branches.

We were constantly demanding for maintenance/repair of the infrastructures for the branches which were modernised ten years back and for installation of ACs in Non-AC branches, where it is extremely required. Now, the Chief engineer informed the delegation that they have taken up the issue at corporate level and the Divisional Managements of our Zone have been asked to assess the position.

The ECZIEA will further pursue the issues discussed.

With greetings,

Comradely yours,



General Secretary