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To

All the Zonal /Divisional /State /Regional Units

5th March 2022 Dharna at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi – A Huge Success
Spirited Solidarity Actions Across the Country
AIIEA's Struggle gets Enormous Support from the People

The National Level Dharna organised by AIIEA at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 5th of March 2022 against the proposed IPO of LIC was a huge success. Around 700 employees from different parts of Northern and North Central Zone of AIIEA participated in the Dharna programme. Apart from a large number of employees from Delhi based divisions of Northern Zone, employees from quite far off places like Karnal, Rohtak, Shimla and Ajmer participated in the Dharna. Hundreds of employees, both male and female, from a number of divisional units under North Central Zone like Kanpur, Meerut, Lucknow, Haldwani, Bareilly, Aligarh, Allahabad, Dehradun etc. enthusiastically participated in the Dharna.

Prof. Surajit Mazumdar of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) inaugurated the Dharna at New Delhi and said that IPO of the LIC was a precursor to the privatisation of the finest public sector institution in the country. Speaking elaborately on the huge contribution of public sector banks and LIC for the social and economic development of the country, he said that share holders' interests will be foregrounded to the detriment of people's interest and interest of society at large if the government moves ahead with the IPO of LIC. Congratulating insurance employees under the banner of AIIEA for successfully resisting the privatisation of LIC for almost three decades, he exhorted that insurance employees should fight every inch of the battle in the days to come by making common cause with other toilers in the society. **Com. Tapan Sen, General Secretary CITU and former MP** also greeted the Dharna. He said that privatisation of public sector undertakings had become the central theme in the economic policy of the NDA government at the centre. He was critical of the government for selling off precious assets under the public sector like Air India and Central Electronics Limited (CEL) at throwaway prices only with an intention to cover the fiscal deficit targets. He called upon the employees in LIC and PSGI companies to join the two-day nation-wide strike on 28th and 29th March 2022 in order to save the nation and the people. Com. Tapan Sen assured wholehearted support of CITU to the struggle of LIC employees. **Com. Shreekant Mishra, General Secretary AIIEA** addressed the Dharna and said that IPO of LIC was antithetical to the foundational objectives of LIC. He called upon the employees to go on a One Day Strike on the day the LIC IPO opens for subscription. **Com. Ashok Tiwari, President AIIPA** addressed the Dharna and assured all-out support of insurance pensioners to the struggle of insurance employees against the IPO of LIC. **Com. A. K. Bhatnagar**, Vice President AIIEA, **Com. Naveen Chand**, General Secretary NZIEA and Joint Secretary AIIEA, **Com. Rajeev Nigam**, General Secretary NCZIEF and Joint Secretary AIIEA, **Com. T. Senthil Kumar**, General Secretary SZIEF, **Com. T.V.N.S. Ravindranath**, General Secretary SCZIEF and **Com. Reena Mishra**, General Secretary, Northern Zone General Insurance Employees' Union also greeted the Dharna and condemned the move of the government to bring the IPO of LIC. **Com. A. K. Bhatnagar**, Vice President AIIEA, presided over the meeting and conducted the proceedings.

The Dharna at New Delhi evoked a profound resonance almost across the country. AIIEA units across the country organised some spontaneous protests in solidarity with the Delhi Dharna. It seemed as though the

entire rank and file of the organisation was up in protest of some form or the other. **South Zone** had organised Dharna at 25 different centres of the zone involving agents, fraternal unions and a cross section of the people. The massive Dharna at **Chennai** was inaugurated by Sri T.K.S. Elangovan, MP (DMK). **Com. A. Soundarrajan**, President CITU, Tamil Nadu State Committee, **Sri K. Natarajan**, Treasurer LPF, **Com. C.H. Venkatachalam**, General Secretary AIBEA, **Com. C. Srikumar** of AIDEF, **Com. Waheeda Nizam** of AITUC, **Com. Chellappa** of BSNLEU, **Com.C.P. Krishnan** of BEFI, **Com. Dhamodaran** of LICAIOI, **Si N.P. Subramanian** of LIAFI and a host of leaders from different organisations attended and addressed the Dharna. **Sri V. Narayanasamy**, former Chief Minister of Puducherry (Indian National Congress), inaugurated a very well attended Dharna at **Puducherry**. **Com.T.P. Ramakrishnan**, **Hon'ble Minister of Labour in the Kerala government** participated in the Dharna at Kozhikode. While we are yet to receive detailed reports, we understand that the Dharna programme was equally impressive at **Tiruchi, Karaikudi, Madurai, Thoothukudi, Salem, Karur** and other centres of South Zone.

A huge public meeting with around 2000 participants was organised at **Rajahmundry** by the Rajahmundry divisional unit of AIIEA (SCZIEF). **Sri Undavalli Arun Kumar**, former MP and **Sri I Venkateswara Rao**, MLC were the keynote speakers. **Com. P. Satish**, President SCZIEF explained the ill effects of the LIC IPO. **Hyderabad and Secunderabad** divisional units under SCZIEF had taken up a social media campaign amongst employees and their family members on the 5th of March opposing the IPO and expressing solidarity with the Dharna at New Delhi.

The state level convention of **Gujarat** was held at **Ahmedabad** on 5th of March. Around 400 people participated in the convention. Prof. (Dr.) Hemant Kumar Shah, eminent economist and Com. H.I. Bhatt, Joint Secretary AIIEA were the main speakers. **Jamshedpur and Hazaribagh** divisional units jointly organised the Jharkhand state level convention at **Ranchi** on the 5th of March. **Com. V. Ramesh**, **President AIIEA**, **Prof. Ramesh Sharan**, former VC, Vinoba Bhave University, Ranchi, **Com. Prakash Viplab**, state secretary CPIM, **Com. Kashinath Chattarjee** of Bhartiya Gyan Vigyan Samiti, **Com. Pradeep Mukherjee**, President ECZIEA, **Com. Trinath Dora**, General Secretary, ECZIEA attended and addressed the Convention. A large number of insurance employees, intellectuals, representatives of fraternal trade unions participated in the programme. The Madhya Pradesh State Level Convention was held at **Bhopal** on 5th of March. A large number of employees, leaders of fraternal organisations and eminent citizens participated in the convention. **Com. Badal Saroj**, state secretariat member of CPIM, **Com. Shailendra Shailey** of CPI, **Com. Asha Mishra** of All India People's Science Network, **Com. Dharmaraj Mohapatra**, General Secretary CZIEA and a host of leaders greeted the Dharna.

The five divisional units of AIIEA in the life sector in **Bihar** i.e. Patna I, Patna II, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur and Begusarai organised the Bihar state level convention at **Patna** on 6th of March. A large number of employees, agents, development officers, officers, trade union activists and pensioners attended the convention. **Com. Rabindranath Roy** of Kisan Sabha, **Com. Shreekant Mishra**, **Com. Pradeep Mukherjee** and **Com. Trinath Dora** were the main speakers. These programmes have once again reiterated the firm resolve of the employees to oppose the IPO of LIC under the banner of AIIEA. We call upon our units to go ahead with the programmes of action by uniting the broadest section of the people.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours



General Secretary