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To,
All the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

9th July 2025 One Day Countrywide General Strike- A Resounding Success

The 9th July one-day countrywide General Strike called by the Joint Platform of central trade unions and independent federations and associations like the AIIEA has been a resounding success. It is estimated that around 25 crore workers cutting across industries and sectors, both in the organised and unorganised sectors, enthusiastically participated in the strike action. The peasantry of the country, both peasants and agricultural workers, supported the strike action wholeheartedly. Apart from the umbrella body of farmers – the Samyukt Kisan Morcha- a large number of organisations like the NREGA Sangharsh Morcha, Bhoomi Adhikar Andolan, Food Security related organisations, Dalit and Adivasi/ forest dwellers' organisations etc. supported the Strike action. Left leaning Student Organisations like the SFI, AISF and AISA had also issued joint statements declaring their support for the strike. The Left parties had not only declared their support to the strike call, their leaders and cadres actively participated in the strike rallies across the country. The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) and World Federation of Teachers' Unions also extended their solidarity. The sweep and depth of the strike action was therefore huge.

The strike was nearly total in the financial sector. With the major unions in the financial sector like AIIEA, BEFI, AIBEA, AIBOA, AILICEF AND GIEAIA coming together in one platform, the success of the strike was foretold. Unions in the financial sector held joint strike rallies across the country including in almost all the major metro centres. Our units across the country had been actively involved in mobilising the employees by organizing seminars, conventions, street corner meetings, social media campaign etc. to make sure that the message of the strike reached all concerned. The intensive mobilisation and campaigns undertaken have paid rich dividends in terms of the magnificent success of the strike action.

Preliminary reports suggest that **Thrissur** Division in South Zone recorded the highest percentage of strike participation by clocking a percentage of 98.40 per cent with absenteeism rate of 100 per cent. **Nellore** Division in South Central Zone recorded a strike percentage of 98.04 per cent with absenteeism rate of almost 100 per cent. **Vishakhapatnam** in South Central Zone scored strike percentage of 97.22 per cent with absenteeism of nearly 100 per cent. **Berhampur, Bhubaneswar and Muzaffarpur** Divisions in East Central Zone scored 96.85 per cent, 93.57 per cent and 92 per cent with 100 per cent absenteeism. **Thiruvananthapuram** Division in South Zone scored 95.88 per cent strike with 100 per cent absenteeism. **Coimbatore** Division in South Zone, **Sambalpur** and **Cuttack** Divisions in East Central Zone, **Raichur, Kadapa** and **Rajahmundry** Divisions under South Central Zone and **Bikaner** in Northern

Zone scored strike percentages of more than 95 per cent with almost 100 per cent absenteeism rate. Other Divisions that registered strike percentage of over 90 per cent are **Gandhinagar** (92%) in Western Zone, **Raipur** and **Satna** in Central Zone- both 92 per cent; **Kanpur** (93%), **Gorakhpur** (92%), and **Faizabad (Ayodhya)** (92%) in North Central Zone; **Amritsar** (92.37%) and **Jalandhar** (92%) in Northern Zone recorded absenteeism of almost 100 per cent; **Ernakulam** (92.09%), **Kottayam** (93.20%) with almost 100 per cent absenteeism rate, **Madurai** (91.34%), **Thanjavur** (94%) in South Zone. Some of the other divisional units that did a brilliant job in terms of strike participation are **Kozhikode** (83.29 per cent) with an absenteeism rate of almost 100 per cent and **Tirunelveli** (85.48%) in South Zone; **Begusarai** (87.92%), **Bhagalpur** (84.48%), **Jamshedpur** (86.24%), **Hazaribagh** (94.10%) and **Patna I** (85%) in East Central Zone; **Bangalore II** (83.53%), **Dharwad** (87.30%) and **Karimnagar** (88%) in South Central Zone; **Jodhpur** (84.65%), **Rohtak** (88.03%), **Shimla** (87%), **Srinagar** (89%) and **Rohtak** (81.54%) in Northern Zone; **Burdwan** (87.78%), **KSDO** (86%), **Jalpaiguri** (84.3%), **Asansol** (81%) and **Kharagpur** (81%) in Eastern Zone; **Allahabad** (87%), **Meerut** (87%), **Haldwani** and **Varanasi** (80% each) in North Central Zone. It is to be noted that a large number of divisional units across the country have reported strike percentage of around 75 per cent and absenteeism in excess of 80 per cent. **We are happy to note that East Central Zone as a whole reported a strike percentage of 91 per cent, followed by South Zone 86.34 per cent and South Central Zone 82.55 per cent.** The Strike action, therefore, has been a resounding success.

A notable feature of the Strike is that a large number of offices of LIC and PSGI companies remained closed in the states of West Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Odisha, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The most redeeming feature is that 3 out of 4 Branch Offices in the trouble torn state of Manipur remained closed; thanks to the commitment of our members. Our Comrades braved all the threats and intimidations of the ruling class and made the strike action hugely successful. The enormous success of the strike action across the country has demonstrated in unmistakable terms the firm resolve of the employees to struggle for their demands under the banner of the AIIEA.

AIIEA congratulates all the employees in LIC and PSGI companies for the magnificent strike action and calls upon them to remain prepared for intensified struggles in the future against the proposed FDI hike in insurance from 74 to 100 per cent, against the Insurance Laws Amendment Bill, against the Labour Codes that are going to be implemented by scrapping 29 labour laws of the country and all other anti-people policies being pursued by the ruling class today. We must also lend our support to our comrades in PSGI companies so that they clinch a very good wage revision which they so rightfully deserve.

With Revolutionary Greetings,

Comradely Yours

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