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To

All the Zonal/Divisional/Regional/State Units,

Dear Comrades,

Magnificent two days strike action

AIIEA congratulates the working class of the country for a magnificent success of two days strike action on 8th and 9th January, 2019 against the policies of BJP led NDA government at the centre placing a twelve point charter of demands. The farmers and peasantry community in the country also extended their support to the two days strike action. It is estimated that around 200 million workers have participated in the strike. The forty eight hour strike in public sector insurance industry was also a huge success with around one lakh employees joining the strike. We thank all the employees for their unprecedented response to the strike call.

The Central Trade Unions (CITU, AITUC, INTUC, HMS etc.), independent Federations and Associations of workers and employees of both the Industrial and service sectors, Central and State government employees and Public Sector employees in a national Convention of workers on 28th September 2018 in Mavlankar Hall New Delhi decided this two day nationwide strike against the anti-worker and anti-people policies of the BJP led NDA govt and demanded for the reversal of these policies of the Central Govt.

The success of the strike should force the dispensation at the centre to stop the anti-people policies. The strike also sent a stern a warning to all political parties in the country to spell out its counter narrative to the neo-liberal economic policies in their manifesto while seeking people's support in ensuing general elections 2019.

The insurance employees were on strike demanding wage revision due to the employees from 1.8.2017, one final option for the employees to join 1995 pension scheme along with scrapping of National Pension Scheme, Recruitment in Class III and IV Cadres and stop disinvestment of public sector insurance. The employees also raised and supported the demands like arrest price rise, social security to all, minimum monthly wage at Rs. 18000/-, minimum support price for farmers' produce, Stop privatisation/disinvestment of Public sector companies and amendment to labour laws etc.

The strike action recorded unprecedented success in public sector insurance industry. The offices in the states of Kerala, North East were totally closed. In West Bengal many offices remained closed. As per the information the AIIEA H.Q. received at the time of releasing this circular, East Central Zone recorded a spectacular 91%, followed by South Zone with 87 % South Central Zone at 85%.

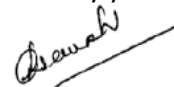
The highest strike percentage was recorded by Visakhapatnam Division (South Central Zone) with strike participation of 99.34% followed by Berhampur Division 98.3%, Bhubaneswar 97.8% ; Sambalpur 97% (East Central Zone) and Coimbatore 97%, Thrissur 96% (South Zone); Kadapa & Nellore with 96%,(South Central Zone). The divisions which recorded over 90% of strike as per the information received at the headquarters are - Ernakulam, Madurai, Kottayam, Thanjavur (South Zone); Rajahmundry, Raichur, Dharwad, Hyderabad (South Central); Gorakhpur, Faizabad and Kanpur (North Central); Jalandhar, Amritsar, Srinagar, Rohtak and Bikaner (North Zone); Gandhinagar (West Zone); Raipur (Central Zone). We specially congratulate all the above divisions for their spectacular strike performance. Many of the divisions across the country have recorded above 85% of strike. The strike action in Public Sector General Insurance was also a huge success.

The success of this strike will enhance the confidence of the working class and will certainly send a warning to the ruling classes to change the economic policy direction. We once again congratulate the insurance employees for making the strike action a tremendous success.

Long live working class unity.....

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,



General Secretary.