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To

All the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

No Let Up in COVID-19 induced Crisis
Poor and Marginalised Most Affected During Extended Lockdown
AIIEA Units Reach to the People in Dire Need
Total Collections by AIIEA Units Exceed Rs.4 Crore as of Now

With almost thirty days gone since the declaration of the national level lockdown to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, respite is nowhere in sight. Things only seem to be getting worse by the day. While infecting over 21000 people as we write this Circular, it has claimed over 600 lives. The AIIEA's worst apprehensions have come true. The pandemic which began as a severe health crisis has now given rise to a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions. The economy is in tatters. The poor, jobless, unorganised workers, migrant workers, daily wage earners have lost their livelihoods and are staring at an uncertain future. The hapless and stranded migrant workers languishing in inhuman conditions thousands of miles away from their near and dear ones are probably the worst hit. We however take legitimate pride in the fact that it is this segment of the population that has been the focus of the unswerving social commitment and solidarity of our units throughout India. Our Comrades have been doing an excellent job insofar as providing assistance to the people in dire need is concerned.



Sri Vijaya Rupani, CM Gujarat

Till now, the units of AIIEA from all over India have already remitted over Rs.3.87 crore to their respective Chief Minister's Relief Funds.The total collections in South Zone, South Central Zone, Central Zone, Northern Zone, Eastern Zone, North Central Zone, Western Zone, East Central Zone and General Insurance Sector thus far have been Rs.2.50 crore, Rs.33 lacs, Rs.11.85 lacs, Rs.30.20 lacs, Rs.10.54 lacs, Rs.9.50 lacs, Rs.11.11 lacs, Rs.7.92 lacs and Rs.9.00 lacs respectively. Over and above these amounts, our units have also been spending huge amounts in direct relief activities. We are proud to inform that our comrades

from the state of **Kerala** have been the biggest contributor thus far, having already remitted **Rs.1.40 crore** to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, followed by units of **Tamil Nadu** with a contribution of **Rs.80.56 lakh**.

Rajahmundry Divisional Unit has done an excellent work involving all the 13 branch units under the Division. An amount of **Rs.4.5 lakh** has been collected as donations. Groceries and essential items were distributed to around 500 families. Food items were also distributed among the migrant workers from Bihar, West Bengal and Odisha. More than 100 comrades including women comrades participated in this activity. **Machilipatnam** Divisional unit has also been doing a commendable work. They have carried out relief activities at

Machilipatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, Guduwada, Tenali and Repalle distributing

essential groceries to various sections of the unorganised workers. Machilipatnam has also handed over a DD of **Rs.100000** to Sri Perni Venkataramaiah (Perni Nani), Minister for Transport of AP. **Mysore** Divisional Unit along with CITU, ICPA and BRGIEA has taken up the relief work in a big way. They distributed essential items among poor families in Mandya, Kollegal and Maddur. Our comrades in **Karimnagar, Kadapa, Nellore, Vishakhapatnam** etc. are doing yeoman service in providing food to the poor and downtrodden. ICEU Karimnagar handed over a DD for **Rs.3 lacs** towards the CM Relief Fund to Sri Gangula Kamalakar,



Sri V Naraynaswami, CM Puducherry

Minister of Telangana. The Divisional Units of **Hyderabad** and **Secunderabad** have collectively mobilised around **Rs.6 lacs** and have taken up relief work in right earnest. The two Divisional units of **Bangalore** along with the General Insurance unit are continuing with relief work. The LIC Class I Officers' Association and ICPA have now joined their effort. With the help of CITU, these units have been going to different localities of working class and migrant workers in Bangalore and distributing the food kits.

Our units in South Zone have been doing a fantastic job. Apart from huge contributions to CM Relief Funds in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry they have also provided direct relief



Sri Anil Parab, Transport Minister, Maharashtra

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to the tune of over Rs.25 lakhs. The **SZIEF** donated medical equipments like PPE Kits, Laryngoscope Blades, BVF Filters, Stillets, Shields etc. worth Rs.1.77 lacs to Chennai Stanley Government Hospital. Immediately after the announcement of the lockdown, our units in **Chennai, Coimbatore, Madurai and Tirunelveli** extended monetary assistance worth Rs.5.86 lacs to the Sweepers, Scavengers, Security personnel and Temporary employees. This apart, units like **Chennai, Vellore, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai, Tirunelveli** etc. also undertook relief distribution work on a massive scale. Our Comrades in Puducherry met Sri V. Narayanaswamy, Chief Minister, and handed over a Cheque for the CM Relief Fund.



Sri Bharat Bhushan Ashu, Minister Punjab

The leadership of **WZIEA** met Sri Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat on 13th April 2020 and handed over a Cheque of Rs.5,55,555 towards the CM Relief Fund. Similarly, the leadership of WZIEA at Mumbai met Sri Anil Parab, Transport Minister of Maharashtra and handed over a Cheque of Rs. 5,55,555 towards the CM Relief Fund. Our comrades in **Surat, Gandhinagar, Rajkot,**

Bhavnagar, Nashik, Pune, Satara and Nagpur are actively involved in the

relief activities along with organisations like CITU and different religious trusts. **Ludhiana** Divisional Unit of **NZIEA** met Sri Bharat Bhushan Ashu, Cabinet Minister of Punjab and handed over a cheque of Rs.1,85,064/- towards the CM Relief Fund. Jalandhar and Rohtak have remitted Rs.345351 and Rs.300000 to the Punjab and Haryana CMDRF respectively. Our units in **Jaipur and Ludhiana** are involved in relief activities in co-ordination with other organisations. Despite the fact that **Delhi** is reeling under the COVID attack, our units are distributing food and other essential items among the poor and destitute. Our comrades in **Raipur and Bhopal** under **Central Zone** are actively involved with other trade unions in running community kitchens and providing food to the slum dwellers and other poorer sections. Divisional Units under **Eastern Zone** are also in the thick of activities. Kolkata Metropolitan Division I (**KDLIEA**) undertook relief work by distributing food items to 750 poor



and needy people in association with CITU. **Jalpaiguri** Divisional Unit

Sri Perni Venkataramaiah (Perni Nani), Minister for Transport of AP

distributed masks, hand sanitizer and gloves among 3700 ASHA workers. Jalpaiguri also sent the first instalment of Rs.250000 to West Bengal CMDRF. Coochbehar and Alipurduar branch units of the Division also undertook relief efforts. **Raghunathpur** branch under Asansol Division distributed food items to the poor people of their locality. Kolkata Metropolitan Division II (**KMDO II**) and **Howrah** Divisional unit also took up relief activity in a big way. Our comrades of **Cuttack** and **Dhanbad** under **East Central Zone** distributed relief materials among construction workers and migrant labourers along with the CITU. Cuttack has so far sent Rs.150000 to the Odisha CMDRF. Six to seven divisional units under **North Central Zone** are actively involved with some voluntary organisations in running community kitchens for the poor and marginalised. Our units in **Meerut** and **Allahabad** are providing food on a regular basis to the construction workers and poor jobless workers. The NCZIEF has sent a donation of Rs 100000 to the UP CMDRF and Rs.50000 to Uttarkhand CMDRF.

Our Units in **General Insurance** Sector are also actively involved in relief activities. Apart from mobilising financial contributions in excess of Rs.9 lacs, they have also distributed relief materials worth Rs.17.5 lacs. Relief works are being carried out by Chennai, Madurai, Hyderabad, North East, Bangalore Regions and West Bengal State Unit.



Sri Ganqula Kamalakar, Minister Telenqana

There are a number of Comrades who are doing a great job in their individual capacities. We are happy to inform that the family members of many of our Comrades have taken up relief activities in a big way. **Com D.Suresh** and some other comrades of Bangalore are working as volunteers for cooked food distribution to

over 1 lakh workers in collaboration with the Labour Department of Karnataka. Com Gopal Rana, Joint Secretary of Ludhiana along with his friends is doing a commendable job in supplying safety kits to the health workers, arranging blood donation camps and supplying cooked food for needy families. There are inspiring reports like **Com Faquir Chand** working as Sweeper-cum-Attendant in Rampura Phul Branch of Ludhiana investing his entire month's salary to supply fodder and water to the wandering animals. These are really heart-warming stories. We are proud of these comrades and all those who have done similar jobs.

The AIIEA conveys its warmest greetings and deep sense of gratitude to our comrades across India and reiterates that we shall not stop till the country rids herself of the pandemic.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours

Shreekanth Mishra

General Secretary