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

Massive Buildup to Strike Actions on 17th and 18th March 2021
Solidarity and Support to our Strike Pours In from a cross section of Society

The AIIEA and other unions in the four Public Sector General Insurance Companies will go on a nationwide strike on 17th March. Similarly, all unions in LIC will strike work on 18th March, 2021. These strike actions are to protest against the decision of the government to list LIC in the stock markets through an IPO, increase FDI limits in the sector from 49% to 74%, privatise one public sector general insurance company and on the demand to settle the wage revision issue at the earliest.

The run-up to the strike actions has been remarkable in terms of the sweep and depth of the campaign. AIIEA units have already met over 200 MPs in the current phase of campaign after having met 402 MPs in the recent months. There is no shade of public and political opinion that has not been touched. Our cadres all over the country have unambiguously demolished all the arguments of the government in justification of LIC IPO, FDI hike and privatization of one general insurance company. **The social media campaign taken up by our South and South Central Zonal Units has been eminently successful. The twitter campaign launched by South Zone on the 9th of March crossed 60,000 posts in a few hours and it was the third highest twitter trending topic in India on that day.** In the process, we have not only had a very effective campaign but earned considerable goodwill and support for public sector insurance industry. The proposed strike actions have received overwhelming support from a large number of trade unions, from India and abroad.

The **World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), Athens, Greece** has extended support and fraternal solidarity to our strike actions. The **ten central trade unions** and the **Samyukta Kisan Morcha** have also extended their solidarity and support. The Polit Bureau of the **Communist Party of India (Marxist)** has issued a statement in support of our Strike. The **All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC)** has extended fraternal support to our strike and has called upon its units to participate in our dharna/ demonstration programmes all over India. The **Bank Employees Federation of India (BEFI)** and **All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA)** have also extended their support and solidarity to the strike action. The **All India Insurance Pensioners' Association (AIIPA)** has called upon its units to show support and solidarity to our strike actions.

Support and solidarity has poured in from a very large section of the trade union movement. The **Air India Service Engineers Association (AISEA)**, **All India Coal Workers Federation (AICWF-CITU)**, **All India Defence Employees Federation (AIDEF)**, **All India Guards Council (AIGC)**, **All India Loco Running Staff Association (AILRSA)**, **All India Port and Dock Workers Federation (AIP&DWF-HMS)**, **All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF)**, **All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF)**, **All India Railway Employees Confederation (AIREC-Western Zone)**, **All India Rail Trackmaintainers Association (AIRTU)**, **All India Station Masters Association (AISMA)**, **All India Train Controllers Association (AITCA)**, **Cochin Refinery Employees' Association (CREA-INTUC)**, **General Insurance Employees All India Association (GIEAIA)**, **Hind Khadan Mazdoor Federation (HKMF-HMS)**, **Indian Railway Loco Runningmen Organisation (IRLRO)**, **Indian Railway Ticket Checking Staff Organisation (IRTCSO)**, **Kamgar Ekta Committee (KEC)**, **Ladaku Garment Mazdoor Sangh (LGMS)**, **Maharashtra State Bank Employees federation (MSBEF)**, **National Federation of Indian Railwaymen (NFIR)**, **Petroleum and Gas Workers Federation of India (P&GWFI)**, **Port Dock and Waterfront Workers Federation of India (PD&WWFI-AITUC)**, **Steel Plant Employees Union (SEU-CITU)**- Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, **Water Transport Workers Federation of India (WTWFI-CITU)** are some of the unions that have extended support.

This is really overwhelming. Our campaign has served to bring about a new awakening. Our cadres have truly acted as 'ambassadors of goodwill' for public sector insurance industry. Any government genuinely interested in welfare of the people would sit up and take cognizance of the good work done by insurance employees and harness this tremendous goodwill for ensuring further progress of public sector insurance industry. But nothing much can be expected of a ruling elite that is indoctrinated to spew venom at the very idea of public sector.

We profusely thank the trade union movement for their support and solidarity. We rededicate ourselves to the cause of public sector insurance industry. We reaffirm our commitment to the cause of self-reliant economic development of India.

On to the 17th March One Day Strike in public sector general insurance companies and 18th March One Day Strike in LIC.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours

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