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To

All Divisional / Regional / State units of AIIPA

Central Committee meeting of AIIPA held on 25 Sep 2021

A virtual meeting of the members of the Central Committee of AIIPA was held on Sep 25, 2021. The zoom meeting was presided over by Com Ashok Tiwari, President.

After paying homage to the departed leaders of national and international movements and our own colleagues in Insurance, the meeting commenced its proceedings.

Com T.K.Chakraborty, General Secretary, presented a discussion note and said that the pandemic situation had restricted our activities for the past many months and we could not hold physical meeting of the CC for many months now. He said that there has not been any headway on the demands of Pensioners since AIIPA met in the Secretariat (virtual meeting) on July 6, 2021. The continuing indifference of the Govt towards Pensioners' issues were causing anguish, especially the delay in the approval of the agreed improvements in family pension benefits and other related matters. On the demand for updation of Pension in Insurance, the Govt is maintaining stoic silence despite allowing the benefit in RBI. AIIPA's case before Supreme Court on 100 percent DR for pre-1997 retirees and on updation of pension is not moving due to pandemic restrictions.

Com J.Gurumurthy, VP, AIIPA, presented the work report on the activities of General Insurance units and on organization. He said, AIIPA has 22 units in General Insurance (19 exclusive State / Regional Units and 3 composite units, viz IPA, Pune / Aurangabad / Surat)); all the units are in live contact with hqrs. Issues, both individual and collective, are meticulously taken up, pursued and resolved. He quoted the achievements of AIIPA in general insurance in the matter of getting relief in mediclaim premium loading, facilities obtained for home based covid treatment including home based oxygen bed and ICU facilities, etc for general insurance pensioners. He said AIIPA has become a household name among general insurance retirees and the membership strength is growing. Many retired Chief Executives of PSGICs are also enrolling as Life Members with AIIPA units. As on 1st July 2021, six former CMDs and twentyone General Managers / Directors of the PSGICs have taken Life Membership with AIIPA.

Com K. Natarajan (Vice President) gave details and present position of our Supreme Court case on DR and Pension Updation. He said there are limitations on court procedures when cases are heard through video conference these days in the pandemic situation. He added that efforts are being taken for early and continuous hearing.

Com Shreekant Mishra, General Secretary, AIIEA, who gave special address, criticized the pro-corporate and anti-people policies of the Govt of India. He said that the public sector LIC and General Insurance Cos are today facing an existential crisis due to the flawed economic policies pursued by the Govt. Instead of taking pro-people measures, he deplored, the Govt is indulging in privatization of PSUs to transfer the wealth from the hands of Govt to the corporates. Everything in the public domain is put up for sale in the name of National Monetisation Pipeline scheme, he lamented. Stating that this Govt suffers from huge democratic deficit, Com Mishra exhorted that we should not allow ourselves to be overawed by the situation and we should resolutely fight by uniting all sections of the working people to ensure that public sector LIC and General Insurance Cos. continue to discharge their historic responsibilities.

Com Mishra assured that despite the negative stance of the Govt vis-à-vis PSUs, AIIEA would seriously pursue the demands of Pensioners of both LIC and Genl Insurance and for improvements in Family Pension benefits agreed by the managements.

The other CC members deliberated on the issues presented by the General Secretary; due to paucity of time, not all issues sent by units could be discussed. The issues referred to General Secretary will be attended to.

Com Amanulla Khan, senior leader of Insurance employees' movement, in his elaborate exposition, dealt with the present situation in the country on varied fronts. Dilating on Govt's madness of privatizing PSUs, he advised the delegates to launch serious campaign on two fronts – one among the public as to what impact the IPO of LIC and privatization of PSGICs would have on the national economy and the other among employees and pensioners as to how their interests would be at stake. We need to tell them why public sector is important for the national well-being. Com Amanulla Khan added that privatization of PSUs is a serious violation of the Constitution itself and mentioned the relevant articles 36 to 51 for further study and campaign. He criticized the ruling dispensation for attempting to convert the concept of participative democracy into elected autocracy. He said the AIIPA and the Pensioners with their vast experience and domain knowledge, can play an active role in the campaign against privatization by writing letters to the press, organizing small meetings, speaking on the good of PSUs and contributions that have been made by the PSGICs and LIC.

After deliberations, the Central Committee adopted the activities report presented by the General Secretary and supplemented by Com J.Gurumurthy (Vice President). The CC also adopted the audited statement of accounts for the years 2019 and 2020 placed by the Treasurer.

Com Bhaskar Somayaji (Joint Secretary) proposed to host the 8th all-India General Conference of AIIPA at Bangalore. The offer was accepted by the Central Committee.

The meeting of the Central Committee of AIIPA adopted a resolution supporting the demands of farmers. The CC calls upon the Insurance Pensioners to extend solidarity and support to the bandh call given by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), the umbrella body of 40 farm unions, on Sep 27, 2021. The CC urged the Govt to have dialogue with the farmers on their demands and rescind the three contentious farm laws.

The Central Committee, by another resolution, expressed its opposition to the National Monetisation Pipeline scheme announced by the Central Govt which is aimed at transferring wealth from the poor to the rich and from the State to the rich. The CC strongly opposed the privatization policy of the Govt.

The following are the other decisions taken by the CC :

- 1. To hold the 8th All India General Conference of AIIPA at Bangalore during last week of Jan or first week of Feb 2022 with restricted delegations;**
- 2. To continue efforts for early clearance of the agreed improvements in Family Pension;**
- 3. To put additional pressure on GIPSA/Cos for submitting their recommendations to DFS on increase in Family Pension;**
- 4. To ensure integrated movement with serving employees and other stakeholders against privatization policy of Central Govt, with particular reference to IPO in LIC and dismantling of PSGICs;**
- 5. To call upon AIIPA units to observe 17th Dec 2021 as Social Security Day jointly with units of other Pensioners' organisations across the country.**

With greetings.



(T.K.Chakraborty)
General Secretary