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To
All Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units,

Dear Comrades,

Struggle of Famers culminates into historic victory

AIEEA issued a Press statement on the historic victory of Farmers' struggle against the retrograde Farm Bills introduced in the Parliament by the Government of India. The relentless struggle of the farmers finally forced the government to announce the withdrawal of these Farm Bills.

We reproduce hereunder the Press Statement issued by AIEEA and the contents are self-explanatory. We request our units to translate the same and issue press statements in vernacular also.

With greetings,

Comradely yours,

Shreekanth Mishra

General Secretary.

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PRESS STATEMENT

AIEEA WELCOMES DECISION TO REPEAL FARM LAWS

The All India Insurance Employees' Association welcomes the announcement of repeal of the three contentious farm laws by the Prime Minister in his address to the nation today. The Prime Minister said that the process of repeal of these laws will be undertaken in the Winter Session of Parliament set to begin on 29th November.

The farmers organized under the banner of Samyukta Kisan Morcha had been protesting against these three farm laws. These laws were seen by them as steps towards corporatization of agriculture. There were genuine fears that such a measure would not only place the farmers at the mercy of big corporations but would also deprive them of their livelihood. The farmers were also aggrieved that these laws were framed without any consultation with the farming community and pushed through the parliament without any discussion.

The country has witnessed large scale protests against these laws for the last one year. Such a long drawn protest involving a very large section of the people raised questions over democracy as people's involvement in governance. In the last one year hundreds of lives were lost and economy impacted badly. Had the government shown some flexibility, the issue could have been resolved much earlier avoiding the loss of precious lives.

The struggle of the farmers was not just about the three farm laws. The protests raised certain important issues relating to the life and living of the farmers and the national economy as well. The protests are also about asking the government to take steps to make agriculture remunerative. With more than 50% of the workforce in this country dependent on agriculture for a living, the country cannot progress without addressing their genuine grievances over remunerative prices for their produce and enhancement of their life standards. The AIIEA hopes that the government will take initiative to hold discussions for a peaceful resolution of all the issues raised by the farmers struggle.

The AIIEA congratulates the Samyukt Kisan Morcha and all the farmers for the success of their agitation. The leaders of the movement deserve praise for keeping the agitation peaceful and taking efforts to build a broader unity of farmers, workers and other progressive sections of the Indian society.

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General Secretary