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To

All affiliated Units

Floods cause unprecedented havoc -We must stand in solidarity with the flood affected people of Assam.

Assam usually experiences several spates of flood and erosion as well as devastations. Flood is an annual visitor of the State. But, the heavy rains started in the State this year from the middle of June caused unprecedented havoc. Both the valleys, Barak and Brahmaputra, are severely affected. 33 out of 35 districts of the State of Assam suffered untold devastations and nearly 60 lakh people have been affected. 159 people died till today and the death toll is increasing every day.

The condition in Barak valley, and particularly Silchar town is grim. Silchar town remained cut off due to disruption in railway and road transport. It went without power for more than a week. Entire communication system broke down. Almost all the houses in the area are submerged. Houses of many of our own comrades are inundated. Relief operations undertaken by the State Government are extremely inadequate and whatever meagre relief provided was also highly mismanaged. The disaster qualifies to be declared as national calamity. The State administration utterly failed to provide succour to the People. Lakhs of people are taking shelter in relief camps and highlands or embankments. In most of the areas people are to fend for themselves.

It is heartening to note that LIC Pensioners' Association, Guwahati Division and NERGIPA have engaged themselves in relief activities together with other trade Unions and mass organisations, with their limited resources. The All India Insurance Employees' Association (AIIEA)has provided a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs as first instalment towards relief work and called upon Units to go for collection from employees.

We, the senior citizens, have the responsibility to rise to the occasion for mitigating hardships experienced by the people. We must stand in solidarity with the flood affected people of Assam. We join the cause by remitting a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs as initial payment to LICPA, Guwahati Division for co-ordinating relief work. They are advised to seek help of AIIEA units of both Life and General and NERGIPA. Com. Satanjib Das, President, AIIPA is requested to oversee the activities. We fervently appeal all the affiliated Units and through them all the members and all well wishers to donate liberally for this humanitarian gesture. All Units are advised to complete the collections within next 15 days so that our Units in Assam can undertake relief activities in right earnest immediately.

With greetings,

Comradely yours,

General Secretary

P.S: The amount collected by the Units may be sent to AIIPA, Calicut.

The bank account details are furnished below:

SB A/C No : 0241010002218 IFSC : IBKL0745LIC

Bank : LIC of India Staff Co-Op Bank Ltd

Branch : Calicut Branch

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