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To,

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**All the Zonal General Secretaries in the Life Sector
Secretary, Standing Committee (General Insurance)**

Dear Comrade,

Re: All India Pensioners' Day on 17th December 2022

As you are aware, 17th December is observed every year as All India Pensioners' Day. It was on this day in 1982 that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India pronounced a landmark judgment in a case filed by D.S. Nakara and others vs. Union of India. The petitioners in this case contended that all the pensioners irrespective of their retirement date performed the same work and belong to the same class; therefore a classification made on the basis of retirement date does not constitute a valid intelligible differentia under Article 14 of the Constitution. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in this landmark judgment held that the intention of the Government to create a separate class of pensioners was violative of Article 14 of Constitution of India. The Hon'ble Supreme Court went on to say that:

"Pension is neither a bounty nor a matter of grace depending upon the sweet will of the employer, nor an ex-gratia payment. It is a payment for the past services rendered. It is a social welfare measure rendering socio-economic justice to those who in the heyday of their life ceaselessly toiled for the employer on an assurance that in their old age they would not be left in the lurch."

It is unfortunate that despite this landmark judgment, the benefit of pension is being denied to a large number of workers and employees. The recommendations of LIC/GIPSA managements to the Government of India for payment of family pension at a uniform rate of 30 per cent has been pending for the last three years. Updation of pension after wage revision is being unfairly denied to insurance pensioners even though the same is available to central government employees and employees of RBI.

It is in this background that this day is observed every year as All India Pensioners Day. The All India Insurance Pensioners' Association (AIIPA) has decided to organise this day by organising Seminars/ Conventions on 17th December 2022 at all major centres. Moreover, the AIIPA has also decided to hold gate meetings/ demonstrations in front of all Divisional Offices/ Regional Offices of LIC and PSGI companies on 19th December 2022 (Monday) since 17th December is a Saturday.

We call upon our units in both Life and General Sector to extend all help and support to the units of AIIPA in organising these programmes and also request to make sure that large number of our members attend these programmes.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours

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General Secretary