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To

All Affiliated Units of AIIPA.

Dear Comrades,

## **Successful Dharna programme at New Delhi.**

At the call of the All India Insurance Pensioners' Association (AIIPA), a massive Dharna of Pensioners of LICI and PSGI Companies was held today before Parliament at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, on the demands of (a) Enhancement of family pension at a uniform rate of 30% of the last salary drawn by the employee / pensioner sans any ceiling; (b) Updation of pension following wage revision of in-service employees as prevalent in central government and RBI; and, (c) Scrapping of NPS and restoration of defined benefit pension scheme for all. More than 150 Pensioners not only from and in and around Delhi but also from adjacent States like UP, UK, Haryana and Rajasthan participated in the Dharna. Full-throated slogans by the Pensioners on their just demands reverberated the Dharna site. Banners and placards highlighting the demands and the programme adorned the place.



Com M.Kunhikrishnan, General Secretary, AIIPA, while explaining the objectives of the Dharna programme sharply nailed down the discriminatory attitude of the Govt. of India in not sanctioning yet the enhancement of family pension at a uniform rate of 30%, despite the recommendations of LICI board as far back as in September, 2019 and GIPSA management in December, 2021, although this benefit has been extended to public sector banks in the meantime. He also underlined the urgent need for introducing the benefit of updation of pension in the Public Sector Insurance as prevalent in the Central Government and RBI.

**Com. Tapan Sen**, General Secretary, CITU, while addressing the participants in the Dharna extended the full support of the Indian trade union movement in general and CITU in particular to the just demands and struggles of the Insurance Pensioners. Exposing the utterly anti-people and pro-corporate policies of the present regime, he said that these policies are responsible for the current onslaught on social security

including pension as well as on the public sector as a whole. He pointed out that the fate of the Insurance Pensioners is integrally linked to the struggle to defeat the anti-people, neo-liberal economic policy framework and to defend the public sector insurance. He called upon the Pensioners to join the Mazdoor Kisan Sangharsh rally scheduled to be held on 5th April, 2023 at New Delhi aimed at building up united resistance of the working people to the anti-people policies of the Government.

**Com. Shreekant Mishra**, General Secretary, AIIEA came down to Delhi all the way from Hyderabad to express his solidarity with the struggle of the Insurance Pensioners. Reiterating the decision of the 26th general conference of AIIEA held in Kolkata in the month of January, he said that AIIEA would go for strike action both in life and general sector if the just demands of enhancement of family pension @ 30% is not considered soon. He called for unity of the Insurance Employees and pensioners to realise the demands and sharply criticised the Central Government for its policy of discrimination and denial. He also called upon Insurance Pensioners and Employees to identify themselves more closely with the growing resistance movement of the working people against the anti-working-class, anti-people and anti-public sector policies of the present regime and called upon them to join the Mazdoor Kisan Sangharsh rally on 5th April 2023.

Coms J.Gurumurthy, Vice President, Ashok Tiwari, former President, PK Sharma, Joint secretary, Anil Kumar Bhatnagar, senior leader & former Vice President, AIIEA and Girish Khurana, National Convener, Joint Forum of trade unions in PSGI Companies addressed the Dharna and called for united struggle to realise the demands.

Com. Satanjib Das, who presided over the Dharna programme, congratulated the participants for making the Dharna programme massive success. He expressed confidence that through united struggles, the just and legitimate demands of the Insurance Pensioners would be realised. The Dharna programme that began at 10:30 am came to a close at 01.00 pm.





Com. ML Setia, Vice President, AIIPA proposed vote of thanks. Com. VP Arora (Genl Secy., LICPA, Delhi) and Com. TC Jagadish, Asst Treasurer, AIIPA coordinated all the details for the Dharna.

The Dharna programme at New Delhi was supplemented by countrywide demonstrations before the offices of LIC and PSGI Companies at the call of AIIPA. We express our gratitude to AIIEA and JFTU for giving a call to Insurance employees to join the programme of demonstrations. Reports of massive observance of demonstrations from different corners of the country, including the metropolitan centres like Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata are pouring in AIIPA headquarters.

In Mumbai, the demonstration and the meeting held in front of Central Office of LIC was a massive one. After the demonstration, a delegation of AIIPA led by Com. VS Nalavade, Joint Secretary, met the Chairperson of LIC and apprised him of our demands. The Chairperson responded positively and assured that LIC would continue to pursue the issue of enhancement of family pension vigorously with the central government for necessary approval. The Chairperson was hopeful of an early resolution of the issue.

After the Dharna program at Delhi, a delegation of AIIPA consisting of Coms M.Kunhikrishnan, General Secretary, Satanjib Das, President and J.Gurumurthy, Vice President, met the officials of DFS on 29.3.2023 and submitted a memorandum listing out the demands. The delegation pressed for early resolution of the enhancement of family pension @ 30%. The officials were receptive. The issue will be further followed up.

**We warmly congratulate Insurance pensioners throughout the country, and particularly our Delhi comrades for making the programme of demonstrations and Dharna at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, a thumping success.**

With greetings,

Comradely yours,



M.Kunhikrishnan,  
General Secretary.