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To,
All the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units
Dear Comrades,

12th February 2026 One Day Countrywide General Strike- A Resounding Success

The 12th February one-day countrywide General Strike called by the Joint Platform of central trade unions and independent federations and associations like the AIEA has been a resounding success. It is estimated that around 30 crore workers cutting across industries and sectors, both in the organised and unorganised sectors, enthusiastically participated in the strike action. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) and agricultural workers' organisations offered unconditional support to the Strike. Apart from the Left parties, the Indian National Congress and some other parties expressed solidarity with the strike action. The World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU), with its 105 million members spread over 133 countries, extended total solidarity to the strike action. The impact of the strike was such that a Bandh like situation prevailed in the States of Odisha, Kerala, Tripura and some other States.

The strike was a resounding success in the financial sector. The major unions in the financial sector viz; AIEA, AIBEA, BEFI, AIBOA and AILICEF came together in one platform and held joint strike rallies across the country. We have been receiving reports from across the country that employees enthusiastically participated in large numbers across the country. The strike was successful in public sector general insurance companies in spite of the fact that it was AIEA alone that went on strike. In the Eastern Zone, majority of the offices remained closed. Most of the offices in Southern Zone wore a deserted look. The strike had a huge impact particularly in MP, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Haryana, J&K and main centres in UP and Uttarakhand. Strike rallies were held at Ernakulam, Chennai, Coimbatore, Trichy, Madurai, Kolkata, Patna and Bhopal. At Hyderabad, the general insurance employees attended the joint rally of LIC and Bank employees in Hyderabad Divisional office premises, which was addressed among others by the General Secretary of AIEA. Joint rallies were also held at Patna, Chandigarh and some other places.

As per the reports received till now, **Thrissur** (under SZ) Division in South Zone recorded the highest percentage of strike participation by clocking a percentage of 98.77 per cent with absenteeism rate of 100 per cent. **Vishakhapatnam (under SCZ)** Division came a close second with a strike percentage of 97.69 per cent and absenteeism rate of 97.94 per cent. **Nellore** (under SCZ) Division came third with a strike percentage of 97.29 per cent and absenteeism rate of 98.49 per cent. **Berhampur** (under ECZ) Division stood fourth with a strike percentage of 96.71 per cent and 100 per cent absenteeism. **Coimbatore** (under SZ) Division came fifth with a strike percentage of 96.4% and absenteeism rate of 97.8 per cent. Some other units with outstanding strike performances are as follows.

Central Zone: Satna (95.4%) and Raipur (93.6%). The zonal strike percentage is 74.4% with absenteeism rate of 90.3%.

East Central : Cuttack (94.5%), Sambalpur (93.1%), Hazaribagh (92.5%), Bhubaneswar (90.9%), Beguserai (90.2%), Muzaffarpur (88.9%), Jamshedpur (85.3%), Bhagalpur (83.9%) and Patna I (80.9%). The zonal strike percentage is 88.2% with absenteeism rate of 95.2%. A majority of offices in the zone including the Zonal office remained closed.

Eastern Zone: Burdwan (92.6%), Asansol (83%), Jalpaiguri (82.7%) and KSDO (82.2%). The zonal strike percentage is 69.2% and absenteeism rate of 83.6%. All Branches under Asansol Division, Guwahati Division, Jalpaiguri Division remained closed. Imphal Branch, CAB Imphal, Kakching, Churachandpur, Izal Branch under Silchar Division Of North-East region remained closed. 10 out of 12 Branches of Burdwan Division, 12 out of 14 Branches of Howrah Division, 8 out of 10 Branches of Kharagpur Division were closed. Tamruk, Jhargram and Bagnan Branch were opened forcefully with the intervention of State Police. Branches under KSDO Division were closed till 1pm.

North Central Zone: Kanpur (91.2%), Gorakhpur (87.8%), Faizabad (87%), Allahabad (86.3%) and Meerut (82.6%). The zonal strike percentage is 75% and absenteeism rate of 86%.

Northern Zone: Bikaner (94.4%), Jalandhar (93.4%), Srinagar (89.3%), Amritsar (88.2%), Rohtak (81.4%) and Jodhpur (81.3%). The zonal strike percentage is 72.5% and absenteeism rate of 88.9%.

South Central Zone: Rajahmundry (95.9%), Kadapa (95.7%), Raichur (94.6%), Dharwad (88.6%), Karimnagar (87.6%), Hyderabad (85.2%) and Bangalore II (82.6%). The zonal strike percentage is 82.7% and absenteeism rate of 91.2%.

South Zone: Thanjavur (93.9%), Thiruvananthapuram (92.8%), Kottayam (92.6%), Madurai (90.6%), Ernakulam (90%), Tirunelveli (86.4%) and Kozhikode (81.9%). The zonal strike percentage is 85.8% and absenteeism rate of 92.7%.

Western Zone: Gandhinagar (92.6%).

There were attempts to create confusion amongst the employees and sabotage the strike in some places. The sudden intervention of the labour department to conduct conciliation proceedings also could not dent the morale of the employees and the employees remained steadfast in their commitment. The efforts of the LIC management to use its social media handles to propagate the view point of the government was also in bad taste. We congratulate all the employees in LIC and PSGI companies for the magnificent strike action and call upon them to cement their unity still further so as to meet the future challenges successfully.

With Revolutionary Greetings,

Comradely Yours

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General Secretary