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Dear Comrades,

AIBEA OFFICE BEARERS' MEETING

A meeting of the AIBEA Office Bearers was held virtually through Zoom App yesterday. Com. Rajen Nagar, President, presided over the meeting.

After paying homage to the leaders who had departed during the recent period, the meeting took up for discussion the following issues:

- 1. Our continued campaign against privatisation of Banks
- 2. Effective participation in the ensuing General Strike

Continue the Campaign against Privatisation of Banks: The meeting congratulated all our unions and members for the massive participation in the nationwide strike on 16th and 17th December, 20021 at the call of UFBU. The meeting noted that due to our campaign and struggle programmes, it attracted a lot of political support from various political leaders and the strike also had its impact on the Government. The Bill was not introduced in the winter session even though that was the decision of the Government.

Be alert – Budget Session will start from Feb. 1st: But the meeting underscored the importance of continuing the campaign as the agenda of the Government is well-known. The meeting emphasised that in view of the ensuing Budget Session of the Parliament from 1st February, 2002, we should remain alive and alert to anticipate further moves of the Government. Hence the meeting exhorted all our unions and members to be in readiness for further struggle programmes looking to developments.

Endorsement of Letter to Prime Minister: The meeting also decided that AIBEA's programme of getting the Letter to Prime Minister endorsed by as many personalities and leaders as possible should be undertaken by all the States.

Nationwide General Strike on 23/24 Feb. 2022: The meeting decided that while the formal notice for the General Strike on 23^{rd} and 24^{th} Feb. 2022 at the call of National Convention of workers will be served on the IBA shortly, all efforts should be taken to prepare our members for their enthusiastic participation in the strike, by explaining the importance and significance of the demands of the General Strike.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,

C.H. VENKATACHALAM GENERAL SECRETARY

DEMANDS

- 1. Scrap the new Labour Codes; Scrapping of EDSA
- 2. No Privatisation of Banks/PSUs in any form and scrap National Monetisation Policy
- 3. Cancel NPS and restore old pension scheme; substantial increase in minimum pension under Employees' Pension Scheme
- 4. Regularise contract workers, scheme workers and equal pay for equal work for all.
- 5. Accept 6-point charter of demands, post repeal of Farm Laws, of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha,
- 6. Food and Income Support of Rs 7,500 per month to non-income tax paying households;
- 7. Increased allocation for MNREGA and extension of Employment guarantee Scheme to urban areas;
- 8. Universal social security for all informal sector workers;
- 9. Statutory Minimum wage and social security for Anganwadi, ASHA, Mid-day-meal and other Scheme workers;
- 10. Proper protection and insurance facilities for frontline workers serving the people in the midst of pandemic;
- 11. Increase in public investment in agriculture, education, health and other crucial public utilities by taxing the rich through wealth tax etc in order to revive and revamp the national economy;
- 12. Substantial reduction in Central Excise duty on petroleum product and concrete remedial measure to arrest price rise.

