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**TWO HOUR WALKOUT STRIKE ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 AGAINST IPO OF LIC A HUGE SUCCESS  
EMPLOYEES DETERMINED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MOVES TO WEAKEN LIC**

The two hour walkout strike against the IPO of LIC on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 was a resounding success all over the country. This strike was jointly called by the AIIEA and the AILICEF to register our protest against the IPO on the day it opened for subscription. The AIIEA congratulates the employees for the massive response to the strike action even when it came close on the heels of the two-day nationwide strike on March 28-29, 2022.

Employees responded massively to the call of the walkout strike. **Nellore** division (SCZ) recorded a strike percentage of 97.96%, followed by **Berhampur** division (ECZ) with 97.36%, **Vishakhapatnam** division (SCZ) with 96.91% and **Sambalpur** division (ECZ) with 96.12%. The divisions under **East Central Zone** did remarkably well. **Begusarai** division recorded a strike percentage of 94.44% followed by **Hazaribagh** 94.15%, **Cuttack** 93.47%, **Bhubaneswar** 91.55%, **Patna I** 90% and **Patna II** 89.97%. The strike percentage in other divisions has been more than 80 per cent. The strike was very good in **South Central Zone** also. Apart from the two zones mentioned above, **Kadapa** division did well with a strike percentage of 94.39% followed by **Raichur** with 94%, **Rajahmundry** with 91.78%, **Bengaluru II** with 88.36%, **Karimnagar** 85.11% and **Hyderabad** with 84.32%. Divisional units in **South Zone** also responded very well to the call for the strike. **Coimbatore** division recorded a strike percentage of 92.50%, followed by **Thrissur** with 91.85%, **Madurai** 90%, **Thanjavur** 87.60% and **Ernakulam** 86.88%. **Gorakhpur**, **Kanpur** and **Faizabad** divisions under **North Central Zone** recorded strike percentages of 87%, 85% and 81% respectively. **Amritsar**, **Jalandhar** and **Rohtak** divisions under **Northern Zone** recorded strike percentage of 89.74%, 88.72% and 85.22% respectively. **Satna** and **Raipur** divisions under **Central Zone** recorded strike percentages of 87.50% and 79.96% respectively. While the fuller details are still awaited, the strike has been equally good in Eastern and Western zone as well. Preliminary reports suggest that **Burdwan**, **KSDO** and **Jalpaiguri** divisions under **Eastern Zone** have recorded strike percentages of 86.6%, 81.7% and 80.52% respectively. Similarly, **Gandhinagar** division under **Western Zone** has recorded a strike percentage of 89%.

The employees have clearly demonstrated their opposition to any move to weaken the LIC. Having built LIC as a premier public sector institution through their hard work and determined efforts, the employees are naturally agitated over the move to divest 3.5 per cent shares of the LIC. The employees of LIC are sorely unhappy that the government had deliberately undervalued the LIC to keep the issue price artificially low and make it attractive for the prospective investors. It is beyond comprehension as to how a multiplication factor of 1.11 only was adopted in the case of LIC's valuation when smaller private

life insurance companies like HDFC Life, SBI Life and ICICI Prudential got a multiplication factor of 4, 3.5 and 2.5 respectively. Employees are aghast that in the process the valuation of LIC has been significantly brought down from the earlier estimates of around Rs.13.5-Rs.16.2 lakh crore to a mere Rs.6 lakh crore. This is a serious breach of trust with the policy holders apart from being a grievous loss to the national exchequer. The two-hour walkout strike was therefore a collective protest of the employees against this sell-out to the interests of the rich and super rich at the cost of ordinary citizens of this country.

The employees led by the AIIEA clearly see the IPO as the first move towards the privatisation of LIC. They are therefore determined to fight every inch of the battle and resist any move to privatise the LIC. The government might have succeeded in offloading 3.5 per cent of its shares. But the employees are aware of the fact that it is their uncompromising struggle that has forced an authoritarian government to scale down the attack on LIC from privatisation to a mere 3.5 per cent disinvestment. The employees take pride in the fact that they could succeed in halting and resisting a government policy for almost three decades. This is something unheard of in the annals of the world trade union movement. They are also conscious of the fact that a government committed to transferring wealth from the hands of the poor to that of the rich under the garb of privatisation, can never rest content with 3.5 per cent disinvestment of LIC. There would be attempts, sooner rather than later, to privatise the LIC. Our struggle therefore has to continue unabated. Drawing inspiration from our epic struggle of over three decades, we shall march on with the courage of conviction.

The struggle to protect and strengthen LIC in the public sector will continue without any let up.

With Greetings,

Comradely Yours



General Secretary