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Circular:

For all members

Dear Comrades,

Bank Strike a Massive Success Red Salutes to all our members

All India Bank Strike called by Trade Unions has been a massive success all over the country. In banking sector the strike call has been given jointly by AIBEA, AIBOA, BEFI, INBEF and INBOC. Unions in LIC, GIC, RBI, NABARD, IDBI also joined the strike. All India Co-operative Bank Employees Federation and all the unions in Regional Rural Banks had also given the strike call. All India Bank Deposit Collectors Federation had also given the call to its members to join the strike. Hence the strike was implemented across in all the Banks in Public Sector, Old generation Private Banks, Foreign Banks, RRBs, and Co-op. Banks. Notably, unions in Kotak Mahindra Bank and HDFC Bank (news generation private banks) participated in the strike.

More than five lacs of bank employees and officers joined the strike today all over the country. Banking operations were fully affected and paralysed in many States and normal banking services could not be fully functional due to the strike.

Yours comradely,

(S. S. Shishodia)
General Secretary

12 point Charter of Demands:

The strike was called in support of the 12 point charter of demands of the Central Trade Unions including more jobs for the unemployed youth, control of prices of essential commodities, guaranteed minimum wage of Rs. 15,000, removal of ceiling on Bonus and Gratuity, extending maternity leave benefits to all women workers, strengthening social security funds, etc. and against proposed adverse changes in labour laws, easy rules for retrenchment of workers, investment of PF in stock market, making PF and ESI as optional, curbing trade union rights and collective bargaining, contracting out and outsourcing permanent jobs, replacing regular jobs with Apprentices, etc.

Anti-people economic policies:

The strike is to protest against the anti-people economic policies of the BJP/NDA Government. Black money is increasing but no steps are being taken against it. Inflation goes unabated and

Government in casual about it. Investment in agriculture and rural sector is declining but Government does not bother about it. All types of concessions are being showered on the corporate and industrial houses. Foreign Direct Investment is being encouraged even core sectors like Defence, Railways, banking and insurance sector. Public Sector is being weakened through more and more disinvestments.

Banking sector:

The strike in Banks is also against the proposed banking reform measures like privatisation and globalisation of our Indian banks, merger and consolidation of public sector banks, allowing private companies to start Payment Banks risking the savings of the poor people, foisting private sector Executives to head the public sector banks, privatisation of Regional Rural Banks, threat of closure of urban co-operative banks and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies (PACs), dumping all Government schemes on banks without providing adequate number of employees and officers thus forcing heavy work load on the staff. The real problem of increasing bad loans is not being effectively handled by the Government but on the other hand, crores of rupees are being written off from profits of banks. Deliberate and wilful default of bank loans should be termed as criminal offence and money recovered but no action is being taken on them.

As on 31-3-2015 there are **7035 cases of wilful defaulters** involving bad loans of **Rs. 58,792 crores**. The bad loans in the Banks as on 31-3-2015 has risen to 2,97,000 crores in addition to another Rs.4,03,004 crores of bad loans of 530 corporate companies shown as rescheduled and restructured loans under CDR scheme. Bad loans struck up in **top 30** borrowal accounts of PSBS as on 31-3-2015 is **Rs. 1,21,162 crores**.

Hence to oppose the anti-people economic policies, anti-worker labour reforms and anti-public sector banking reforms, bank employees participated in the strike. We hope that Government will see reason and change their policies. We thank the bank employees all over the country for their massive and enthusiastic support to the strike call.

We reproduce herein the text of the Joint Press Release from the Central Trade Unions on the massive observance of the General Strike. It can be seen that the strike has been observed in many sectors and industries all over the country and we can legitimately feel proud that bank employees and AIBEA were a part of this historic protest against the anti-worker policies of the Government.

Hence we greet our units and members not only for making the strike a success in the Banks but more importantly for being an integral part of the general trade union struggle in our country.

In the days to come when more and more challenges and attacks are on the anvil, our task should be to further remain integrated with the general working class of this country in all such common struggles.

Press Release - Dated 2.9.2015

Central Trade Unions Congratulate the Workers for Unprecedented Strike On 2nd September

It has been an unprecedented strike of millions of workers at the call of Central Trade Unions. Response has been as never before. It is the biggest strike ever in the country. This strike has been called by 10 Central Trade Unions. It has been supported by thousands of local unions,

unaffiliated associations and federations. It is the largest unity of the trade unions that has done miracle. All sectors of the economy are affected. The strike received the all-out support of the people. The strike call was given against Govt. negative response to 12 point charter, the main among these being the aggressive steps being taken by the Govt. to amend labour laws in favour of corporates.

We congratulate and salute the gallant workers for their magnificent response. We expect Govt. to take lesson and take steps to ameliorate the grievances of the working masses. It must restart discussions with Central Trade Unions for concrete solution to the demands failing which the struggle will be intensified.

This strike has been so spread because of the growing discontentment among working people against anti-worker policies of the government. It is also a protest against food price rise and failure of the government to contain the slow-down of the economy leading to heavy retrenchment and in formalisation.

The strike has been unprecedented in transport, Oil, Coal, Power, Bank, State Govt. employees, Insurance, Port & Dock, Defence, Postal, Telecom and automobile industries. Thousands of workers have been on street to make the strike as an excellent success. Delhi has also the impact of the strike.

The Central Trade Unions condemn the police action and atrocities by hooligans on the peaceful agitation by the trade union cadres for this strike in West Bengal. It is a state backed terrorism. We believe all the right thinking people of the country unitedly protest against the atrocities committed on the trade union cadres of West Bengal. Despite the terrorism sponsored by the state, the undaunted trade union activists have made the strike a success. We greet them.

There have also been lathi charge in different parts of the country. There have also been cases of intimidation by the police and arrest of workers. In some states, despite imposing ESMA, workers have moved forward undaunted to make this strike a grand success. The Central Trade Unions condemn the reckless police action.

State-wise and sector-wise details are given as hereunder:

SECTORAL Road Transport

In almost all the states workers of State Road Undertakings went on strike. Even Private road transport like autos and taxis are off the road. Roadways buses in Haryana, Delhi, Uttarkhand, Himachal, UP and other states are also off the road. Magnificent strike of transport workers affected the normal life of the people for which CTUs are sorry.

Defence

Defence production has come to a standstill. Nearly half a million ordnance factory and installation workers throughout the country observed today's strike.

Banks & Insurance

Strike is 100% in financial sector. More than two millions workers both in public sector and private sector financial institutions went on strike.

Coal

Complete strike in coal mines. Even BMS workers joined the strike.

Non-Coal

Mines like in Iron Ore, bauxite, copper, aluminium and others was complete. The response was tremendous.

Steel Sector

The strike has been complete in most of the places in steel sector including first time strike in Bhilai plant.

Postal

The strike has been complete in postal department. Most of the States with workers/employees holding protest dharna/meetings outside the offices.

Oil Sector

The strike in oil sector was complete in almost all parts of the country. Supply of Aviation fuel to Airlines was affected leading to cancellation of some flights. LPG plants were completely closed in all parts of the country affecting gas supply.

Telecom

Nearly complete strike in BSNL throughout the country. Even BMS workers joined strike in BSNL.

Electricity / Power Sector

The Strike was almost complete in most of the states in power sector. **Tea Gardens** in Eastern India and south India were totally on strike.

Position in States

The strike was total in the states of Kerala, Assam, Goa, Telangana, Pondicherry, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand, as also most all the sectors of Gov. and Public sector as well as Industrial areas were on strike. Several of these states even traders closed down their business and shops and so it became band like situation.

The strike was massive in the states of Punjab, Haryana, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Delhi & Meghalaya where some of the sectors were on hundred percent strike.

It was heartening to note that some of the establishments and industries have gone on strike after almost decades like in Bhilai, Iron Ore Mines, BHEL and some steel plants. Most of the Auto and Taxis went off the road in Delhi & NCR as well as in several towns and cities in India. Rail Roko also took place in several areas in various states.

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