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To All Members

2-Day Strike on 8-9 Jan 2019

The National Convention of Workers held at Mavlankar Hall, New Delhi on 28th September 2018 participated by 10 Central Trade Unions and independent national Federations decided to go for 2 day General Strike on 8th& 9th January 2019 on 12 point demands. Accordingly, nationwide 2-day General Strike was observed. As a conservative estimate about 20 crore people belonging to the working class took part in the strike. The peasantry also extended fraternal support to the strike. The student, youth, women, self employed people and other section of common masses spontaneously supported the strike which was observed against the anti-nation and anti-people policies of the present Govt. at the Centre. The strike was preceded by many programmes to highlight the burning issues amongst the people of the country.

In the banking sector AIBEA and BEFI served joint strike notice to the bankers for observing strike on 8th and 9th January 2019:

Supporting: The call given by National Convention of Workers

Opposing: Banking reform measures - attempts to reduce Government's equity capital in public sector banks; reduction of Government's capital in IDBI Bank to less than 51%; attempts of privatisation of PSBs; attempts to amalgamate; merge and consolidate Banks; concessions given to corporate defaulters in the name of resolution of bad loans and burdening the common people by all sorts of penalty and higher service charges; outsourcing and contractualising the permanent jobs in Banks

Demanding: Strengthening of public sector banks; adequate recruitment in Banks

In support of the strike the members of the two unions observed badge wearing programme on 4th instant and joint meetings at different centres were held on 5th instant. A common platform in the financial sector was formed with unions participating in the strike of the banking and insurance industries. Some joint programme of the broader platform was also held in different centres.

So far unions in banking industry is concerned, AIBOC and AIBOA extended moral support. AIBOC also decided to address the rallies and instructed their members not to do any clerical jobs on those two days. The strike in the commercial banks was a stupendous success as the clientele in general also expressed their support to the issues of the strike.

2-day strike was observed in Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks. The employees

of Reserve Bank of India and NABARD went on strike on 8th Jan 2019 as per decision of their unions in respective banks.

In United Bank of India, before the strike 7 meetings of the members were held in and around Kolkata jointly organised by UBIEA and UBIEU. A large number of members attended those meetings. On strike days picketing was held in front of Head Office, Region Offices and many branches by the striking unions. The members of other unions/associations also expressed moral support which enthused us.

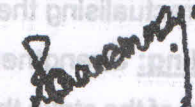
In Head Office we started picketing at 6 AM on both the days. On an average 75 comrades of our union including a good number of young generation and women comrades took part in the picketing. Several senior comrades also joined. Similar was the experience in different Region Offices. It is really very encouraging so far as the future of the organisation is concerned. The CEC congratulates all the comrades for their tireless contribution to make the 2-day strike a grand success.

This is the 18th occasion the working class of the country observed nationwide strike. BEFI feels proud of being a party to all these strikes held against the anti-people policies of the ruling governments at the Centre. The present government not only is implementing the neo-liberal policies with break neck speed but at the same time is very aggressive to divide the people in the name of cast, creed, religion and all possible identities. All sections of people are under attack. The very fabric of the country is at stake. The National Convention of workers on 28th Sep 2018 raised the call for change of the present anti-people Govt. at the Centre. The overwhelming success of the 2-day strike, no doubt, reaffirms the said call.

Comrades, our journey does not end with 2-day strike. Historic responsibility has been bestowed upon us to save our country and its people. Let us march ahead to achieve our goal.

With warm greetings.

Yours comradely,


(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)
General Secretary