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To ALL UNITS AND MEMBERS:

Dear Comrades,

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.

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GENERAL SECRETARY**

PRESS RELEASE

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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 informalisation.

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 has 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.

Statewise and sectorwise 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, Uttarkahand, 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, aluminum 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 completed 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, Utrakhand, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, and Jharkahand, 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 Bhillai, 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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