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To

All CHQ Members, ITGOA,

The Presidents/ General Secretaries
of all Units of ITGOA.

Dear Comrade,

Confederation of Central Government Employees & Workers (CCGE&W), of which ITEF is an affiliate member, has given the call to observe Two Days' All India Strike on 8th and 9th January, 2019 in support of 10 points charter of demands including scrapping of NPS, settlement of pending 7th CPC issues, filling up of vacant posts, 5 time bound promotion in entire career for all Group B & C employees, withdrawal of FR 56(j) and Rule 48 of CCS (Pension) rules, equal pay for equal work etc.

Being part of JCA, ITEF had requested ITGOA to join them in the strike call as ITGOA had done earlier. Though it had been decided in Guwahati BGM of ITGOA to respond positively to any call of ITEF on common issues, it was felt during the discussion on the issue in Secretariat Meeting of ITGOA held on 15.11.2018 at New Delhi that organizationally some of ITGOA Units may find it hard to join a Two Day Strike and also, ITGOA should not take a call in isolation to the call given by the other officers' organizations in Central govt. Departments or the CCGGOO. We discussed the matter with the leaders of ITEF who had appealed to us that at least the State Units of ITGOA may be advised to support the strike wherever possible by participating in the Strike. The Secretary General, CCGGOO has issued a circular on 19.12.2018 (copy enclosed), in which all the constituent organizations have been requested to organize 'Mass Dharna' on both the strike days in support of the demands of CCGE&W to express solidarity with them.

However no strike notice was served as the CCGGOO had decided for Mass Dharna on both the days instead of strike action. The said decision was communicated to the Cabinet Secretary by the Secretary General, CCGGOO. But in our front, the ITEF has expressed that *“you will appreciate the fact that any other form of action like Dharna will only create problem for our leaders at state level in the picketing of the offices on the strike days”* vide its letter to ITGOA, dated 20.12.2018. In the above mentioned scenario and as per the sentiment expressed in our Secretariat Meeting held on 15.11.2018, we feel that the ITGOA should give a concrete call of action on both the days of strike and the State Units of ITGOA should not be advised to act differently. Also, the sentiment of ITEF should be kept in mind. We have also conveyed the above to the Secretary General, CCGGOO and sought exemption from organizing Mass Dharna by the members of ITGOA and instead, to wear black badge by members of ITGOA to express solidarity. The Secretary General, CCGGOO has also consented to above request. Thus, for better coordination with ITEF, we, therefore, would like to advise our Units to wear black badges on both the days and to extend solidarity to the striking employees instead of Mass Dharna.

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,



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