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TO,
ALL MEMBERS

SUPPORT TO ANNA HAZARE'S - "ANTI CORRUPTION MOVEMENT"

We quote hereunder the text of AISBOF Circular No.78 dt. 19.08.2011 on the captioned subject, the contents of which are self-explicit.

TEXT

"Corruption has been the nemesis of our great Nation right from its formative years. Over the years, corruption and corrupt practices in the public governing system have grown manifold in magnitude and scale and have reached a stage where the citizens of our Country can no longer remain passive onlookers. Scams and graft have become the order of the day. The hard-earned taxpayer's money is being swindled and siphoned off by the powers that may be with impunity and unaccountability. The situation has deteriorated to such an extent that, the very custodians of law and governance remain ungoverned on the wrong side of law; making a mockery of the sacrifices, principles and values, this great nation has imbibed through its struggle.

2. Currently, veteran social activist Shri. Anna Hazare's fight against corruption has become a national movement, demanding strong anti corruption bill in the form of "Jan Lokpal". Though the Lokpal Bill was introduced several times since 1968, it was never passed by the Parliament. In April 2011, after a fast was undertaken by Shri Anna Hazare and Civil

Society activists leading to widespread protests across the country, the Government of India constituted a 10 member Joint committee of Central Ministers and civil society activists to draft an effective Lokpal Bill. The Government's move to blunt the draft bill and attenuate it to render it ineffective has led to the latest round of protest and once again hunger strike by Shri Anna Hazare.

3. Comrades, what we are witnessing today is a crusade against corruption; where the citizens of the country cutting across regional, religious, caste and demographic affiliations have blended together in their support for strong anti corruption laws. We stand by probity in Public Life. The corruption is a cancerous disease, requires determined will to eradicate it. As a responsible citizen of our great nation, let us pledge our support to this movement to ensure that, the Government introduces tough legislations against corruption that shall pave the way to weed out graft and corrupt practices from our system and public domain.

4. With this background; both the Federations have decided to extend moral support to the movement and as a token of this to hold lunchtime joint demonstration on 22nd or 23rd August 2011, in front of LHO's and Administrative Offices. Therefore, we request our affiliates to organise Joint Demonstrations and send us report."

**WE DEMAND - PROBITY IN PUBLIC LIFE
WE CONDEMN - CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC LIFE**

With warm greetings,

(ANIRUDH AKHAURI)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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