

Com. P B THOMAS

Com. P B Thomas (born 26.11.1949), a post graduate in Economics, joined the services of Union Bank of India as a Probationary Officer at Perumbavoor Branch in 1975. Right from the initial days of his career, Com. Thomas evinced keen interest in the activities of the Officers' Association. He had the fortune to work with stalwarts of Officers' movement in Kerala like Com. P S Padmanabhan, Com. P S G Nayar and Com. S Mukundan. This association was instrumental in developing his leadership qualities and negotiating skills.

He was first elected to the Executive Committee of Union Bank Officers' Association (Kerala). This assignment was followed by his election as Regional Secretary for Trivandrum. In 1991, Com. Thomas was unanimously elected as General Secretary of UBOA (K) and he continued in the same position for several terms. Finally he was voted as the President of the Association and remained in the post till his retirement on 30.11.2009. The Silver Jubilee of UBOA (K) was celebrated in 1996 with various unique programmes while Com. P B Thomas was the General Secretary.

Com. Thomas has also held various assignments in All India Union Bank Officers' Federation as Deputy Secretary, Joint General Secretary etc., He was elected as the Vice President of the Federation in 2002 and was re-elected in 2006. Com. Thomas was a member of the Central Negotiating Team for about 7 years. He was very much vocal about the demands and rights of the Officers' community. In accordance with the historic decision of the Working Committee meeting of AIUBOF held in Daman in 2000, Com. Thomas, along with other Working Committee members opted out of promotion process since then, in order to maintain continuity and consistency in the organisational activities. Com. Thomas was also very active in the affairs of AIBOC in Kerala. He served as President of AIBOC Kerala Unit for the 3 year term 2004-2007.

After his superannuation, Com. Thomas joined the Retirees' movement. In 2010, he was elected as General Secretary of Union Bank Retired Officers' Association (Kerala) and still continuing. The UBROA (K) has recorded tremendous growth in membership and activities since 2010 under his dynamic leadership and has now emerged as a strong unit of AIBPARC in Kerala.

Com. Thomas was chosen as the President of RBONC Kerala State Committee in 2011. Subsequent to the launch of AIBPARC by AIBOC, he was elected as the President of its Kerala Unit. He is contributing immensely in shaping the unit as a very vibrant affiliate of AIBPARC.

In the Foundation Conference of All India Union Bank Pensioners' and Retirees' Federation held at Kolkata, Com. Thomas was unanimously elected as Chairman. He was re-elected in the All India General Body Meeting held in Patna in 2015.