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TO ALL AFFILIATES/MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

Sub: Massive Dharna on 20th September, 2013 at Jantar Mandar, New Delhi

The historic and landmark event of Pensioners and Retirees in the Banking Sector took place on 20th September, 2013 when a massive Dharna was organized by our All India Body – AIBPARC at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.

In our Circular No. GS:120 dated 10th July, 2013, we had informed you that the Managing Committee (Extended) of AIBPARC, at its Second meeting held on 7th July, 2013 at Bengaluru, took a decision that Pensioners and Retirees from different parts of the country would stage a massive Dharna on 20th September, 2013 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi to voice our demands. In line with the decision taken by the Managing Committee, the Senior Citizens of the Banking Industry numbering more than 4000 converged at New Delhi to take part in the massive Dharna. The whole stretch of Jantar Mantar was under the siege of members of AIBPARC, AIBOC etc., The whole area reverberated with slogans – AIBPARC Zindabad, AIBOC Long Live, UFBU Long Live and our Demands were vociferously voiced by all the participants..

The newly formed Delhi State Committee of AIBPARC made all the arrangements for the successful conduct of the massive Dharna. Com. Hans, State Secretary and Com. Chodda, President of the Unit deserve all praise for the excellent arrangements. The proceedings started with a Welcome Address by Com. Hans and the President also welcomed all the participants.

Com. K.V. Acharya, President, AIBPARC described the Dharna as a historical event and that it will have tremendous impact on the Pensioners and Retirees Movement in the Banking Industry in the days to come. Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary, AIBPARC released a special edition of ARISE (Monthly Newsletter of Association of Retired IOB Employees) and it was distributed to the participants. Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary, AIBOC asserted that AIBOC was an integral part of Retirees Movement. Com. P.K. Sarkar, former President of AIBOC, former Convenor, UFBU and former General Secretary of AIUBOF observed that the Medical Assistance and Hospitalization Schemes available to Retirees in the Industry were totally inadequate and requested AIBPARC to focus on this aspect as it affected all the Retirees. He hoped that within a year we would all be celebrating the gains.

Com. S.R. Ananda Kumar, Senior Vice-President, AIBOC informed the gathering that the impact of probable load due to up-date of Pension for all the Pensioners in the

Banking Industry on Profitability would be negligible. He asserted that a calculation made in IOB proved that. Com. Ratnakar Pathak, representative of Resignee Officers' Forum demanded that the Officers, who had resigned after completion of requisite years of service for being eligible for Pension, should be extended the Pension benefit. Com. Suprita Sarkar, Joint General Secretary, AIBPARC expressed that our demands were legal and rational and that the agitational path chosen by the Organisation was justified and constitutionally right. He demanded the creation of a Forum so that the voices of Retirees were heard.

Com. K. Chandrasekharan, former President of Indian Bank Officers' Association, Com. S.B.C. Karunakaran(IOB), Vice-President, Com. P.S.Patki(BOI), Vice-President, Com. T. Selvaraj(LVB), Dy. General Secretary, Com. M.R. Gopinatha Rao(IOB), Dy. General Secretary all of AIBPARC addressed the participants. Com. K.B. Ballur(Canara), Dy. General Secretary, AIBPARC thanked the gathering for their active participation in the Dharna and exhorted them to carry on the struggle till the demands are achieved.

The meeting was addressed by three eminent Members of Parliament Comrades Sitaram Yechury, Prakash Javadekar and Tapan Sen, General Secretary, CITU. They all supported the struggle and promised support for our cause.

Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary, AIBPARC was the last Speaker. He spoke on the historical event – Massive Dharna staged by the Retirees of the Banking Industry. He hoped that AIBPARC would soon become the Beacon for Bank Retirees. Com. Gangadhar Yadav presented Vote of Thanks.

While on the subject, we may inform you that the leaders of AIBPARC met Sri Krishna Ch. Deb, Hon'ble Minister for Panchayat Raj and Tribal Welfare, Government of India and briefed him on our demands. We also gather that the Memorandum containing our demands has already reached the Ministry of Home and Finance, Government of India.

While we have elaborated some of the salient points of the communication received from AIBPARC, we have pleasure in reproducing the contents of Circular issued by General Secretary, AIBPARC for your kind perusal. We also take the liberty of reproducing the contents of Press Release made by AIBPARC on 19th September, 2013 in New Delhi to various Print and Electronic media for coverage of the 'Dharna' at Jantar Mantar on 20th September, 2013.

Dear Comrades, it is our demand that the voice of Retirees of the Banking Industry must be heard and speedy action be initiated to settle our just demands. The Journey has just begun and we have a long way to go. AIBPARC is on the right track. We appeal to all Retirees of our Bank to unite under our banner so to protect interests of Pensioners and Retirees.

With regards,

Yours Comradely,



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