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Dear Comrades,

Re : The garden city of Bengaluru throbs with hectic organizational activities of AIBPARC for two consecutive days – massively participated meeting of the Managing Committee (extended) and a historical gathering of bank retirees at a General Meeting organized by State Committee of Karnataka take place on 21st and 22nd May, 2017.

The highlights of our organisational activities in Bengaluru are being mentioned hereunder for information of members :

1. The meeting took place at the auditorium of South India Bank Staff Training College, Shankarpuram. Shri K.L.S. Rao, Principal of the college welcomed the guests. It was a special privilege for the members of the Managing Committee that Com. Shantharaju and Com. G.D. Nadaf, former General Secretaries of AIBOC and conveners of UFBU remained present as Guests of Honour. Com. S.K. Srinivas, State Secretary of AIBOC, Karnataka State Unit and Com. A.N. Krishnamurthy, newly elected Secretary of AIBPARC, Karnataka State also remained present and addressed the gathering.
2. In his initial remarks, Com. KV Acharya, President recalled the contributions of Com. Shantharaju and Com. Nadaf in the fields of trade union movements in the banking sector. He narrated the growing strength of AIBPARC since birth and the acceptance of AIBPARC and CBPRO as a viable body of retirees at IBA level and Govt. level. He informed the forceful presentation of CBPRO before CLC on all the major issues of the retirees. He assured the house that within next few days, the leaders of the organisation would meet in Delhi with very important union ministers and persuade them to be sympathetic to the cause of the retirees.
3. Com. Shantharaju, former General Secretary of AIBOC, observed that coordination succeeds only when it is unconditional. The state of Karnataka understood this thing and has been consistently endeavouring to form coordination of all retiree-organisations. The question who started earlier and who started later is not a relevant issue at all. AIBOC is the only organisation which has the courage to come out openly and say that we shall be floating an organisation of retirees. For coordination, it can be said that it is achieved through suffering. He complements the pro-active role of Com. Acharya and he called for an organisation for all cadres of people.
4. Com. G.D. Nadaf, former General Secretary, AIBOC, expressed his happiness that AIBPARC has grown in strength and stature in a very short time. He lauded the efforts of AIBPARC leadership in waging a relentless campaign in clinching the long pending issues of pensioners and retirees. He appealed to the organisation to improve its financial position because it is one of the pre-conditions of effective functioning in the organisational hierarchy. He also called for improvement of publicity – mechanism. He appealed to the retirees to realize their hidden potentialities.
5. Com. S.K. Srinivas, state secretary of AIBOC, appealed to the elder colleagues not to think them as aged but they should treat them as experienced. He also observed that nothing great can be achieved without a perfect harmony

between experience and energy. He promises 100% involvement and support in favour of the movement of the retirees.

6. Com. Suprita Sarkar, Jt. General Secretary, in absence of General Secretary, submitted an exhaustive report on various developments at national and international level, banking industry and economy and also the latest position of the issues of pensioners and retirees and different actions/initiatives undertaken by AIBPARC/CBPRO in between

the last meeting and the present one. The audited accounts of AIBPARC for the year ended 31st March, 2017 was also presented before the house along with the report of the General Secretary for consideration of the house.

7. True to the tradition of AIBPARC, 25 members of the house participated in deliberations. A lot of suggestions and observations were given and made to realize the things in the proper perspective and to take necessary actions. The points includes, inter-alia, the problem of so called weak banks which came up just before initiation of bipartite talks, much efforts initiated by the organisation without yielding any result, the problems faced by our affiliates in Associate Banks, default made by some of the affiliates in payment of the subscription for the year ended 31.03.2017, whether to implead in the case pending before Supreme Court on 100% DA neutralization, ununiformity in payment of gratuity to persons compulsorily retired, various problems of group mediclaim scheme, several omissions pointed out by members for the purpose of inclusion, flow of information upto the grassroots, problems of private sector banks in not getting 2nd option to pension, having liaison with political parties, maintaining personal rapport and relationship with the retirees who joined other organisations before floating of AIBPARC, problems faced by retirees of post-1st November, 2012, removal of ceiling of family pension etc.
8. At the end of a lively discussion, Shri Suprita Sarkar, Jt. General Secretary, offered elaborate reply to the queries and suggestions of members. The report of the General Secretary and the accounts were adopted by the house and several important decisions were also taken. Com. Acharya in his concluding remarks observed that time has come to realize our legitimate demands. He gave a call for unity and solidarity. He requested the house to take the following decisions in the interest of the organisation :
 - (a) The house sincerely felt the absence of Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary and wished him speedy recovery. In his absence, as per provisions of the constitution of the organisation, Com. Suprita Sarkar, Jt. General Secretary is authorized to discharge all the functions and responsibilities of the General Secretary and for greater cohesion in the functioning of the organisation, he was requested to maintain liaison with Com. K.V. Acharya, President, Com. K.B. Ballur, Working President and Com. P.S. Patki, Senior Vice President. The relevant provision of the constitution says “In the event of the General Secretary not being available for organizational work for a long duration, the Jt. General Secretary shall discharge the duties of the General Secretary.”
 - (b) Consultation with lawyers will be done to assess as to whether AIBPARC’s impleading to the case of Supreme Court on 100% DA Neutralisation would affect organisation’s interest or not and if it is not there, then AIBPARC may take the decision of impleading in the case.
9. Shri S. Kupuswamy, the grand old man of Indian Bank, in his most humorous style offered the vote of thanks and the proceeding came to an end with national anthem.
10. **Last but not the least, no words are sufficient to describe the tremendous labour and pains given and undertaken by the leaders, veterans, activists and members of AIBPARC Karnataka state committee in making the conference a great success. Whenever the outstation members of the managing committee have started reaching Bengaluru in the evening of 20th May, 2017, we have seen our leaders Com. K.B. Ballur and his associates to supervise the allocation of rooms, the food-arrangements etc. Next 2 days also belonged to them. All of us had been under the loving care of our leaders of the Karnataka state committee. They did everything that was possible to ensure the comfort of outstation delegates and to see that the meeting comes to a brilliant end. We convey our gratefulness to all concerned. We shall also be failing in our duties if we do not mention the inspiring welcome speech by Com. A.N. Krishnamurthy, General Secretary, Canara Bank Officers’ Association.**
11. The general body meeting organized by Karnataka state unit took place on 22nd May, 2017. More than 800 members attended the gathering. Com. K.V. Acharya, President, was the Chief Guest and Com. Santharaju and Com. GD Nadaf, both General Secretaries of AIBOC and Conveners of UFBU were the Guests of Honour. Other leaders who graced the occasion are Com. SK Srinivas, General Secretary, AIBOC, Karnataka state unit, Com. Sukumaran, President, RBONC and Com. KLN Rao of FORBE. The representatives of various fraternal organisations also attended the meeting. Right from beginning to the end, it was an orderly and disciplined gathering. The hall overflowing its capacity heard with rapt attention the valuable speeches of galaxy of leaders. The city will remember for many days the holding of such a gathering arranged on the occasion of AIBPARC’s holding its meeting of the managing committee. The special significance of this gathering is the message of broad-based consolidation and coordination among all retiree organisations to achieve the common goal. We congratulate all our leaders and

comrades for the successful holding of the meeting and we expect that our state unit would move from strength to strength in days to come.

With best wishes,

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For : GENERAL SECRETARY