

## **ABOUT OUR ORGANISATION**

We heartily welcome you to our Website. AIUBPARF – All India Union Bank Pensioners & Retirees Federation, representing the Pensioners and Retirees of Union Bank of India was founded on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 and the Foundation Conference was held in the City of Trade Unionism – Kolkata. We had good fortune that the Conference was inaugurated by the doyen of the Officers' movement in the Banking Industry – Com. S.R. Sen Gupta, former President and General Secretary of AIBOC. The birth of this Organisation became a reality due to relentless efforts made by Com. P.K. Sarkar, former General Secretary of AIUBOF. He was holding the mantle of AIBOC and AINBOF as President. The efforts made by our Founder President, late Com. Bihari Patel in realizing the necessity of promoting an Organisation for the Pensioners & Retirees of the Bank have to be recalled at this juncture. He was a true visionary in foreseeing that the Pensioners & Retirees of the Banking Industry have to be brought under an Organisation so as to secure their rightful demands. He realized that the powers that be would listen to and concede the genuine demands only if a unified voice is raised by the Senior citizens of the Banking Industry.

In fact, a separate Organisation for voicing the grievances of the Pensioners in the Banking Industry and to fight for their right was mooted by AIBOC and the seeds were sown in the Foundation Conference held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 at Nagpur. Thanks to the direction given by Com. Nadaf, the then General Secretary of AIBOC, the Organisation came into existence and the First General Body of AIBPARC was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 at New Delhi, an equally important City in the struggle of the Working class.

Pensioners in the Banking Industry have been given a raw deal and their demands were negated without any serious application of mind. At the same time, Pensioners of the Central and State Governments were and are being given substantial benefits, by way of revision in Pension with the salary revision, Adequate medical facilities under the Central Government Health Scheme etc., But for the Pensioners in the Banking Sector, periodical revision had not been considered since 1987, though Pension Regulation by way of Regulation 35(1) provided for revision in Pension with every salary revision. Both Indian Banks' Association and Government of India have started citing the Banks' dwindling profitability to deny the benefit. Though several Court decisions have directed that Pension will have to be revised with every salary revision, such orders are given scant respect. Demands like 100% D.A. neutralization in case of retirees prior to 01.11.2002 and improvement in Family Pension merit serious and favourable consideration by Indian Banks' Association and Government of India. Denial of reimbursement of expenses for domiciliary treatment by the Insurance Companies after issuance of the Policy is yet another instance that Senior Citizens of the Banking Sector are taken for a ride. Refusing to grant Pension benefit to those who were Compulsorily Retired and the Resignees, in spite of Court directions, has caused serious concern to scores of the deprived.

Our Organisation – AIUBPARF and our Apex Organisation – AIBPARC truly stand to fight for the legitimate rights of the Pensioners and Retirees of the Banking Sector and we are confident

that we would emerge as the frontal and vibrant Organisation in the days to come. Coming together of various Pensioners' Organisations under the banner of Co-ordination of Bank Pensioners & Retirees' Organisations – CBPRO is yet another favourable move to clinch the long pending demands.

Only with the advent of AIBPARC, Pensioners demands have been focused and the availability of Regulation 35(1) in Pension Regulations was made known to everyone including the Pensioners. A massive Dharna was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi. The voices of the Senior Citizens present at the venue were heard far and wide. Yet another massive Dharna organized under the banner of CBPRO at the same venue on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 witnessed the participation of more than 25000 elders and our demands got more support from various quarters.

We welcome your suggestions and comments that will help us improve the content. “Queries Corner” will be found to be a welcome addition to the site. More information would be added to the site in the days to come.

**LET US TOGETHER MAKE THIS SITE MORE MEANINGFUL AND USEFUL TO THE PENSIONERS AND RETIREES.**