

CANARABANKSYNDICATEPENSIONERS&RETIRESASSOCIATION(REGD.)

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Dear Comrades,

MEETING OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 28.10.2023 AT CHENNAI

The 31st Central Committee Meeting of CBSRA was held on 28.10.2023 at Hotel Benz Park T Nagar Chennai. This meeting was convened at Chennai to coincide with the Governing Council meeting of AIBPARC to be held on next two days i.e. 29th and 30th of Oct 2023. Com C Gangadhar Yadav, Chairman CBSRA chaired the Meeting. Com R K Sharma, President was also present. Com K Suresh Babu, General Secretary conducted the agenda.

2. The committee paid homage to Com. D H Bandi Waddar, Regional Secretary, Vijayapura and other notable personalities and members who passed away during the intervening period. The House placed on record the services rendered by Com Bandi Waddar who was a pillar of our Bengaluru Zone and very popular in Vijayapura (erstwhile Bijapur) area. Participants expressed their condolences to the bereaved family.

3. The activities of the organisation were reviewed. The House appreciated the efforts of AIBPARC in clinching the issue 100% DA Neutralisation to pre-November 2002 retirees, despite the fact that the court case in this matter was lost and congratulated the beneficiaries.

4. The General Secretary Com K Suresh Babu placed before the House a detailed account of the GRC Meeting held at Head Office of the Bank and discussions with HR Wing & Pension Fund. He observed that the response of Management was not at all encouraging as they repeated the same old reason of inadequate Staff Welfare Fund. He elaborated on other suggestions made to the management viz. introduction of new variants under Jeevandhara Scheme exclusively for the benefit of staff Pensioners so as to continue the other benefits available to staff; representation of CBSRA in Staff Welfare Committee and Customer Service Committees at branches, ROs, Cos and HO; introduction of Death Relief Scheme etc., He assured that efforts will continue till justice done.

5. The issue of IBA Group Health Insurance Scheme was discussed at length. Almost all the members of the committee spoke on the issue and noted that this time

around, the abnormal increase in the premium for renewal of IBA group medical insurance policy has caused profound distress. The disappointment and disdain was apparent all over. Meanwhile, emergence of several other insurance policies targeting bank retirees with alternative schemes have created confusion. After threadbare discussion the House felt “we cannot, in good conscience, suggest such external policies to our members, even if they appear cheaper. Safety comes first and saving comes next”. It was categorically in support of the stand taken by AIBPARC and reiterated the call given by the General Secretary vide Cir 23/2023 dated 14.10.2023 that all things considered, after careful thought and consultations, it seems advisable to continue with the IBA Group Medical Insurance Scheme/policy despite the high premium, due to several advantages. As such, to continue with the IBA Group Medical Insurance Scheme/policy with Base Policy of Rs Two Lakhs with minimum Super top policy of Rs One Lakh, if possible, to break the barrier of restrictions and caps applicable to Base Policy.

6. The General Secretary further added that the original ‘Sin’ leading to the current situation was committed by those parties to the negotiations when they settled to create separate insurance policies for retired staff and working staff. This along with shifting the entire insurance premium burden onto retirees left retirees feeling abandoned and vulnerable and thrown to wind and wolves. To make matters worse, the government has imposed GST @18% on the insurance premium. However, that, we must find a way to pull ourselves out of this Catch-22 position sooner than later. He assured to continue efforts in pursuit of justice.

7. Com K V Acharya, President, AIBPARC joined the meeting in the afternoon session. He explained about various constraints faced and efforts made by AIBPARC in making 100% DA Neutralisation to pre-Nov 2002 retirees a reality by convincing the Finance Minister. He was hopeful of achieving the Pension Updation shortly considering the positive indications emanated during the meeting with FM. As far as IBA Group Health Insurance renewal is concerned, he reiterated the stand of AIBPARC on the lines discussed above. He stressed the need of keeping the scheme alive so that further improvements can be demanded and achieved in future. Otherwise, in the absence of any health insurance scheme, the retirees will be left with no other options to take care of their Hospitalisation needs.

8. Reports on activities in the zones were presented. Various suggestions of the Working President, Vice Presidents and all the members in the matter of organisational activities were discussed. The matter of continuation of the scheme of felicitation of members with a memento to all those who attain the age of 75 years was discussed. In view of the significance and sentimental value attached to the event, activity involving leaders and cadres and also a lot of goodwill gained, the House decided to continue the same.

9. Financial statements and accounts for the period under review were presented and approved.

10. Thereafter the following Co-option to fill in the vacancy in the Central Committee and Zonal Committees were made/ approved unanimously.

CO-OPTIONS

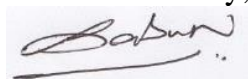
1. Com **V Kannan (Chennai)** as **Joint General Secretary** in the vacancy in the existing vacancy consequent to resignation of Com V Krishna Kumar.
2. Com **H Ravi Kumar (Udupi)** as **Vice-President** in the vacancy consequent to resignation of Com K Madhava Kamath.
3. Com **Shankar Kundapura (Udupi)** as **Dy General Secretary** in the vacancy consequent to elevation of Com H Ravi Kumar as Vice-President

Co-options- Zonal Committees

Name of Zone	Office bearer's Name	Post
BENGALURU	Com (Mrs) Amrutha Kala	ZC Member in the existing vacancy
HYDERABAD	Com K S Chakra Rao	Regional Secretary, Hyderabad on resignation of Com B V Sharma
	Com Y Rajaiah	Regional Secretary, Warangal on resignation of Com D Krishna Dasu
	Com M Madhava Rao	Zonal Council Member in the consequential vacancy of Com K S Chakra Rao
UDUPI	Com K Vasanth Rao	Circle Secretary, Mangalore
	Com Yamanappa Gadi Naik	Circle Secretary, Hubli
	Com Gireesh Kumar	Regional Secretary, Mangalore in the consequential vacancy of Com K Vasanth Rao
	Com Aravind G Nayak	Regional Secretary, Karwar on resignation of Com Prakash B Nayak
	Com M Srinivasa Pai	Regional Secretary, Puttur on resignation of Com KNaveenchandra Chowta
	Com Shivanand Shinnde	Regional Secretary, Hubli –II on resignation of Com Anand D Chubachi
	Com Prakash B Nayak	Zonal Council Member on resignation of Com J V Shetty

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks proposed by Com R Rajaram Adige, CC Member, Coimbatore.

With greetings
Yourscomradely,



K Suresh Babu
GENEALSECRETARY

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