

Syndicate Bank Pensioners & Retirees Association

(Affiliated to AIBPRC, a wing of AIBOC)

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Dear Comrades,

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(Please circulate among all the pensioners & retirees)

HISTORIC FIRST GENERAL BODY MEETING (TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE) OF AIBPRC HELD IN NEW DELHI ON 25TH NOV 2012

We are happy to inform you all that 1st General Body Meeting (Triennial Conference) of AIBPRC was held in New Delhi on 25th of November 2012. We were among the proud participants in the historic event which took place amid a mammoth gathering of leaders and representatives from various bank pensioners and retirees organisations. The principal office-bearers of SBOA in the area along with President Com. HV Coelho; General Secretary Com. DS Punja; Vice President Com. PK Agarwal; Joint Secretary Com. Prakash Karotya; CEC member Com. RK Sharma and Zonal Secretaries - Com. PK Singhal and Com. Adesh Kumar Yadav were also present throughout the proceedings to express solidarity. The venue - Ramjash School Auditorium, Paharganj, New Delhi was jam packed with delegates and observers. Tremendous enthusiasm and marvellous display of unity and solidarity was to be seen to be believed. All the arrangements were made by AIBOC Delhi state unit led by com. Harvinder Singh, who also happens to be the Gen Sec AINBOF. Com. Prakash Karotya took care of our delegates and observers. The inaugural session was addressed by Smt. Krishna Tirath, Hon'ble Union Minister; Com. D. Raja, Secretary of CPI and a MP; Com. P.S. Murthy, General Secretary, SBI Pensioners Association, Com. P.K. Sarkar, President, AIBOC, Com. Harvinder Singh, and Com. S.R. Sengupta, Joint Convener, AIBPRC. While the guests expressed support, Com. Sengupta elaborated on the issues confronting the pensioners and retirees of banking industry and called upon our rank and file to be prepared to launch a sustained struggle to realise our demands. The delegate session was also attended inter alia by General Secretaries of various serving officers' organisations including SBOA General Secretary Com. D S Punja. The meeting took decisions on various matters having far reaching impact on the future course. Comrades, conclusion of the first ever triennial conference of the Confederation marked the beginning of a new era of a strong movement of veterans of the banking industry in the country under the banner of AIBPRC akin to launching

of AIBOC for bank officers decades ago. The following are the office bearers elected unanimously among others: President: Com. K.V. Acharya (IOB); **General Secretary** Com. S.R. Sengupta (BOI); **Working President** Com. B.L. Rathore (SBBJ) Joint General Secretary Com. Suprita Sarkar (UBI), Vice-Presidents 1.Com. S.B.C. Karunakaran (IOB), Dy. General Secretaries 1.Com. M.R. Gopinath Rao, (IOB), 2.Com. D. Chandra (UCO), 2.Com. Ravindra Krishna (UCO). 3.Com. R. Suryanarayanan (Union), 3.Com. Bihari Patel (Union), 4.Com. N.K. Parikh (CBI), 4.Com. B Bhatacharya (Allahabad), 5.Com. P.S. Patki ((BOI). 5.Com. K. Sengupta ((Central), 6.Com. C. Gangadhar Yadav 6.Com. K.B. Ballur (Canara) (Syndicate) 7.Com. G.S. Alva (Vijaya), 7.Com. S. Dasgupta ((UBI), 8.Com.P.K. Malhotra (PNB), 8.Com. S. Kupuswamy (Indian), 9.Com. T. Selvaraj (Lakshmi Vilas), 9.Com. K.G. Vijaykumr (Federal), 10.Com. K. Vijayakumar (SBT), Treasurer Com. B.N. Bardhan (Indian), 11.Com. A.N. Mukherjee (Dena) Dy. Treasurer Com. S. Bagchi (Union)

PENSION OPTION TO VRS OPTEES A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT BY AINBOF

Com. D Rakshit (Syndicate) and others.

It is heartening to note that our bank has initiated steps in terms of the directions of IBA to extend 2nd option of pension to all the officers/employees who have left the bank under VRS. We are awaiting bank's circular spelling out modalities, to assess whether full justice is rendered to the stake holders. We place on record our deep appreciation of the relentless efforts made in realising one of our long pending demands by Com. Harvinder Singh the General Secretary of AINBOF in pursuing the case at DFS, Govt. of India, Delhi and also SBOA under the leadership of Com. DS Punja, Gen Sec, by filing and meticulously pursuing the WP in the High Court of Karnataka on behalf of the affected officers till final judgement. We also thank all the functionaries of AIBOC/UFBU for bringing cheer to thousands of families of the banking fraternity who were deprived of pension benefit so far. However, we are aware that a small section of eligible resignees are still left out of pension scheme. We have already appraised the leadership about the urgency in pursuing this matter. We are sure with the continued support and efforts of the above serving organisations all the pending issues of the pensioners and retirees will be resolved one by one at the earliest.

PENDING ISSUES

The Charter of Demands submitted by different constituents of UFBU to IBA has incorporated the pending demands of the Pensioners. Problems of Pre 1-1-86 retirees, DA discrimination, uniform medical/hospitalistion scheme, pension up-dation, upgradation, improvement in family pension, allocation of fund for welfare of pensioners etc. have found a prominent place. The General Body meeting of AIBPRC at New Delhi on 25th Nov 2012 also took note and resolved to pursue the same. There is also urgent need to achieve uniformity in bank level benefits – intra-bank and interbank. In our bank the discrimination between VRS/ Resigned and the superannuation retirees in the matter of Annual Medical Aid, Insurance etc is heart burning. We shall take up the issues appropriately and strive to get the same resolved.

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT

We are extremely happy about the tremendous response received from all of you to the call given by us for enrolment of membership. Within a short span our membership has scaled new heights and we are on our way to cross the initial target of 2000 shortly. We congratulate all our office-bearers, activists and members for such a phenomenal progress in the membership enrolment drive. We are also grateful to SBOA, the General Secretary Com. D S Punja and his team of office-bearers for their whole hearted and outright support in our endeavour. An unparalleled task of sending letters to all the retirees/pensioners of the bank was taken up by SBOA team at Mumbai under the leadership of President Com. H V Coelho which has paved way for our reaching the first target much earlier than envisaged. We shall soon be in an unassailable position to stake claim for recognition and representative negotiator status for retirees of our bank. Comrades, it is only a beginning. Let us not rest till we bring all the pensioners and retirees of the bank into the fold of SBPRA and consolidate every veteran of the banking industry under the single banner AIBPRC. We once again call upon our members/functionaries to approach each and every retiree of the bank and ensure their enrolment without further delay.

ZONAL TEAMS FORMED

Zonal Committees have already been formed in various Zones. The following is the list of office bearers apart from the Zonal Council Members. We are in the process of finalising teams for the remaining Zones and shall update you with the list soon.

- 1. Hyderabad: Joint Secretary: Com. K. Ram Reddy, Hyderabad (9848069336); Zonal Secretary: Com. RSR Prasad, Hyderabad (9010731351). Regional Secretaries Com. KNV Prasad, Vijayawada (880111711), Com. C Balaguravaiah, Nellore (9440993968), Com. B Sivasankar, Anantapur (9959547773), Com. Kumaraswamy, Hyderabad (9030028066).
- 2. Bangalore: Joint Secretary: Com. K R Ramappa, Bangalore (9686231463); Zonal Secretary: Com. H Aswarthanarayana Reddy, Bangalore (9449850190). Regional Secretaries Com. P Guruswamy, Bangalore (9886495199), Com. Ramanjaneyulu, Bellary (9483979481), V R Kulkarni Bijapur (9620902797) and Com. K. Ramachandra, Mysore (9886141453).
- 3. Chennai:- Joint Secretary: Com. Murugananthan, Chennai(9840839396); Zonal Secretary: Com. S Nagavelu Chennai(9444696266); Regional Secretaries com. Com. S Rangan, Chennai (9710125664); Com. S Saseetharan, Coimbatore (9865340474);
- 4. Udipi:- Joint Secretary: Com. Ramamohan Rao Udipi (9880071191); Zonal Secretary: com. Dinesh Pai Udipi(9880040720); Regional Secretaries— Com. Jayaram Kamath Udupi (9886945877); Com. Vasanth Rao Mangalore (9449034468); Com L V Nayak, Karwar (9448679149); Com. Thirtharaj, Belgaum (9448334925); Com. Prabhakar Bijoor, Hubli (944964445);
- 5. Meerut:- Joint Secretary: Com. Suraj Prakash, Meerut (9719761107); Zonal Secretary: Com. J L Sarma Ghaziabad(9891586209); Regional Secretaries Com. D K Singh, Agra (8126668589); Com. P P Bhatnagar, Moradabad (9760015660); Com. J B Varma, Lucknow (9454167870); Com. S N Sharma, Ghaziabad (9837370354); Com. V K Sharma, Meerut(8859444434).
- 6. Trivandrum:- Joint Secretary: com. P V Pavithran, Kannur(9496187325); Zonal Secretary: com. PN Vijayan Nair, Ernakulam (9605555690); Regional Secretaries Com.P Gopinath, Trivandrum (9349322314); Com. CT Narayanan, Kannur(9447320700); com. MM Divakaran, Ernakulam(9446052441).

With warm greetings,

(C Gangadhar Yadav)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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