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Dear Friends,

For circulation among affiliates of AIBPARC

We have much pleasure to inform all the members that another colourful feather has been added to the cap of our General Secretary Comrade S.R. Sengupta. The meeting of the Governing Council recently held in Ahmedabad took note of the event and decided to apprise the membership about it. Reserve Bank of India Employees Association organized a colourful and well-attended function in Kolkata on 16th February, 2013 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of their organized life. The organisation in British days was known as Currency Association which was converted into and renamed as Reserve Bank of India Employees' Association in the year 1935. On the occasion of the Association's 90th anniversary, RBIEA felicitated 7 (seven) illustrious Trade Union leaders belonging to different segments of society for their lifetime contribution to the movement of working class. Com. Sengupta was one of the seven such leaders. To make the occasion memorable, Dr. Amartya Sen, the Nobel Laureate delivered his well thought lecture on "Trade Union and Economic Development". The entire function was well organized and praiseworthy. AIBPARC feels that honouring Mr. Sengupta is in effect a recognition of the glorious tradition of the trade unionism of supervisory cadre in the banking industry. Let us march forward from glory to glory.

To recount in brief, Comrade S.R. Sengupta was the General Secretary of Federation of Bank of India Officers' Associations during a pretty long period of almost quarter of a century; during AICOBOO days, he was one of the prime-movers of events in the capacity of Vice-President and the names of Com. S.R. Sengupta and Com. R.N. Godbole became synonymous with AIBOC which symbolizes the hopes and aspirations of Bank Officers since 1985. He was the architect of united movement of all the trade unions of Award Staff and officers and it was principally under his initiative, UFBU saw the light of the earth. The felicitation of such a personality enlightens not only the man but the cause he served for so many years with dedication. When Comrade Suprita Sarkar made an announcement of this event in the meeting, the entire House was overjoyed. The members present offered a standing ovation to Comrade Sengupta for this marvelous recognition. When such a man with an image larger than life leads the movement of Retirees, the future of AIBPARC is bound to be bright and illuminating.

With warm greetings,

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PRESIDENT