

(For circulation among members of the Governing Council, Secretaries of State Units and to all affiliates.)

Sub: **Bipartite talks on Wage Revision knock at the door.**

Dear Comrade,

You have already learnt by our earlier circular dated 19.01.2015 that IBA has already conveyed their willingness to reach finality by 7th February, 2015 and keeping this dateline in mind, both the sides are going to meet at Mumbai on 3rd February, 2015. Since finality is knocking at the door, there has been a lot of anxiety in the minds of pensioners and retirees of the industry about the thought : what is going to happen to us and is there any ray of hope for the pensioners' demands to be achieved. Friends, instead of playing football to the satisfaction of the gallery, we have been assiduously doing our part of the job to extract as much as we can to serve the interest of the retirees. This is well known that the organisations of the retirees are not taking part in dialogue pertaining to the 10th Bipartite settlement. Although our efforts are going on to the desired direction, we did not get the official forum with IBA to be physically present and tell our views. In the given situation, apart from going with programmes of demonstrative nature, we have been maintaining continuous liaison with constituents of UFBU, IBA and GOI. You also know that although IBA is the official negotiator, but the real power rests with the Government. Quite contrary to earlier bipartites, with the passage of time, Ministry of Finance plays the pivotal role in determining the shapes of events now a days and IBA has to follow through. Keeping all such constraints in mind we have once again written to both the authorities to be sympathetic to the feelings and aspirations of retirees. We are reproducing hereunder the full set of correspondence for information of the members.

With best wishes,

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