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Dear Comrade,

Sub : Adieu 2019.

Within a few hours from now, we shall be bidding farewell to a most eventful year 2019. So many happenings have taken place in quick succession and it is really difficult to keep track with all such events for an elder citizen of the country. In short, restlessness in society, extremely sluggish economy and resultant adverse impact have characterized the year 2019. We fervently hope that the New Year, 2020 will bring peace, prosperity and tranquility in the life of the nation as well as the citizens of the country.

As for retirees, life has been harder from hard for various reasons. Dwindling interest rate on bank deposits, stagnant monthly pension and payment of a very high amount of premium for group mediclaim have made the life difficult for an elder citizen of the industry. Still, they have displayed tremendous amount of patience and high dose of loyalty to the organisation they belong to. Our gratitude is boundless to a few lakhs of retirees of the industry. We convey our admiration and regard to all the retirees of the industry and also to the members of their families. We wish a very happy new year for all of them.

We believe that a sense of isolation and hopelessness are the two enemies of a superannuated man. He starts feeling that his identity is at crisis and he generally has a propensity to go deep in a world which is peculiarly his own. The retirees of the banking industry have been a glorious exception to this common experience of ours. They have preferred to live and enjoy a collective existence and share the pleasure and pain together with other similarly affected elder citizens of the industry. They have conquered the element of joylessness and still fighting a brave battle to get back their own rights and privileges which are extremely rational and legal. Is it not surprising that thousands of retirees at different state capitals and important places are demonstrating almost every day for last two months under the banner of CBPRO/AIBPARC? We firmly believe that such commitment and loyalty can never go unnoticed.

We have a firm hope that UFBU in general and AIBOC in particular will be keeping up their commitments to the elder citizens of the country. We sincerely believe that Government of India and IBA will appreciate the agony of the elder citizens and take proactive steps to ameliorate their sufferings. We like to recite loudly the immortal lines of Tennyson : “The year is going, let him go; ring out the false, ring in the true”.

With best wishes of the New Year

Yours faithfully,



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General Secretary