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Dear Comrade,

Sub : Thiruvananthapuram throbs with hectic organisational activities on 26th & 27th July, 2014.

The leaders, activists and veterans assembled at Thiruvananthapuram on 26th July, 2014 to take part in the meeting of the Managing Committee (extended) on 27th July, 2014. Leaders of the Kerala State Committee of AIBPARC laboured very hard to make all arrangements of comfortable stay of the delegates coming from outside and also made very good arrangements for the meeting. On the occasion of holding the meeting of the Managing Committee, the State Committee took a decision of organizing a general meeting of the Pensioners and the Retirees on 26th July, 2014.

The General Meeting, in the normal tradition of Kerala State, was an astounding success. More than 500 pensioners including 40 lady members attended the meeting and heard the leaders with rapt attention. Com. R. Chandrasenan, the State Secretary, welcomed all the members present and greeted the leaders for being present in large numbers. Com. P.B. Thomas, President of the State Unit narrated various activities undertaken by the State Committee. He reported that a massive sit-in programme was organised by the State Committee before the main Branch of State Bank of Travancore on 19th July, 2014. The event coincided with the 45th anniversary of Bank Nationalisation. A gathering of several hundred retirees was addressed by Com. V.S. Achuthanandan, leader of opposition, Kerala Legislative Assembly and former Chief Minister of the State. The large gathering of 26th July was

addressed among others by Com. K.V. Acharya, President, Com. S. Sarkar, Joint General Secretary and Com. Abraham Shaji John, Secretary of AIBOC State Unit.

The meeting of the Managing Committee (extended) started at 10 a.m. sharp. Office-bearers of AIBPARC and Secretaries of different State Committees attended the meeting. Com. K.V. Acharya, President, all the Vice-Presidents present, President of State Unit of AIBPARC and Joint General Secretary formed the presidium. After maintaining one minute's silence in memory of departed colleagues and after the welcome address by the local leaders, the meeting started with the initial address of Com. K.V. Acharya, President. He recounted all the important meetings that took place in the intervening period with different leaders and Ministers and informed the house about the latest developments. Shri S. Sarkar, Jt. General Secretary, placed the Report of the General Secretary prepared by Com. S.R. Sengupta, who could not attend the meeting for certain minor illness as per Doctor's advice. More than 20 members made a full throated participation on various issues affecting the pensioners which include, inter-alia, the deprivation to resignee officers and the latest legal reliefs available to some of them and problems of denial of similar such benefits to other Resignees, latest position of wage-revision-talks held between UFBU and IBA, issues of pensioners discussed at the bilateral forum, peculiar problems faced by certain Banks where provisions of voluntary retirement was not there, denial of 5 years of notional seniority and second option to pension in certain private sector and associate Banks, the situation persisting in Punjab National Bank following the suicide of a chief Manager, immediate tasks before the organisation to press and highlight the issues of the pensioners and retirees before the Government and IBA, prospect of coordination with other organisations of retirees and consolidation of the organisation in different parts of the country.

The meeting expressed concern for not so favourable response from IBA in relation to the demand of updation of pension. The so-called story of fabulous cost is not founded on facts and figures. It is just an assumption. The house noted that certain banks have already undertaken an actual costing needed for updation and it has been seen that the cost is within a very reasonable extent. The meeting demanded that IBA should act in pursuance of the provisions of Pension Regulations which has already shown the way of how to update the pensioners of earlier years. The house also felt that increased family pension at 30% and removal of discrimination in neutralisation of DA applicable to pre-1.11.2002 retirees are such issues which never can be negated by IBA because it has already been implemented in Reserve Bank of India and our Pension Regulation is based on the provisions of RBI Pension Regulations. After day long discussions following decisions were taken by the House :-

1. The leadership will be in continuous touch with the components of UFBU to make them more and more responsive to the issues of their elder colleagues in the final phase of negotiations with IBA.

2. All out efforts on the part of the organisation will be made to have appointments at the levels of Ministry and bureaucracy and harp on them the need to remove deprivations of Retirees.
3. Demonstrative programmes, if necessary, may be thought of at shorter notice by the President and General Secretary of the organisation.
4. Coordination which has already started with other organisations of retirees may be nourished further to give an impression to Government and IBA that all the retirees of the Banking Sector speak in one voice at least on demands and deprivations.
5. The house also took the decision of making following co-options in different posts :

i) Shri P.V. Mathew, President, of our affiliate in Federal Bank has been co-opted as Vice president of AIBPARC

ii) Shri B.T. Reddy, General Secretary, of our affiliate in Dena Bank has been co-opted as the Dy. General Secretary of AIBPARC,

iii) After getting the names from our affiliates in State Bank of Hyderabad and Andhra Bank, necessary cooption will be done from these two banks and circular to this effect will be issued shortly.

iv) Shri R.K. Pathak of Resignee Officers' Welfare Society will be invited by the organisation to attend all meetings of Managing Committes and Governing Council as Special Invitee.

v) The house takes a resolution to thank AIBOC affiliated organisation in State Bank of Travancore for bearing the cost of our meeting.

Friends, the organisational activities undertaken by AIBPARC for two consecutive days will surely go a long way to consolidate the retirees movement in this part of the country.

With best wishes to all.

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