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Dear Comrades,

Sub : AIBPARC, WEST BENGAL STATE COMMITTEE HOLDS OPEN SESSION OF ITS 2ND TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON 29TH APRIL, 2017 IN THE MIDST OF MASSIVE PARTICIPATION OF BANK RETIREES IN THE CITY OF KOLKATA

It was 2-30 pm at Krishnapada Ghosh Memorial Hall, Kolkata. The weather outside was extremely unkind because of a tremendous heat-wave. Still the hall was packed to capacity. Additional chairs had to be arranged to accommodate people. Apart from 500 people who took the chairs, at least 50 were standing at the tea counters opened at the rear of the hall. Braving out the unfavourable weather and an odd time of the day, the retirees of Kolkata again made it a memorable day by their remarkable participation. The meeting started just on time. Com. Tridib Charan Choudhury, President of the state unit presided over the meeting. All the vice presidents of the state committee and all the members of the Governing Council stationed in Kolkata were invited to the dais. Felicitations being over, the meeting started with the initial address of the president of the state committee. He welcomed all the members and drew the attention of the central leaders to the exorbitant rise of the premium of group mediclaim causing tremendous hardship for pensioners. He also appealed to the members to remain present upto the end of the proceeding and hear the leaders patiently. Com. S. Sarkar, state secretary observed that it was not his day today as President is available as a guest speaker and he will be apprising the members about all the issues in detail. He requested the president to please incorporate the demands of RRB retirees in the charter of demands. He further informed that only RRB affiliate of AIBPARC is from the state of Bengal and other one may join at any point of time. He also mentioned the cause of anxiety faced by affiliates in Associate Banks of SBI and requested the President to assure them with latest information. As time was a very big constraint, a few willing members from the audience who were interested to speak could not be accommodated. The matter was explained to them and they were requested to send slip of papers containing their queries to the dais. Two such slips came containing queries about the role of UFBU and prospect of movement with other retiree organisations. The state secretary replied to the queries.

Com. KV Acharya, President, AIBPARC was the principal speaker of the day. He spoke for 90 minutes and touched upon all the issues right from the beginning of the organisation till today. He observed that AIBPARC not only created new ray of hopes in the minds of the bank retirees but also made IBA and GOI aware about the seriousness of doing something for the bank retirees at an early date. This has been possible because of continuous liaison maintained with IBA, Govt. and important political personalities. Although age has not always been in our favour, we have never lagged behind in the matter of protest demonstrations. The two dharnas at Delhi have not only made us confident but also the serving organisations have looked upon us with an element of impressiveness. We have been maintaining regular touch with the components of UFBU in general and AIBOC in particular to help them in fighting our cause. AIBPARC, he observed has been one of the principal driving force behind the formation of CBPRO and through many of its actions, it is now a historical necessity as well as a proud reality for all of us. The huge arithmetical strength of SBI Pensioners Association coupled with the growing strength of AIBPARC and also the other agile components of CBPRO have made all of us a potential factor in the movement of bank retirees and a force to reckon with. He also narrated the gist of dialogue that CBPRO had with ALC(C) on various issues of retirees and referred to a detailed document given to them by countering various arguments of IBA which are not based on facts and logic. He informed the house that the bipartite settlement is knocking at the door. AIBPARC is on its job. The charter will be finalized in the next meeting at Bengaluru. We shall be demanding that we must be called as a party to the negotiation and at the same time we shall be using the good offices of all the components of UFBU. We believe that the fight of the serving people and the retirees must be orchestrated in a single chord otherwise it is difficult to achieve success. He complemented the state unit for becoming a viable one right from the beginning of the organisation and expected that it would move from success to success. He thanked everybody in the audience for undertaking the hardship of being present in this hot weather. He concluded his speech with a stubborn optimism that retirees this time should not go empty handed and AIBPARC together with CBPRO will try its level best to be the worthy of the situation. Members present greeted Com. Acharya for his long and elaborate speech.

Com. Subrata Sarkar, Dy. Secretary of the state committee proposed vote of thanks. He thanked leaders, activists, veterans and members for their full throated participation in the conference. He also thanked the owner of the hall and all supporting staff for extending cooperation to make the conference an astounding success.

President declared the conference as closed and before departure members shouted slogans in favour of the demands of the retirees.

With best wishes,

GENERAL SECRETARY

