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**For circulation among members of the Governing Council of AIBPARC
with request for percolation of message down the line at the earliest**

Dear Comrade,

Sub: **Discussion at Government level.**

You are already aware of the fact that we have represented several times before the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister on the issues and discriminations meted out to the pensioners and retirees of the banking industry. We had also asked for an appointment with the FM for personally briefing him on our grievances. As a consequential effect we were advised to have a face to face dialogue with Sri Rajiv Takru, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India on 1st October, 2013 at New Delhi. Sri K.V. Acharya, President, Sri Suprita Sarkar, Joint General Secretary, and the undersigned represented AIBPARC. The dialogue was congenial and purposeful. The issues highlighted by us were as under:-

- 1) Updation of pension,
- 2) Improvement of family pension,
- 3) 100% DA neutralisation for pre-01.11.2002 retirees,

- 4) Pathetic plight of pre-01.11.1986 retirees,
- 5) Uniform medical/hospitalization scheme,
- 6) Other issues like 50% pension to all, one more option to Resignees etc.
- 7) Creation of a bipartite forum.

During the course of discussions, the Secretary, DFS observed that the Retirees are the Bank employees and they should not be treated otherwise. He said that it would be proper to have discussions with IBA.

Since birth of our organisation, we have been striving hard to create a meaningful tier for hearing the voice of the retirees. Although our working brethren (UFBU) have propagated our cause by incorporating our demands in their charter, what is the harm in hearing the voice of the retirees? Before finalization of Pay-Commission, Government of India allows lot of time to the Retirees' organisations to ventilate their grievances and to appreciate their sentiment. The same procedure is to be followed in the Banking Sector. At long last, we are going to have a well-defined forum to place our views in greater details.

Comrades, there is no reason to believe that we achieved everything. It is a difficult journey and we are to move step by step with an element of caution. The leadership will do its job at the right moment and it will strike the right chord at the opportune situation. The task before the membership is to unite, consolidate and strengthen the arms of the organisation. The leaders borrow mental and physical strength from the united strength of the membership. We shall keep you apprised time to time the developments and it is duty of all of us to ensure that the message percolates downwards in an effective manner.

With warm greetings,

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GENERAL SECRETARY