

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

**Sub : Andhra Pradesh-Telangana States Unit holds its 1st General Body on 18th January, 2015
at Hyderabad in the midst of participative involvement and grandeur –
Union Labour Minister declares his good intention to stay by the side of Bank Retirees
in their struggle for achievement of their just demands.**

Dear Comrade,

The Bhadraka college Auditorium was packed to capacity at 10-30 a.m. Large number of members, stood in staircases and additional chairs were provided in the passage of the Hall to accommodate the overflowing crowd. For information of all concerned, we are narrating the events in brief and in chronology :

1. Dr. Parkala Prabhakar, Special Secretary, Govt. of A.P. inaugurated the conference by narrating his close relationship with Banks and cited the instances of his different relatives working in various capacities at different Banks. In a precise manner, he made it clear that he was aware of all the problems faced by the retirees of Banks. The banks in India today hold a special place in national economy because of the sacrifice of these people. Society, IBA and government cannot be oblivious of them. He promised that he would raise the voice of Bank retirees in the proper forum of government.
2. Shri Bandaru Dattareya, Union Labour Minister and a senior politician of the state in the midst of his heavily loaded day long pre-occupations managed to attend our conference and inaugurated the same by lighting the lamp. In his brief address, he inspired the gathering by his down to earth talks. He made it

clear that improved medical facilities for the Bank retirees and “updatation” of pension of the older retirees in the Industry are abject necessities and everybody should support the cause. In the midst of applause, he declared that he supported the cause not only as Union Labour Minister but also as an elder citizen of the country.

3. Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary, observed that AIBPARC since formation has been functioning not like a club but like an active trade union. Issues have been earmarked; charter of demand has been placed before IBA through UFBU; regular follow-up measures have been initiated with IBA/government etc. This is not the end of the story. The organisation resorted to historical agitation at Jantar Mantar and such programmes will be repeated if the aspiration of Bank retirees is not fulfilled. He urged upon members to consolidate the movement further and to bring the uncovered segment of membership under the shadow of AIBPARC’s umbrella.
4. Com. Suprita Sarkar, Joint General Secretary, observed that the demands of the retirees and the ways of fulfillment have been duly documented in Bilaterally – settled minutes and also in Pension Regulations. When its legality is already accepted, how can the IBA/government hesitate to tackle the issue of “updatation” on grounds of cost. Although we have our full confidence in the UFBU, still a separate and well defined forum should be there to hear the voice of retirees from the forum of retirees.
5. Com. Raghav Rao, Secretary of the Adhoc Committee of the Andhra Pradesh State Unit, placed his written report before the members who were all praise to appreciate the fact that the entire report was available in a giant screen on the stage so that members could have a direct view of what was being placed. Two members while participating on Secretary’s report mentioned a few points of the demand of the retirees and the subsequent speakers provided answer to the same. Members by show of hands supported the submission of the Secretary and passed the report. Com. Gangadhar Yadav, the General Secretary, of Syndicate Bank Pensioners & Retirees Association and also a senior office bearer of AIBPARC conducted the proceedings in a very effective manner.

6. Good number of leaders of working organisations, very eminent former leaders of the movement and leaders of affiliates from different Banks greeted the conference. Such important personalities include Com. Ananta Krishna Rao (SBH), Com. Raja Gopal Reddy (Andhra), Com. Vinod (UCO Bank), Com. Sammugam (Dena Bank), Com. Prabhakar (CBI), Com. Srinivas Rao, Com. Purusottam (IOB), Com. P. Sharma (Canara), Com. Suresh Babu (Syndicate) etc. In case, however, any name has been omitted unintentionally, the same may please be condoned. Each one of them was equally inspiring to the Audience.

7. Elections of the State Committee took place in a very smooth manner for the posts of President and Secretary. The House unanimously authorized the newly Secretary and the President to talk to different affiliates and finalize the full list of office-bearers at an early date. We have much pleasure to inform that Shri K.M. Sastry of SBH and Com. A.V.V. Raghava Rao of BOI were unanimously elected as the President and the Secretary of the State Committee Com. Vinayak Rao, Senior leader of the retirees of SBH proposed vote of thanks.

We congratulate the State Committee for holding the 1st General Body in the midst of enthusiasm and participative involvement. We believe that conference will help; all of us to consolidate further the Bank retirees in this part of the State and that movement will grow from strength to strength.

With best wishes,

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GENERAL SECRETARY