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(For circulation among all the members of the Managing Committee as well as the Governing Council of AIBPARC, Special Invitees, State Secretaries and Advisors of AIBPARC.)

Dear Comrade,

Sub : AIBPARC holds meeting of the Managing Committee (Extended) on 11th October, 2017 at New Delhi.

The capital city of Delhi witnessed a lot of organizational activities of AIBPARC on the occasion of its holding the meeting of the managing committee (extended) at B.T. Ranadive Memorial Trust on 11th October, 2017. Office bearers, EC members and State Secretaries assembled in large numbers from different parts of the country. The meeting was participative in the real sense of the term. It continued from 10 am to 5 pm and 25 members participated in deliberations. The highlights of the meeting are reported hereunder for information of members :

- It was a great pleasure for us to note that Com. Franco, General Secretary, AIBOC, in spite of his very busy schedule in the capital even on the day, attended our conference and addressed the house. He reported in brief the dialogue between Union Finance Minister and the leaders of UFBU on different issues like bank merger, accumulation of NPA, early resolve of demands etc. He reminded the house that it is the bigger corporate houses who are top defaulters in the banking industry and the small borrowers are much better in repayment of bank dues. He observed that a bigger campaign in an aggressive manner is to be done by all the trade unions and the individuals to make the countrymen feel that merger is the first step towards privatization and it is to be opposed in the interest of the country. As regards issues of retirees, he informed that a separate chapter has been made on it and it is a part and parcel of the charter of demands. It has also been demanded before IBA that the Record Note should be discussed first for resolve and then real discussion on charter of demands will start. Whenever any demands of retirees come for discussion, IBA quotes certain figures which appear to be highly inflated. AIBOC wants to have the statistical data and be sure about it. As regards highly inflated amount of premium of group mediclaim, AIBOC is of the view that employers cannot be oblivious about the health hazards of the retired employees and officers and they will have to take the burden of it.
- In the organizational front, following co-options were done :
George C. Chacko was co-opted as the Senior Vice President in place of Com. P.V. Mathew (since deceased). This is for affiliate in Federal Bank.
Com. P. Nagarajan was co-opted as Dy. General Secretary in place of Com. Swaminathan who did not contest for the post of General Secretary. This is for our affiliate in LVB.
Com. Dabhi was co-opted as Vice President in place of Com. B.R. Shah. This is for our affiliate in Bank of India.

- The house expressed serious concern for the retirees of Associate Banks who informed that the circular on mediclaim has still not been issued although their cover is upto the midnight of 31st October, 2017. The leadership assured the affiliates of Associate Banks that the circular is expected to be issued very shortly by SBI authorities. In case the same is not done, the issue will be taken up with leaders of SBI Pensioners Association with whom we have good relationships.
- The house expressed serious concern at the highly inflated premium for renewal of group mediclaim. It was contended that IBA has already made a distortion in the original guidelines on formulation of mediclaim scheme for retirees. Now IBA shall have to advise the member banks for subsidizing heavily so that the burden of premium becomes much less than what has been proposed. The house expressed deep concern at the pathetic plight of family pensioners and pensioners under the category of subordinate staff.
- The house expressed its views in unequivocal terms that it will never be a right decision for any organisation to collect the premium from retirees willing for the super top up policy. It is basically a duty and obligation of the employer and bank management will have to do it. The house also made an appeal to the retirees to think about joining the super top up policy at very reduced premium and the package is to be thought in a comprehensive pattern.
- The house expressed satisfaction on the following issues :-
Improvement in the communication system in last few months; proactive role of AIBPARC/CBPRO in regard to rectification of error in Punjab National Bank's pension corpus, very encouraging role of AIBPARC in regard to the court case on 100% DA neutralization to pre-November, 2002 retirees etc. Different other organizational issues which include, inter alia, payment of subscriptions by defaulters immediately, all the affiliates should open their doors for all cadres of people, IBA should immediately issue guidelines to allow additional qualifying service to the eligible groups, were discussed in the meeting. The house also deliberated at length the ways and means by which and through which the demands of retirees can be resolved.
- The house noted with pleasure the activities of the organisation in maintaining continuous liaison with UFBU, IBA, bureaucracy and political personalities. The house advised the leadership to observe the turn of events in a close and intensive manner and to go for demonstrative programmes if necessity is felt at any point of time. It was also felt that larger coordination was necessary with the Chairman & Managing Directors of different banks to create a corner of sympathy for retirees.
- The house observed that all the meetings of managing committee are in fact the meetings of governing council since all EC members and state secretaries are invited in the meeting of the managing committee. The proposed meeting of the governing council at the end of the year may be skipped and the next meeting may be called sometimes in January 2018.
- The meeting thanked our leaders, activists and veterans stationed in Delhi for taking the enormous trouble in organizing the meeting.

Note : In our earlier circular no. 56/17, issued today, we have informed the names of newly elected President and Secretary of AIBPARC, Delhi State Committee. Please note that com. R.K. Sharma (Syndicate Bank) has been elected as the Chairman of AIBPARC, Delhi State Committee.

With best wishes,

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ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY