



# **ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION**



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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 : AIBOC W.B. State Committee organizes a historical mass-sit-in programme on 28.07.2018 with the slogans demanding “Save Public Sector Banks and Save the country” and “Oppose Privatisation”**

We have much pleasure to inform that it was really a landmark day in the history of movement of bank employees and officers. AIBOC W.B. State Unit called a mass-sit-in programme on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 from 11 am to 3 pm at Esplanade area located at the heart of the city. In spite of a very foul climate and rough weather, several thousand bank officers participated in the sit-in programme. The crowd swelled to adjoining streets and a lot of trouble had to be undertaken to ensure smooth movement of traffic.

We call it historical on 5 counts : (a) Unexpectedly high attendance of serving officers and retired officers was noticed and the encouraging presence of very young officers was appreciably high, (b) leaders of different political parties including Congress, TMC, CPM, Forward Block addressed the gathering and supported the fight of AIBOC against moves of privatization. (c) Leaders of different central trade unions including INTUC, CITU, TUCC, etc. addressed the gathering and supported the cause. (d) The leaders of all the components of UFBU addressed the massive gathering and congratulated AIBOC for organizing such an assembly. (e) Small farmers, traders and large number of self-help groups took part in the programme showing their solidarity with the battle of bankers. Well known social workers were present on the dais to encourage the organizers.

Com. Soumya Datta, All India General Secretary of AIBOC, Com. Sanjay Das, Secretary, AIBOC, W.B. State Unit and various other leaders appealed to the audience to always remain alert about the intensions of the Govt. and consolidate the movement of the supervisory cadre and orchestrate the same with the struggle of working masses of the country to defend the public sector character of banks in the interest of the society. AIBPARC has noted with pleasure that a good number of retirees attended the programme to show our solidarity with our working brethren. Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, AIBPARC, assured the audience and the leadership of AIBOC that the retirees are part and parcel of any movement launched by UFBU and AIBOC. At shortest possible notice, the retirees will make their services available as it has happened today.

With best wishes,

( SUPRITA SARKAR )  
GENERAL SECRETARY