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Dear Comrade,

7th CBPRO meeting at Delhi on 28.8.2018

We reproduce hereunder the text of CBPRO circular no. 017/2018 dated 30.8.2018 on above subject for favour of information.

With best wishes,

(SUPRITA SARKAR)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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To:
All General Secretaries,
Constituents of CBPRO

Dear Comrades,

7th CBPRO meeting at Delhi on 28.8.2018

The leaders of CBPRO met at New Delhi on 28th August, 2018 and deliberated on various issues of Bank Pensioners and Retirees. The meeting was presided over by Shri A.Ramesh Babu General Secretary, Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations. Shri Ramesh Deshpande of RBONC, Shri Suprita Sarkar of AIBPARC, Shri A. N. Madhusudhan of FORBE, Shri G N Mehrotra of AIRBEA along with their team attended the meeting. CBPRO had invited AIBRF leaders to attend the meeting so as to workout common strategies and common action programme. However since they could not make it to the meeting they desired that a separate meeting between CBPRO and AIBRF could be convened in early September 2018.

Before the deliberations started tributes were paid to the memory of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji, Former Prime Minister of India, Shri M. Karunanidhi, Former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Shri Somnath Chatterjee, Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Shri Kuldeep Nayyar, Doyen of Journalism and other comrades who left for their heavenly abode during this period.

The House also expressed deep anguish about the havoc caused to life and property in the state of Kerala and Kodagu (Coorg) district of Karnataka due to the fury of heavy rains and floods. A fervent appeal was made to extend possible financial support by all the constituents and their affiliates. Some of the constituents and their affiliates informed the house that they have already made contributions and members have also been sending their contributions individually.

Shri A.Ramesh Babu in his Presidential remarks welcomed the co-ordination with AIBRF and expressed confidence that the unity forged in the Retiree's Movement will go a long way in resolving the issues of the Bank Pensioners & Retirees. He also emphasized the need for urgent solution in respect of Medical Insurance Scheme and stated that with the cooperation and concern shown by UFBU leaders the pending issues contained in the Record Note of the last settlement will also get a satisfactory resolution. He also pointed out about some progress made in the ongoing wage settlement.

Shri K V Acharya presented the Joint Conveners report which contained the following issues:

1. Efforts put in by CBPRO in respect of Pension Updation
2. Improvement in Family Pension
3. 2nd option for Pension to Resignees
4. Reckoning Special Allowance for Pension and other terminal benefits
5. Effective date of Gratuity of Rs20.00 lacs w.e.f 01.01.2016
6. IBA's communication to Banks in regard to implementation of Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement in regard to:
 - a. Re-fixation of Basic Pension to those who retired between April 1998 and May 2005.
 - b. Implementation of Pension Regulation 26.
 - c. Extension of 2nd Option to Compulsorily Retired Officers.

On all the above three, at our request IBA extended the benefit to similarly placed persons rather than restricting it to only the petitioners.

7. The report also explained in detail the court cases in respect of 100% DA Neutralisation where the Review Petition is yet to be disposed off by the Hon'ble Supreme court. The report also explained about the efforts put in by CBPRO & AIBRF jointly in respect of exemption of GST on Medical Insurance premium. The leaders of CBPRO & AIBRF jointly met the leaders of AIBOC, AIBEA and had interaction with the Convener of UFBU, mainly in regard to Medical Insurance Scheme and as a result of which the suggestions were crystallized by CBPRO & AIBRF who gave a joint letter to the Convener of UFBU explaining the expectations of the Pensioners & Retirees and ways and means to make the premiums affordable to the Retirees.

8. The report also contained cases pending before the Hon'ble High Courts & Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding Pension Updation

.The leaders of Constituents of CBPRO deliberated on the report.

Shri Ramesh Deshpande exhorted to strengthen the coordination further and wished that CBPRO further firm up the strategies as Retirees are eager and anxious to see the results of our efforts.

Shri Suprita Sarkar while welcoming the coordination with AIBRF suggested that collaboration & coordination with UFBU is now more important than ever as the wage negotiation talks are already underway and Record Note being the creation of last settlement. UFBU should try for a logical conclusion in respect of the issues mentioned in the Record Note. He also emphasized the fact that Retirees should not go for any private arrangement with any Insurance Company or through any broker and all out efforts should be made to Retain the IBA Medical Insurance Scheme with reasonable and affordable premium where the Banks also have to bear the premium to the charge of P & L account as is the case with the serving employees.

Shri Madhusudhan also endorsed the suggestions made by both Shri Deshpande and Shri Suprita Sarkar. He also mentioned about lobbying with the political leaders by his organisation along with CBPRO leaders.

Comrade Mehrotra expressed the view that very strong demonstrative actions are the need of the hour and we should go for Organisational actions as organised earlier.

Shri Prakash Patki explained about the Resignees issues and latest judgments in regard to LIC Pensioners case. Dr. J D Sharma gave an analytical presentation of the issues.

The Joint Conveners summed up the suggestions and agreed with the points made by the leaders of the constituents of CBPRO. After the deliberations it is decided as follows:

- i. A meeting of CBPRO and AIBRF leaders will take place on the 8th of September, 2018 at Delhi to finalize the next course of actions including demonstrations in various centres during November, December 2018 in case No Progress is seen forthcoming
- ii. To continue liaisoning with Dept of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance in regard to our issues
- iii. To continue to approach the political leaders though of course much help not received from them so far.
- iv. To continue to have healthy interactions with UFBU through letters to them and meetings with them as often as possible
- v. Also call upon all the Retirees to join all action programmes which CBPRO & AIBRF would jointly organise during November & December, 2018.

The meeting concluded with Vote of thanks by Shri R.K Sharma,

The house also thanked the State AIBPARC leadership for organising the meeting.

Thanking you,

Yours Comradely



A.Ramesh Babu



K.V. Acharya

Joint Conveners