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Dear Comrade,

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- (1) Com. R.N. Banerjee, President, Federation of SBI Pensioners' Association and one of the prime movers of CBPRO passes away.**
- (2) Condolence meetings take place in different parts of the country for Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary, AIBPARC (since deceased).**
- (3) Detailed reporting on condolence meetings held at Kolkata and New Delhi in memory of Com. S.R. Sengupta.**

- With profound grief, we convey the demise of Com. R.N. Banerjee, President, Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations and General Secretary of SBI Pensioners Association (Bengal Circle). He was a lifelong fighter and a very well known name in the trade union history of serving officers of SBI and also in the organisation of pensioners. AIBPARC will remember with great regard his leading role in the formation of CBPRO, comprising of different retiree organisations in the banking sector. With his natural leadership, he could coordinate different organisations in a very effective manner. We shall be badly missing him for all times to come. We are reproducing hereunder the condolence message sent by AIBPARC to SBI Pensioners Association.

Quote :

We are deeply shocked to hear that Com. R.N. Banerjee, General Secretary, SBI Pensioners' Association, Bengal Circle and President of Federation of SBI Pensioners' Assns. is no more. Myself and Com. K.V. Acharya, President, AIBPARC convey our deepest regard for the departed soul and our bereavement to the members of the family and a large number of SBI pensioners belonging to your association.

Apart from taking tremendous initiative and labour to organise the pensioners in SBI, he took a very meaningful and determinant role in the formation and furtherance of CBPRO comprising of various retirees' organisations in the banking sector. He was a prime mover of the united struggle and he will be remembered by the posterity with a deep sense of reverence.

Long live Com. R.N.Banerjee.

- Suprita Sarkar, Acting General Secretary, AIBPARC.

- We have been getting information that different affiliates of AIBPARC and State Committees are organising condolence meetings at different parts of the country in memory of Com. S.R. Sengupta. We have received reports from AIBPARC West Bengal State Committee and Delhi State Committee only. Other affiliates/ State Committees who have held meetings or will be holding meetings are requested to send reports immediately so that circulars can be issued for information of members.

- **CONDOLENCE MEETING ORGANISED BY AIBPARC DELHI STATE COMMITTEE on 20th January, 2018 at Bank of India, Parliament Street Branch.**

It was a joint meeting organised by Bank of India Officers' Association, Delhi State and AIBPARC, Delhi State. Apart from the presence of a large number of retirees from different banks, the employees, the officers and the Executives of Bank of India attended the meeting in large number.

Com. J.D. Sharma, former President of Federation of IOB Officers' Associations described Santi Da as a leader of leaders, a clinching negotiator and a visionary. He also read out the condolence message sent by Com. K.V. Acharya, President, AIBPARC. Com. Ashok Nagar, President, AIBPARC, State Committee felt that Com. Sengupta could go deep inside the issues and he had a feeling for the community he represented. Com. D.K. Hans, Secretary, AIBPARC, Delhi State described Com. Sengupta as Pitamaha Bhishma of the banking industry. Com. K.D. Khara, former President, AIBOC described himself as one of the oldest associates of Com. Sengupta and he paid rich tributes to the departed leader. Com. Kishore Kumar and Com. Pankaj Kapoor, President and Secretary respectively of Bank of India Officers' Association, Delhi State paid glowing tributes to the departed leader. Other leaders who remembered their long association with Com. Sengupta are Com. V.K. Chodda, Com. Kishan Singh, Com. Ravi Jain etc. Com. Harvinder Singh, former General Secretary, AIBOC described himself as a disciple of Com. Sengupta and called the departed leader his mentor. He observed that he has countless memories of the departed leader which he likes to cherish with great fondness for times to come. He further observed that though Com. Sengupta was cool and calm apparently, he was stubborn in clinching the issues. Com. R.K. Sharma, Chairman, Delhi State spoke on the occasion and paid rich tributes to Com. S.R. Sengupta.

- **Condolence meeting organised by AIBPARC, West Bengal State Committee on 30th January, 2018 at K.P. Ghosh Memorial Hall, Kolkata.**

The hall was packed at 3-30 p.m. Nearly 400 retirees from different banks gathered at K.P. Ghosh Memorial Hall to pay their tribute to late Com. S.R. Sengupta. The meeting was presided over by Com. Tridib Charan Choudhury, State President. Many leaders of yester years attended the meeting. Prominent among them are Com. P.K. Sarkar, former President, AIBOC, Com. R.R. Roy, former Secretary, AIBOC West Bengal State Unit, Com. S.B. Dewanji, former Treasurer, AIBOC, Com. Amal Ghosh, former Secretary, AICOBOO West Bengal State Unit. Apart from them, the meeting was attended by most of the members of Governing Council of AIBPARC stationed in Kolkata. Because of failing health, Com. A.K. Jana, former President, AIBOC could not remain physically present but his message was read out. Com. Dipak Basu, former Secretary, AIBOC, West Bengal State Committee could not remain present because of sudden death of Com. R.N. Banerjee but he conveyed his condolence to the State Secretary, AIBPARC. The deep shock suffered by Com. K.V. Acharya, President, was conveyed to the members. At the outset, a condolence resolution was placed by the President and supported by Secretary, AIBPARC State Committee. The resolution, mentioned inter alia two major contributions of Com Sengupta to the movement – he was a lifelong fighter

against privatisation-moves initiated by the Government at different points of time and he could orchestrate the

movement of the supervisory cadre of banking sector with the mainstream movement of the working class of the country. The meeting started with one minute silence in memory of Com. S.R. Sengupta, Com. R. N. Banerjee and Com. Shanti Ranjan Bal.

Com. Amal Ghosh recalled his long personal association with Com S.R. Sengupta and described him as one of the founders of bank officers' movement of the country. Com. S.B. Dewanji talked on two issues – value based trade union pursued by Com. Sengupta and his capability to carry on different trade unions in the joint struggle. Com. A.N. Mukherjee, Treasurer, AIBPARC observed that in the decades of 80s and 90s, when the industrial relation scene in the banking sector was very difficult and strained, it was a Herculean task to bring all the unions under an umbrella for a cause and it was effectively done by the departed leader. Com. P.K. Sarkar, recounted many of his personal encounters with Com. S.R. Sengupta in course of which the departed leader guided him like a younger brother. He remembered his cool and composed temperament in handling the issues and also the tremendous respect which he commanded from the management of Banks and the Government. He cited different examples to show the miraculous contributions made by Com. R.N. Godbole and Com. S.R. Sengupta in the interest of the community of bank officers. Com. R.R. Roy highlighted various aspects of the leadership quality and personality of Com. S.R. Sengupta – he was a very good listener and this quality of listening is one of the most important quality of a leader; though he looked apparently very cool and calm, he was really stubborn on grounds of principle; he was always the natural choice in Bank of India, AICOBOO, AIBOC and AIBPARC for the important positions and this is possible only when he has real calibre. Com. Roy finished his talks by saying that he lost a great friend, a co-fighter and a co-traveller. Com. S. Sarkar, Secretary, State Committee, observed that a glorious chapter of history cannot be over or finished with the death and with the holding of a condolence meeting. Com. Sengupta will be remembered for all times to come in our fight against privatisation, in our fight against FRDI bills and also in our fight to realise the most logical demands of AIBPARC/CBPRO.

With best wishes,

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