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State Secretaries, Special Invitees and Advisors.)**

Dear Comrades,

Massive Dharna and Demonstration at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.

We reproduce hereunder the text of CBPRO circular dt. 26.11.2019 on above subject for information of members. Our report on Dharna conducted in different parts of the country will follow from tomorrow onwards.

With best wishes,

(SUPRITA SARKAR)
GENERAL SECRETARY

QUOTE :

Dated: 26.11.2019

Dear Comrades,

**Massive Dharna and Demonstration at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, Chennai, Bengaluru,
other State Capitals and Important Centres**

We have been pursuing the pending issues of Bank Pensioners and Retirees with the Dept of Financial Services, Indian Banks' Association, Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Finance Minister for an early resolution. As a part of our action programme we planned holding Dharnas and Demonstrations at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, State Capitals and other important centres throughout the country during the months of November/December, 2019. Accordingly, CBPRO organised Dharnas at Chennai and Bengaluru and district centres of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. All these Dharnas were very well attended and were a grand success.

CBPRO, Delhi NCR organised a massive Dharna at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi on 21.11.2019 which was attended by more than 2000 Bank Retirees. The Dharna at Delhi was addressed by the leaders of CBPRO and UFBU. Among those who addressed the Dharna were Comrades T N Goel (Federation of SBI Pensioners Associations), Suprita Sarkar of AIBPARC, Subhash C Ahuja RBONC, Ravinder Gupta AIBOC, Ashwini Rana NOBW, Mukundan NCBE, R C Goel FORBE, Malhotra AIRBEA, Harvinder Singh Former General Secretary, AIBOC and K V Acharya, Joint Convener, CBPRO. Comrade S.K.Bansal, State Secretary, AIBOC also attended dharna extending support.

The enthusiasm among the Senior and Super Senior Citizens of the Banking Industry was unprecedented. They braved the cold winter and hazardous pollution of Delhi and thronged at Jantar Mantar from 10.30 am onwards to demonstrate their protest, anger and anguish at the

casual attitude of the Government and IBA in regard to the long pending issues of Bank Pensioners and Retirees specially in respect of Pension Updation / Revision, improvement in Family Pension, 100% DA Neutralisation to Pre-2002 Retirees and high cost Medical Insurance without any support from the Banks.

Speakers after Speakers highlighted the plight of Bank Retirees who had contributed immensely to the growth of Banking Industry which as a great vehicle of economic development of the Nation, yet getting a very raw deal at the hands of The Government and IBA during the evening of their life. The dharna was tumultuous with the resonating voice of the Comrades who raised slogans in chorus. Many of the Bank Retiree comrades who had gathered were above 70 years of age and quite a good number of women Bank Retirees were also present. They were demanding justice and honest implementation of Pension Regulations and Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgements in regard to Pension.

The dharna got maximum media coverage and telecast by TV channels. They also took interviews with the leaders of the Retirees Organisations and from the comrades who had gathered at Jantar mantar. This exercise helped in articulating the genuine demands of Bank Pensioners & Retirees.

After the conclusion of the Dharna at 2.00 pm a well drafted memorandum was submitted by the leaders of the CBPRO to The Secretary, Dept of Financial Services, Government of India. Memorandums were also sent to The Hon'ble Prime Minister and Hon'ble Finance Minister clearly detailing the Bank Pensioners & Retirees issues and grievances also countering the exorbitant cost calculations projected by IBA. We have made it clear that the Pension Scheme in the Banking Industry is exactly on the lines of Government of India and RBI Employees' Pension Scheme and is also well enshrined in the Bank Employees Pension Regulations. Various Judgements of Supreme Court also held that both Wage Revision and Pension Revision are inseparable. We have also pointed out that we are ready with our calculations as regards our demands of Pension updation and Improvement in Family Pensions for State Bank of India and Public & Private sector Banks. Pension Corpus including SBI is robust with nearly Rs 3,00,000 crores and well within the scope of available Pension Funds for all Bank Pensioners.

The mammoth dharna at Jantar Mantar concluded with Com J D Sharma proposing vote of thanks. He profusely thanked all the constituents of CBPRO and leaders of UFBU and leaders of all Banks Retirees Organisations. Leaders of Delhi State AIBPARC

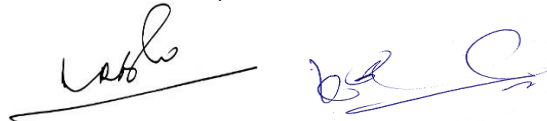
organised the Dharna in grand style getting full support from the constituents of Delhi CBPRO.

Comrades we have full faith and hopes in the struggles of UFBU who are pursuing our issues in the ongoing wage negotiations.

Comrades,Dharnas are taking place and will continue in other centres during November and December, 2019 and in many States dharnas are organised/ being organised even at several district centres. We will compile the Dharna programmes organised by us across the country and give a report of the same to you and to the government and IBA. We are hopeful that our slogans will reach the ears of the Government and IBA and open the doors of Government and IBA for resolving the long pending issues of Bank Pensioners' and Retirees immediately.

We extend Revolutionary Greetings and Thanks to all Comrades for making the CBPRO program a great & grand success.

With Regards
Yours Comradely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature on the left is 'A. Ramesh Babu' and the second signature on the right is 'K.V. Acharya'. Both signatures are written in a cursive style and are underlined.

(A.RameshBabu) (K.V. Acharya)
Joint Conveners, CBPRO