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Dear Comrades,

Sub : City of Hyderabad throbs with hectic organisational activities for 2 days – 13th & 14th March, 2016 on the occasion of holding the first meeting of the Managing Committee (extended) for the year 2016.

Taking the advantage of the presence of All India leaders at Hyderabad on the occasion of attending the meeting of the Managing Committee (extended), the Andhra Pradesh–Telangana State Committee of AIBPARC organized a massive gathering of bank retirees in the afternoon of 13th March, 2016 at the famous Parvana Hall in front of the Head Office of State Bank of Hyderabad. We have pleasure to inform that nearly 300 retirees from different banks attended the meeting and the proceeding continued for 3 hours. Under the presiding of Com. K.M. Shastry, President of the State Committee, the meeting was addressed among others by Com. Raghava Rao, State Secretary, Com. K.V. Acharya, President, Com. Harshabardhan, Chairman, AIBOC, Com. S. Sarkar, Joint General Secretary, etc. Two veteran leaders of the movement of yester years, Com. Madhava Rao and Com. Anantha Krishnan were felicitated by the organizers of the meeting. In their address to the house, they remembered with fondness their old relationship with the members present and wished the retirees' movement a great success. Com. Harshabardhan observed that he carried the message of all cooperation from AIBOC. He felt that the two organisations are different in names only but they are one so far as the interest is concerned because a serving employee of today is a retiree of tomorrow. Com. K.V. Acharya, President, AIBPARC, narrated in detail the experience that he had at IBA Office at the time of submission of a memorandum on behalf of CBPRO. He felt that members should not be dejected at the present state of affairs. There is every reason to be positive in approach because the sustained efforts of the organisation will surely bring some fruitful outcome in near future. Com. S. Sarkar in his address observed that the month of April is important for the retirees because IBA as per its commitment to AIBOC is expected to make the actuary report available on cost analysis of different demands of retirees. Whatever may be the outcome, no one can deny that a meaningful negotiation on retirees demand would start. He also declared that AIBPARC always demanded the extension of regular pension facilities to the workforce joining the bank after April, 2010 and denounced the NPS which is virtually the other name of no-pension scheme.

2. The second day i.e. 14th March, 2016 was another hectic day for the organisation. The office bearers, the members of the executive committee, the state secretaries and the special invitees coming from different parts of the country gathered at the Guest House of SBH in large numbers. The meeting continued for 8 hours. The leaders deliberated on the reports submitted by the General

Secretary and offered many constructive suggestions to carry forward the movement in a meaningful manner. The house took stock of the situation of last 4 months and recorded the following decisions/observations : (i) IBA should immediately come forward to restore the facility of reimbursement of domiciliary expenses which at present is being illegally denied by the Insurance Company. (ii) As per requisition by IBA, most of the banks have already submitted statistical data which are relevant to different demands of the retirees. After processing of such figures, a quick decision should be taken by IBA so that the elder citizens do not suffer any longer. (iii) There are many vital and legitimate demands which include interalia the issue of resignees and CRS optees, the problem of retirees after 1.11.2012 in respect of reduction of net pension and denial of stagnation increment etc. which need application of mind in the bilateral forum. (iv) AIBOC in particular and UFBU in general will be requested to take active initiative so that discussion on retirees issue start immediately. (v) The house takes note of the tremendous success of the Dharna at Jantar Mantar, Delhi on 11th December, 2015 and feels that the message has gone to all corners and as a result of this some forward movement is perceptible. (vi) The organisation will keep in touch with the pending cases at Supreme Court on different issues on retirees interest and necessary assistance may be offered to the case which is being fought by a PNB retiree on the issue of updation. (vii) The meeting felt that a meeting of CBPRO should be convened at the earliest and a message in united voice should go to the Govt. and the IBA. Apart from what has been told above, lot of other issues relating to demands and organisation were discussed threadbare and minuted properly.

3. We have great pleasure to convey to our members that Com. Murli, the convener of UFBU remained present in our meeting for some time. In spite of his busy schedule and compelling preoccupations, he managed an hour for the elder citizens. Our leaders conveyed gratefulness and thanks to Com. Murli for his gesture. In his thought provoking speech, he assured the members that UFBU would not be forgetting the issue of retirees and it will employ its best possible endeavours to start negotiation on all the issues which have been mentioned in the action part of the Record Note which was signed by IBA and different components of UFBU. He also narrated the constraints faced during negotiation which stood in the way of having a satisfactory conclusion. He assured the house that within a few weeks of time the issue of reimbursement of domiciliary expenses would be sorted out.

4. The house put on record its sincerest thanks and admiration to all the leaders of the State Committee, various activists and veterans stationed in the city of Hyderabad who labored very hard for last few weeks to ensure the success of the meeting of managing committee (extended). Suggestions came from members that the next meeting which is to be held in Ahmedabad may please be shifted to Mumbai because it would give the leaders an opportunity to meet the IBA officials. Com. K.V. Acharya, President informed the house that he would discuss the issue with General Secretary and communicate the decision at an early date through circulars. Members of the house were also earnestly requested to update their Email ID, Residential Address and Contact Nos. by sending E-mails to AIBPARC. Com. Lahane offered vote of thanks and the day-long meeting ended with shouting of slogans.

Comrades, we believe that the successful holding of different organizational programmes for 2 consecutive days would further consolidate the retirees movement in this part of the country.

With good wishes,

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GENERAL SECRETARY