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Circular no 102-24

Date: August 31, 2024.

For circulation among members of the Governing Council, State Secretaries, Special Invitees, Advisors, Affiliates, Constituents of CBPRO and Members.

Dear Comrade,

**Maha Sangram For Updation of Pension--
National Dharna at Jantar Mantar on 23rd October 2024.**

Sub: Preparation on the part of affiliates and state committees of AIBPARC for making the centralized Dharna programme at Jantar Mantar, Delhi on 23rd October, 2024 at the call of CBPRO a Grand and Thundering Success.

1. Two circulars of AIBPARC: 90-24 & 91-24 both dated August 16, 2024 are in the hands of members. The 1st one (90-24) informs that **the Dharna is on 23rd October, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm at Jantar Mantar, Delhi.** In between the date of issuance of circular and the holding of the programme, **there is a gap of 2 months and 7 days** which is sufficient to make travel arrangements.

On the same date, Circular 91-24 has been issued informing that **the meeting of the Governing Council will be held on 24th October, 2024 from 10 am to 5 pm (may be extended by two hours).**

2. In view of the above programmes, we are sure that our affiliates and state committees have started making necessary organizational preparations to ensure largest possible gathering. Still, we feel it appropriate to bring the issues to the notice of all concerned:

❖ In a rare case of any Governing Council Member's inability to attend the programmes for personal or organizational compulsions, the General Secretary of the Affiliate concerned must depute an Alternate Member duly authorizing him to attend both the programmes viz, National Maha Dharna on 23.10.2024 and Governing Council Meeting on 24.10.2024.



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- ❖ Our Delhi State Committee will definitely consider to meet among themselves to sensitize all the Delhi – based affiliates to mobilize as many members as possible.
 - ❖ The same advice is equally applicable for all the adjoining states like Punjab, Haryana, Himachal, Rajasthan, Western part of Uttar Pradesh etc. In case, there is no regular State Committee in place in these neighbouring States, the Major Affiliates will take lead and co-ordinate the affairs.
 - ❖ The General Secretaries of each Affiliate will have a great role to play and we are sure they will rise up to the occasion as they have been admirably doing in the past. They should immediately galvanise their organisational machineries by sending necessary advisories/directives to their units at Delhi and adjoining States to gear up their machinery for the mass mobilization. Periodical follow ups during the intervening period are necessary to review the progress.

Comrades, We shall make the Dharna Memorable and a Massive Event. Our sustained campaign for Updation of Pension along with our other demands from the inception of AIBPARC in 2012 has brought enormous reliefs to Bank Pensioners and Retirees like Family Pension Improvement, 100 percent DA Neutralization to Pre-November, 2002 Retirees, Improvement in Ex-gratia for Pre-1986 Retirees, Pension Option to Resignees and other improvements.

We successfully articulated Pension Regulation 35.1 on Updation of Pension entitling Pension Updation as a Statutory Provision legally enforceable which has even made the rigid IBA to admit when our Delegation met them in October, 2022 that despite there being the provision for Updation of Pension {Regulation 35(1)}, in Bank Employees Pension Regulations.1995, they are unable to make U Turn due to their stated position to the contrary before the Supreme Court. Unfortunately, IBA is taking shelter by citing "Matter Sub-Judice" though they very well know that with mutual consent Out of Court Settlement is a permissible and available desirable option.

Reckoning of Special Allowance Component for Pension, Gratuity and New Pension Scheme, is another important issue which has to be taken to its logical conclusion and resolved.

We have to resolve the Gratuity issue, Commutation issue, inconsistencies in the Option for Pension to Resignees and more importantly One more option for Pension to the left out Retirees as a one-time measure.

Proper Medical Relief whereby the Banks absorb the Insurance Premium as is done in the case of Serving employees and Whole Time Board level appointees, is one more issue agitating the Pensioners and Retirees.

Comrades,

We as Bank Pensioners Fraternity have issues of SBI Pensioner Comrades, Public Sector Bank Pensioner Comrades, Private Sector Bank Pensioner Comrades and RRB Pensioner Comrades. We have to collectively address the issues to ensure their satisfactory resolutions. So, we have to get the Negotiating Rights for Bank Pensioners Organisations representing more than Eight Lakh Bank Pensioners and Family Pensioners.

In the light of the above challenges, the Dharna on 23rd October 2024 at Jantar Mantar assumes very Great Significance calling for Very Vibrant and Whole-hearted participation by all our Affiliates. To achieve satisfactory resolution of our demands, let us join hands,



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unmindful of our Advancing Age, Health and Personal Constraints and Restraints as a very special effort.

We will be very happy to get our Affiliates' feedback about the organizations' preparations and participations and all related developments from time to time.

Comrades let us March On Holding Our Head High Raising Our Voice--

DELHI CHALO-- DHARNA KARO

With best wishes and regards,

Yours Comradely,

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