

# **ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS & RETIREES CONFEDERATION**

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Dear Comrade,

### **Tamil Nadu State Convention.**

The State Convention of All India Bank Pensioners and Retirees Confederation, T.N. State Unit, was held at Chennai on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at Balamandir German Hall. The convention was presided over by Com. S.B.C. Karunakara, President, T.N. State Unit and attended by nearly 500 retirees from different parts of the State. In his welcome address Com. Karunakaran mentioned about the indifferent attitude of IBA and Govt. to the problems of Retirees and Pensioners and urged for immediate attention of the authorities. Com. K. Chandrasekharan, Secretary, T.N. State Unit presented the introductory report and a precise report of the state of affairs obtaining as on the date. Com. Chandrasekharn gave a detailed account of the birth of AIBPARC and its growth.

In inaugurating the conference Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary, AIBPARC complemented the T.N. State Unit for organising this convention in such a grand manner within a short period of its formation. He said that this was indicative of the love and affection the pensioners and retirees have towards AIBPARC. There might be an organisation formed earlier but they could not raise the issues concerning the pensioners and retirees effectively and as a result, the said organisation was more known for its annual get together etc. Com. Sengupta mentioned that within a short period of its formation in March, 2012 it has created such an impact that the pensioners and retirees are asking about the resolution of their problems. Exhaustive memorandum have been submitted to UFBU, IBA, Govt. o India, Parliamentarians and intellectuals who matter. Many of them have already appreciated the efforts of AIBPARC. The issues which have been taken up primarily are as under :

1. Updation of pension,
2. 100% D.A. Neutralisation to pre-01.11.2002 retirees,
3. Improvement in family pension,
4. Comprehensive medical reimbursement scheme,
5. Pension for eligible resignees and those Compulsorily Retired,
6. Part time service to be full time service for the purpose of qualifying service for pension,
7. Addition of notional service as per Reg. 26 to all specialist officers recruited with higher than normal age of entry,

8. Enhancement of exgratia payable to pre-1986 retirees,
9. Proper bipartite forum for Retirees' organisations with and at Bank level,
10. Settlement of pending issues of pensioners in State Bank of India.

Com. Sengupta mentioned that while all out efforts have been made for peaceful dialogue and negotiated settlement the pensioners will have to prepare themselves for struggle also. In September, 2013 a massive Dharna of nearly 3000 retirees was organised at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi which was addressed by eminent MPs like Shri Prakash Javadekar, Com. Sitaram Yechuri and Com. Tapan Sen. There was immediate response from the Ministry of Finance and discussions were held with the Secretary, Deptt. of Financial Services and AIBPARC representatives. However, due to some negative role played by IBA and its allies no progress could be achieved as yet. Shri Sengupta staid that efforts are now also being made to meet to Finance Minister as early as possible. If all the efforts fail, what to do? Can we be onlooker? No friends, we will fight – Shri Sengupta asserted. This time the Dharna will be of a still bigger size and dimension. The Coordination Committee of three pensioners organisations has already been formed for joint struggle and due notice has been sent to all concerned. The pensioners should get themselves ready right from now. Every participant in the convention should educate those who could not come today so that the message of AIBPARC goes to every corner of the country.

Shri K.V. Acharya, President, AIBPARC, said that upgradation of pension was a settled issue. In the minutes for pension settled between IBA and the Officers' Association and Workmen unions it was clearly mentioned that the pension in the Banking Industry would be in the line obtaining in Govt. of India/Reserve Bank of India. Accordingly, in the Pension Regulations necessary provision was made for a particular batch which came under the purview of the agreement. Thereafter, in the subsequent revision this particular provision could be pursued because of change of priorities. Govt./IBA cannot take advantage of the situation and deny the Bank Officers/Employees of updation. Com. P.P.S. Murthy, General Secretary, Federation of SBI Pensioners Association also highlighted the issues of the pensioners and retirees. Com. Franco, Secretary, AIBOC, Tamil Nadu State Unit asserted that the genuine demands of the pensioners cannot be wished away by the authorities and any struggle launched would be supported whole-heartedly by the serving organisations e.g. AIBOC. Com. S. Kupuswamy, President, Indian Bank Pensioners and Retirees Association, proposed vote of thanks. The Convention was a grand success.

With warm greetings,

Yours sincerely,

**( S. R. SEN GUPTA )**

**GENERAL SECRETARY**