



ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION



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**(For circulation among members of the Governing Council, State Secretaries,
Special Invitees, Advisors, Affiliates and Members.)**

Dear Comrade,

**Sub : The first meeting of the Governing Council for the term 2023-2026
held at Hyderabad on 18th April, 2023**

We have pleasure to convey that notwithstanding the terrific summer spell in different parts of the country, most of the members of the GC attended the first meeting of the current term at Hyderabad. From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. with a brief lunch break, the house discussed and deliberated on all issues affecting the interest of the retirees and arrived at tangible decisions. The house took stock of the developments which happened after the holding of the 4th General Body Conference till date and decided to convey the same to membership.

- The house called upon the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Chairman IBA and Constituents of UFBU to take note of the fact that the provision of Pension updation was already there in the BEPR (1995). It was to be implemented only by declaration of the updation formula by IBA in respect of each Bipartite Settlement. Any delay is tantamount to gross denial of justice to the senior citizens.

- The follow up measures which are being carried on by AIBPARC on a continuous basis, the House felt, should continue to be carried on assiduously with all concerned who are associated with the decision making process.

- The House noted that the judgement of the Supreme Court on the issue of 100% DA neutralisation to pre-November, 2002 retirees was based on certain assumptions which had not been arithmetically and factually properly-placed. The detailed views of AIBPARC in this regard have been submitted in writing on several occasions to IBA and DFS. The organisation has been given to understand that a favourable recommendation has either gone or will go soon to the Ministry. Whatever be the latest position, an early disposal of the issue beneficial to the oldest segment of retirees should come as early as possible.

- The House took note of the issue of non-computation of special allowance for the purpose of calculation of pension and gratuity. The organisation was keeping a keen watch over the various court cases pending before different state High courts. The organisation is very serious about the issue as it affects a large number of recent retirees and will not hesitate to take legal recourse to get justice.

- The House took note with anxiety the recent developments in regard to group medical insurance for Bank retirees which has only one aim – to reduce the amount of premium by making qualitative degradation of the existing terms and conditions by putting ceiling on reimbursement for specified diseases, by reducing the bed rent and even by envisaging the concept of co-payment. The House decided to re-submit the detailed suggestions to IBA on or before 24th April, 2023. This has also been decided that our organisation will not shift from its principled stand that management of the Bank will have to subsidise the annual premium fully or substantially as it has been done in case of serving employees, retired Managing Directors, Executive Directors and their spouses and also the Executives upto the level of Chief General Managers in SBI.
- The House expressed its resentment over the incomplete guidelines of IBA to member Banks on vital issues. Even when Banks had been seeking clarifications and AIBPARC had been making repeated references to clarify certain anomalies, the silence of IBA was conspicuous. The apex body of Bankers is urged upon to have more clarity and transparency in communications.
- The House noted with pleasure that State Bank of India Pensioners Association in its recent meeting decided to see that CBPRO in coming days would become more vibrant and regular dialogue between the constituents of CBPRO would be carried forward. Dialogue between AIBPARC and SBIPA is expected to take place very soon.
- The House decided to extend affiliation to the organisation of retirees of Tripura Gramin Bank which made a formal application to AIBPARC for becoming an affiliate.
- For better functioning of the organisation, the House approved the proposal submitted by the GS in regard to certain co-options in various posts :
 - i) Comrades : K. Damodaran Namboothiri (e-SBT), S. Narasimmam (e-LVB), N. Vinod Kumar (UCO), Ganesh Chandra Rout (IOB), C.S.R. Anjaneyalu (IOB) and Tarun Talwar (IO(B) have been made permanent Special Invitees to all GC Meetings.
 - ii) Com. Prakash Karotya (e-Syndicate), Existing Joint General Secretary will be the Sr. Vice President; Com. A.Venkatesan of the same organisation now holding the post of DGS will be the Joint General Secretary in place of Com. P. Karotya. Com. H. Ravi Kumar and Com. Suraj Prakash (both of e-Syndicate) will become the DGS.
 - iii) Com. Suresh Kumar Rastogi (e-Syndicate) will not continue as AGS and he will be substituted by Com. Satish Vats of the same organisation.
- **The House decided to declare and implement the following programmes of action to escalate our demands into focus and also to draw the attention of all concerned to get an early resolutions :**
 - i) **On any day between 1st May, 2023 to 15th June, 2023, each state unit will organise protest rally/Dharna/demonstration at state capital. An unusually long period of 45 days has been allowed because of the extremely uncomfortable climatic conditions. Depending on weather situations, the state committees are to implement the programme. On the date of holding the programme, the state Secretary/President will send a letter to Union FM by mail requesting early resolution of demands. Format will be supplied by central office.**
 - ii) **During the entire month of July, 2023 our members belonging to various affiliates will send memorandum in a given format to Union FM/DFS/IBA for early resolution of the demands of the retirees. The procedure of sending emails, as in earlier occasions, will be advised by the central office through circulars.**
 - iii) **On completion of the programmes described in point nos. 1 & 2 above, the organisation will take stock of the progress of issues and in case of necessity might give calls for Dharna at Jantar Mantar, Delhi or relay hunger strike. If such programmes are taken, notice with sufficient time will be issued for information of the affiliates.**

- The meeting started with the enlightening speech of **Com. K.V. Acharya**, President, who offered an elaborate picture of the outcome of negotiations with various authorities and also narrated what might be the probable tasks before the organisation in coming days to push forward the issues.

Com. G.D. Nadaf, Advisor recalled the glorious phases of struggle at SBI under the leadership of Com. L.V. Subramaniam, the former GS of AICOBOO and observed that such incidents would inspire the movements of all banks. He insisted on keeping in touch with IBA/UFBU on all issues in a persistent manner and also reported that the speech of Hon'ble S.C. Judge Shri Gopala Gowda at our 4th GB, had a remarkable impact over various cross sections of the society.

- The General Secretary submitted his written report for consideration of the House. 33 members (leaders from various affiliates) participated in deliberations. All decisions were unanimously taken.
- **The House put on record profuse thanks and admiration for the Karnataka State Committee for very successful holding of the 4th GB of ABPARC at Bengaluru.**
The House put on record its thanks and admiration for Canara Bank Syndicate Pensioners & Retirees Association for organising and sponsoring the holding of the 1st Meeting of the GC for the term 2023- 2026.

With best wishes and regards,



(SUPRITA SARKAR)
GENERAL SECRETARY