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

Dear Comrades,

Sub : AIBPARC holds its first physical meeting of the Governing Council after the Corona Spell that started around March, 2020 at Delhi on 14th June, 2022.

Members are aware that for more than two years, we had to conduct meetings of the Governing Council virtually. This time we ventured to call it physically. This is a pleasure to note that more than 70% of the members attended the meeting and it was participative in the real sense of the term. The meeting continued for more than 9 hours and representative of each affiliate took part in discussion.

The meeting took stock of the latest situation of each issue confronting the interest of Retirees and adopted following decisions :

- The house gave a **strong message against privatization** of nationalised Banks. Government was requested to desist from the process as it would be detrimental to the nation, the society and the common man. Retirees were requested to support any programme of agitation against privatization as the elder citizens of the industry would be the worst hit segment in case of such eventuality.

- The **medical insurance scheme for the Retirees** was discussed at length. The house came to the unanimous conclusion that the organisation would go on demanding that the premium was to be borne fully by the bank. Government of India in its letter to IBA asked to formulate a suitable scheme for the Retirees. There was no direction or advice to shift the burden of premium on the shoulder of the Retirees. Our principled struggle will continue and we shall go on harping both on IBA & GOI that the medical premium will have to be borne by respective banks.

- **The issue of 100% DA neutralization to pre-November, 2002** Retirees was discussed at length. IBA was called upon by the house not to make any further delay to send a clarifying letter to GOI asking to resolve the issue. IBA has been repeatedly reminded by our organisation that in the relevant Bipartite Settlement/Joint Note, there was no inhibiting clause by which the facility can be denied to the pre-November, 2002 retirees.

- The house appreciated the formal and informal efforts initiated by the leadership to impress upon the bureaucracy, the IBA and various constituents of UFBU to make home the basic fact that the **concept of updation of pension** is already written there in Bank Employees Pension Regulation 1995 and it is unfortunate that all concerned though

equipped with papers given by AIBPARC several times often behave in a manner otherwise. The house expresses its displeasure at the delay made by IBA in regard to its submission of interim/final views on Pension Updation to Supreme Court. The organisation is eagerly waiting to see what happens on the next date of hearing and shall take a suitable position after studying the situation. The house decides that the **struggle for pension updation will continue relentlessly** both in the judicial front and also in demonstration of our impatience and anger. A detailed programme of action has been chalked out and it will be told in subsequent paragraphs.

- The house took stock of the development of the court cases on special allowance issue, Resignees issue etc. Senior Advocates are trying to have an early date for hearing and competent persons are there who are looking after the progress of the cases. The house also expressed disappointment for non-resolve of anomalies in the implementation of improved family pension, improvement of exgratia to pre-1986 Retirees, change of norm of provisioning for staff welfare fund, one more option for the left outs etc.
- The house expressed serious concern at the situation persisting at erstwhile LVB and erstwhile BOR Ltd. The organisation pledged its total support to the cause for which our affiliates in such banks are engaged in grim struggle. The house expressed its dissatisfaction at the undue delay made by NABARD to clear the improved family pension for RRBs.
- A lot of discussion took place on the consultative status for retiree organisations. A well documented letter was sent to the Chairman, IBA but no development is perceptible. Another letter on similar lines will be written to DFS, GOI asking for consultative status of the organisation. As regards extension of best possible HR practices to the merging banks as well as to the anchor banks, the affiliates of all such banks are once again requested to endorse copies of their letters written to respective management so that AIBPARC can take the issue in a summarized way with Govt of India.
- The house decided that its affiliates/members would take part in the strike call given by UFBU. As we are the Retirees, our role will be limited to participate in processions/demonstrations/campaigns against privatization. The house requested various constituents of UFBU to be more sensitive to the issues of the Retirees and once again to highlight before the IBA and Govt. that Regulation 35.1 being backed by appendix (a) with amendment in 2003 which clearly provides for updation of pension.
- The house decided that the **next General Body Conference** of the organisation will be taking place in the month of **November, 2022**. As regards venue, proposal for 3 places came before the house. It was decided that the exact dates and venue would be declared at the earliest opportunity after having another round of consultation with senior leaders. The house appealed to all concerned to make the next General Body Conference a really memorable one.
- **Programmes of agitation :**
 - (a) All the members of the Governing Council of AIBPARC will be sending a memorandum on all long pending issues of Bank Retirees in a uniform draft to the Chairman, IBA and the Secretary, DOFS, GOI within the month of July, 2022. The draft will be sent soon.
 - (b) There will be centralised demonstration in different state capitals and national capital. If the Dharna in Jantar Mantar New Delhi takes place sometimes in August, 2022, then the programmes of state capitals will take place in September, 2022.
 - (c) In case, however, the programme of New Delhi takes place in September, 2022, then the programmes of state capitals will take place in August, 2022.

(d) The programmes with specific dates both for Delhi and state capitals will be informed to affiliates/members well ahead so that they do not have any problem implementation.

Comrades, you are well aware of the fact that in the physical meeting held after more than 2 years, lot of discussions on various issues affecting the interest of Retirees were discussed. Whether mentioned or not mentioned in this circular, every issue is important for us and we shall be carrying on our relentless persuasion for getting the things done.

Right now, we have 3 important tasks to perform :

To see that all the agitation programmes are successful to the fullest extent; to ensure that the next General Body becomes a really memorable one and that the organisation fastens its seat belt at the earliest opportunity to get prepared for long drawn struggles.

Till then, please remain in good health and spirit.

With best wishes and regards,



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