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Dear Comrade,

Sub: CBPRO meeting at Delhi on 11th July, 2024--A Great Success

We are reproducing here under the CBPRO Cir 06-24 dated 14.07.2024 on the above-mentioned subject.

This is for information of members.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

Suprita Sarkar
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To all the Constituents of CBPRO:

Dear Comrades,

Sub: CBPRO meeting at Delhi on 11th July,2024--A Great Success.

Bank Pensioners and Retirees across the country were eagerly waiting for the important Meeting of CBPRO scheduled for 11th July 2024 at YMCA Tourist Hostel, New Delhi. We are happy to report to Bank Pensioners and Retirees Fraternity that The Constituents of CBPRO participated in the meeting in full strength and enthusiastically to deliberate on the crucial issues of Bank Pensioners and Retirees and further escalate the course of action to resolve the issues.

The Constituents of CBPRO and all the members at their folds are aware of the fact that the earlier meeting of CBPRO held at Delhi on 21st February took certain important decisions and the same was circulated by its communication no: 01--24 dated 26.02.24.

2. In pursuance of the earlier decisions which included, inter alia, the holding of 2 meetings in a year in the normal circumstances, the CBPRO with proper notice to all constituents met at Delhi again on 11th July,2024 to take stock of the present situation and decide further course of action.

3.The following organizations participated in the meeting:

Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations (Henceforth described as FSBIPAs), AIBPARC, RBONC, FORBE, AIRBEA and AIBRAF as a special invitee.

The eminent leaders who represented the organisations are:

Com G.K. Gandhi and Com. D.K. Basu, the President and the General Secretary of FSBIPAs, Com. K.V. Acharya and Com. S. Sarkar, the President and the General Secretary of AIBPARC, Com. S C Ahuja, Executive President, Com. V K Sethi and Com. D K Arora from RBONC as authorised by their President and General Secretary, Com. Bhaskar Manakeshwar, President and Com. Mohan Shanware, General Secretary of FORBE, Com. Chetram and Com. S K Jain representing the AIRBEA as authorised by their General Secretary over phone and Com. B L Jain and Com. Dharma Singh representing AIBRAF as their authorized representatives.

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4. Apart from the leaders mentioned above, Senior leaders and office bearers of FSBIPAs and AIBPARC also attended the meeting and contributed to the collective wisdom of the Co-ordination.

The leaders of the Delhi chapter of both the organisations also remained present in the meeting. The entire programme (booking of hall, arrangements of food and accommodation and all other allied responsibilities) was organized by the Delhi state committee of AIBPARC. The meeting acknowledged their efforts and labour with thanks and gratitude.

Com J D Sharma on behalf of Delhi State CBPRO welcomed the Leaders of the Constituents of CBPRO and Special Invitees.

The Meeting was presided by the President of Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations, Com G. K. Gandhi Ji who steered the proceedings of the Meeting.

We have already informed all concerned by our earlier message that the meeting lasted for three hours and it was a highly participative and purposeful one. We mention hereunder the observations and suggestions made by different leaders in the meeting while addressing the participants.

5. ** Com G.K Gandhi, President, FSBIPAs observed the following:

The serving workmen and officers have their respective strong organisations as well as there is a strong co-ordination among themselves and that is why they fight and achieve. The Retiree organisations in a similar way need to make a strong co-ordination among themselves. As a first step to achieve the goal, the constituents must have an acquaintance at ground level through formation of coordination Committees at regional and ground root level. He praised the initiative and hoped for its success.

****Com. D.K. Basu, the General Secretary, FSBIPAs and Joint Convenor of CBPRO**, called it to be a great day in the history of Co-ordination among the Retiree organisations. He narrated the happenings since 2014 when AIBRF had been with all of us. Constituents are all aware of the fact that how and why the said organisation gradually drifted away and no further elaboration is necessary. Although the door of CBPRO will remain open for all, the world cannot stop and we shall have to go ahead. He requested for quick implementation of the earlier decisions of formation of state committees wherever possible. He identified three/ four common issues on which CBPRO should further escalate the programs for achieving success and programme of action should be spelt out clearly.

****Com. K.V. Acharya, President AIBPARC and Joint Convenor of CBPRO observed the following:**

He submitted a written report on behalf of Joint Convenors incorporating all important events taking place between the last meeting and the present one and highlighting the latest position of all the issues affecting the interest of the Retirees. He reported in detail the efforts on the part of CBPRO to incorporate all the Apex level organisations together but expressed his anguish over the efforts of one organisation which for several years in the past has been consistently drifting away from Coordination insisting on convenorship for him. Com. Acharya still hoped that good senses would prevail and the total unity and meaningful Coordination would be achieved.

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****Com. Mohan Shanware, General Secretary, FORBE, observed:**

The basic issue before us is the Updation of Pension. For clinching this issue, We shall have to intensify our efforts and the next important issue is to have consultative status. If we get the right to have Negotiating status, then all other issues can' be settled reasonably across the table.

**** Com S.C. Ahuja, representing RBONC, observed:**

All the issues confronting the Retirees are important either to some section of Retirees or to the entire community of Retirees. Whatever be the situation, Co- ordination is the only answer to all doubts and uncertainties. We should try to forge unity at any cost. Com Dinesh Arora also stressed the need for unity.

**** Com. B L Jain (AIBRAF) observed:**

The Retirees will have to fight for their own demands and at the same time, they will have to maintain liaison with UFBU for getting their help and support.

**** Com. Chetram (AIRBEA) observed:**

In recent times, the restoration of commutation has been an important issue and the very high value of medical insurance premium is causing serious hardship in the lives of the Retirees. These two issues should receive priority.

**** Com. G.D. Nadaf, Advisor, AIBPARC, observed the following:**

He did not find the name of FSBIPAs in the first letter of invitation sent by AIBRF. By making a demand of Pension as 3rd benefit for all Retirees at this juncture, AIBRF is wanting to make a class war among the Bank Pensioners as SBI Retirees, Public Sector Banks Retirees and Private Sector Bank Retirees and also to spoil the struggle for Pension Updation.

**** Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, AIBPARC, observed:**

CBPRO stands for Co- ordination and not for competition with others. The door of CBPRO will always remain widely open for all-- big or small. As regards the unfortunate initiative of one organisation to create a duplication of Co- ordination by relaunching the dissolved UFBRO, he observed that every phase of circumstances since 2014 stood documented and it was on record that their demand for sole convenorship was the ultimate " fatal flaw" that led to such a situation. Still, he hoped that good senses would prevail and the much-desired total unity and consolidation would be achieved.

**** Other senior leaders of different constituents who attended the meeting also spoke on the occasion and hailed CBPRO by pledging to take active role in implementing the programmes to be declared.**

6. After long deliberations, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the house:

A) The House re- affirmed the earlier decision of making at least two meetings in a year in the normal course of business and share the cost of holding such meetings.

B) The constituents of CBPRO at the earliest opportunity will share the state-- wise names and contact numbers of leaders so that state committees of CBPRO can' be formed at various States.

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C) CBPRO will focus on the issues which are common with SBI and other Banks on one hand and the issues which are relevant for all other Public Sector and Private Sector as per the arrangement and understanding.

The common issues are: Updation of Pension, Computation of Special Allowance for calculation of superannuation benefits, Restoration of commutation, removal of DA distortion and Consultative status.

The most important issue of medical insurance scheme at affordable cost and similar other issues of Public Sector Banks and Private Sector Banks will be taken up separately.

D) UFBU will be kept apprised about all initiatives taken by CBPRO and help and support of serving employees and officers will be sought for.

7. Following action programmes have been agreed upon:

A) CBPRO will consistently escalate and launch struggles on the listed issues for an early resolution with IBA and GOI.

B) Sincere and vigorous efforts will be continued to have appointments with all the important and decision-making authorities to build up pressure for early resolution of our demands. Petitions and memorandum will be submitted in this regard.

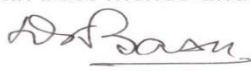
C) Centralised Dharna programme at Delhi will be organised sometimes in the month of September, 2024 to display and demonstrate our anxiety, anger, and anguish before the Government and IBA for showing gross discriminations and inflicting grave injustices to Bank Pensioners and Retirees.

The Meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks by Com. Anand Kumar.

Comrades, We wish you will massively circulate the circular at different tiers of the organisation and further galvanize Bank Pensioners and Retirees Movement.

We promise and give an honest assurance that we will pursue for vibrant Co-ordination and United efforts in carrying on the Bank Pensioners and Retirees Movement to logical conclusions and achievements. We shall advise you about further details of the programmes at different points of time.

With best wishes and regards,



Dipak Kumar Basu



K V Acharya

Joint Convenors, CBPRO