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Dear Comrades,

Sub: Massive dharna/demonstration by pensioners and retirees at different state capitals and other important places of the country at the call of CBPRO/AIBPARC in support of the charter of demands of pensioners and retirees.

We have much pleasure to inform all members that the pensioners and retirees of the industry are thundering in large numbers at different state capitals and other important places of the country demanding quick resolve of the most logical and rational aspirations of the retirees of the industry. You have already received the circular issued day before yesterday reporting the historical gathering at Jantar Mantar New Delhi. We have received reports from different state units holding demonstrations. It is interesting to note that the organisation in most of the states have held demonstrations at different other places than the state capital only. Today we shall try to cover the programme as held in the states of Tamil Nadu & Karnataka.

Report from Tamil Nadu State Unit:

The constituents of CBPRO have organised massive dharna at Chennai, Madurai, Trichy, Salem, Coimbatore, Pondichery, Nagercoil, Thanjvaur, Erode, Tirupur, Tambaram, Tirunelveli, Pudukottai, Dhairmpuri, Vellore, Tuticorin, Nagapattinam, Karur, Virudhungar, Sivaganga, Dindigul, Bodi Nayakanur, Namakkal, Ariyalur and Perambalur.

From the above list, it is amply clear that AIBPARC and all other constituents of CBPRO have employed fullest of their endeavours to see that the programme succeeds in the real sense of the term. We congratulate all the pensioners and retirees of the state, leaders, activists and veterans stationed in the state for offering such a marvelous show of unity and solidarity.

To make a special reference of the Chennai Dharna, we are to inform that the entire programme was coordinated by Com. Saravanamuthu, JGS, SBIPA and Com. Chandrasekharan, State Secretary, AIBPARC. The dharna was greeted by Com. K.

Krishnan, Joint Secretary, BEFI, Com. Balasubramanian (RBONC), Com. Joseph (SBIOA), Com. Karunakaran, President, AIBPARC state Unit, Com. Eswaran, former president of AIBOC, Com. Murali, Senior VP, AIBOC, Com. V. Reddy (SBI staff union) etc. The speakers narrated the rationale of all the demands of retirees and observed that there is no reason to believe that today's programme is an end in itself and assured that fight will continue till all the reasonable demands are met with. There was also a loud demand for scrapping the New Pension Scheme.

Report from Karnataka:

CBPRO/AIBPARC organized a massive demonstration on 19th November, 2019 in front of the town hall of Bengaluru. It is a welcome development to see that AIBRF joined the demonstration in the state of Karnataka. In the presence of a huge number of retirees, the leaders made a full-throated demand that the issues of retirees should be resolved without any loss of time. The demonstration started with shouting of slogans and welcome address by Com. A.N. Krishnamurthy, state secretary, AIBPARC. Other leaders who addressed the gathering include Com. Santharaju (SBI), former General Secretary, AIBOC, Com. Vasasntha Rai, Convenor, UFBU, Karnatka, Com. S.K. Srinivas, state secretary, AIBOC, Com. Viswanath Naik, General Secretary, AIBRF, Karnataka, Com. Gopinath Rao, Senior leader of AIBPARC and Com. A.N. Madhusudan of FORBE.

More than 1500 retirees/pensioners had gathered in the demonstration and the presence of large number of women comrades was a welcome development. The leaders while addressing the conference demanded that the government and the IBA should take note of the sentiment of the elder citizens of the industry and do justice to the bank retirees.

Meeting between the leaders of CBPRO/AIBPARC with the Member of Parliament

A team of office bearers of CBPRO comprising of Com. G. Sukumar (SBI), Com. A.N. Krishnamurthy (AIBPARC), Com. Nadiger (RBONC) and Com. A.N. Madhusudan (FORBE) being accompanied by Shri D.A. Suresh and Sri V.T. Balanarasimha met Shri Tejashwi Surya, M.P., Bengaluru South at his office and submitted a memorandum on issues of retirees. A special mention was made of the very high premium of group mediclaim policy and need for zero GST on policies. The M.P. was quite responsive to the issues.

Demonstrations held at different other places of Karnataka:

A protest demonstration was held at Davangre on 1st December, 2019. More than 100 participants took part in the programme. Com. H. Nagaraj and Com. A.N. Krishnamurthy were among other leaders who spoke on the occasion. We are happy to note that the local newspapers gave a wide publicity to the event.

<u>In our next circular, we shall be covering the programmes organized in Hyderabad</u> and different places of Kerala.

With best wishes,

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