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(For circulation among members of the governing council of AIBPARC, State Secretaries, Special Invitees and Advisors.)

Dear Comrade,

## Sub : Massive dharna cum demonstration at Rani Rashmoni Road, Kolkata on 28.11.2019 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the call of CBPRO/AIBPARC – unexpectedly high gathering by elder citizens of the banking industry

The place of assembly was just at the heart of the city – Rani Rashmoni Road at Esplanade area. It is the center of activity not only for office goers but also for people passing by endless number of vehicles and keeping a note of what is going around. By obtaining permission from authorities of Army and police, the much coveted place for assembly could be managed by CBPRO/AIBPARC. The normal expectation of the state committee was that it might be a gathering of 2000 people approx. The retirees of Kolkata and adjoining areas again proved that it is they who are capable of doing history and repeating history. The starting time of the programme was 12 noon. By 11-45 a.m. almost all the chairs were full and when shouting of slogans started at 12 noon, it was a complete gathering of nearly 2500 people. It was amazing to note that the entire gathering continued upto the conclusion of the programme at 4 p.m.

Quite befitting the number of people present, the number of leaders representing various organisations was also high. They are : Com. Dipak Basu (SBIPA), Com. Ashok Datta (SBIPA), Com. Siddhartha Khan, Convener, UFBU, WB, Com. Sudipta Saha Ray, Secretary AIRBEA, Com. Biswabandhu Bhattacharya, former Jt. General Secretary, AIBOC, Com. Sanjay Das, Secretary, AIBOC, WB state unit, Com. Subhajyoti Chattopadhyay, President, AIBOC, WB state unit and Com. Chiranjit Ghosh, Jt. Secretary, BEFI. All the leaders of the serving organisations of employees and officers expressed surprise and satisfaction at the very high turn out of the bank retirees and assured that all components of UFBU were serious about resolving the issues of the retirees in the current bipartite. Different issues of pensioners of SBI, nationalised banks, private sector banks, RRBs and of the NPS scheme were elaborated at length by different speakers. The programme started with the initial address of the President of the state committee and ended with the address of the state secretary and members of the governing council of AIBPARC stationed in Kolkata. The retirees of the city have been

highly enthused by the tremendous success of the programme. This time the programme got very good publicity in print and electronic media.

with best wishes,

worth VSN

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