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

Dear Comrade,

Sub: UPDATION OF PENSION -M C SINGHLA CASE- CIVIL APPEAL 7993 OF 2023.

Our Affiliates and Members are aware that our Affiliate in Indian Overseas Bank, ARISE has impleaded in the above case in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the name of ARISE in 2018 as Respondent No.5 to support the cause of Pensioner Appellants. ARISE and AIBPARC have been actively pursuing the above case in the Hon'ble Supreme Court coordinating with All India PNB Retired Officers Association. In this connection we wish to submit an update on the above-mentioned case hereunder:

1.The Hon'ble Bench while hearing the case on 21.11.2023 had passed the following orders:

"Leave granted in SLP (C) No. 5561/ 8455, 22266 of 2016.

Application (IA No. 180015/2022 in SLP (C) No. 5561 of 2016) seeking intervention is rejected (UCO Bank Pensioners).

Hearing expedited.

List all the cases for hearing in March, 2024."

2. Thereafter the case came up for hearing a few times. But it was listed lower in the order of the Cause List. Hence the case could not be heard in spite of being ordered to be fixed in March 2024. The Bench also got reconstituted in the meantime. The case was being listed in the Cause List every week on Wednesday/Thursday till the end of August, 2024.

3. The last Bench was headed by Hon'ble Justice Hema Kohli, who superannuated on 31.08.2024. Subsequently our case has not found a mention before any of the Benches of the Supreme Court.

4. With a view to get the case listed for an expeditious hearing and eventual disposal, ARISE has filed an Intervention Application for early hearing on behalf of Respondents No. 5 before the Hon'ble Bench headed by the Chief Justice on 10.09.2024.

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5. The ARISE has made the following Prayer for expediting the case for final hearing and Judgement.

"The respondents most respectfully pray that this Hon'ble Court may be graciously pleased to:

a) Direct early hearing of the above Appeals by fixing a date for hearing.

b) pass such other and further orders as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice".

We are hopeful of the disposal of the prayer for early disposal of the Intervention Application. The case shall be listed thereafter in accordance with the orders of the Hon'ble Bench headed by the Chief Justice of India.

The matter is being pursued by the ARISE with their Lawyers Shri P K Manohar and Shri Sewa Ram for expeditious disposal of the Intervention Application and eventually the long pending case of M C Singhla.

We note to advise the developments from time to time.

In the meantime, *our preparations for the*

*MASSIVE NATIONAL DHARNA UNDER THE BANNER OF CBPRO AT JANTAR MANTAR, NEW DELHI ON 23RD OCTOBER, 2024 ARE IN FULL SWING. *

We request our Affiliates and Members to participate in large number to make the National Dharna Massive under the banner of CBPRO and a grand success and memorable one.

We have a long way to go to clinch all our legitimate and long pending demands, but ***we will fight, we will fight; till we succeed we will fight.**" *

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

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