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

Dear Comrade,

Sub: CBPR0 & AIBRF Meeting held at Delhi on 03.05.2019

We reproduce hereunder circular no. 002/2019 dated 13.05.2019 of CBPRO and AIBRF on above subject. This is for information of members.

With best wishes,

(SUPRITA SARKAR) GENERAL SECRETARY

QUOTE

Dated: 13.05.2019

Dear Comrades,

CBPR0 & AIBRF Meeting held at Delhi on 03.05.2019

The leadership of CBPRO was advised by the General Secretary, AIBRF that their Core Committee was scheduled to have its meeting at Delhi on 02.05.2019 at Delhi. He also requested to explore the possibilities of holding a meeting of the leaders of CBPRO and AIBRF at Delhi to discuss the important pending issues like Updation/Revision of Pension, Improvements in Family Pension, IBA' Medical Insurance Scheme etc. The leadership of CBPRO had broader telephonic consultations with the leaders of the constituents of CBPRO on the proposal. It was thereafter decided that the available senior leaders of the constituents of CBPRO including SBI Pensioners' Federation would participate in the joint meeting on 03.05.2019. Accordingly the meeting was held on 03.05.2019 and attended by Com K V Acharya, Joint Convenor CBPRO and Com S C Jain, General Secretary, AIBRF, Com Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, AIBPARC, Com Deshpande, President, AIBRF, Com P K Pathak, Senior Vice President, SBI Pensioners' Federation along with other senior leaders from both the organisations available at Delhi.

Com S C Jain briefed the house about the deliberations in the meeting of their Core Committee with regard to the latest development of implementation of the benefit of Updation of Pension to RBI Pensioners at the instructions of the Government of India and as a sequel to the order of Hon'ble High Court of Bombay. The details of Updation of Pension in case of RBI Pensioners were circulated by the Organisations of the serving employees and also the retirees recently. The development in case of RBI has further raised the hopes and aspirations of our rank and file. It was in this backdrop, the Joint Leadership decided to intensify its campaign for early resolution of our long-pending issues by the Government and IBA.

The deliberations in the meeting centred around the following issues which are being repeatedly taken up by us with the concerned authorities and also with the leadership of UFBU:

1) UPDATION/REVISION OF PENSON

- a) Pension in SBI should be rationalised at par with other banks i.e. @50% of last drawn Pay
- b) Updation/Revision of Pension in RBI is broadly based on the formula evolved by the Central Pay Commission and covers all retirees since 1986
- c) Its implementation would take care of the 100% DA Neutralisation in respect of those who retired before 01.11.2002
- d) The formula of updation of pension has been broadly arrived at by merger of DA with Basic Pay plus an increase of 10%
- e) The principle laid down by the Supreme Court in the case of Nakara has been reiterated
- f) While future updation is envisaged, the formula and permission of the Government of India would be required

It was felt that the formula evolved for updation of pension for the pensioners of RBI, if extended to the Bank Pensioners and Family Pensioners would largely meet our expectations. Hence the house expressed the view that we must intensify our campaign to ensure settlement of the issue of updation of pension in the ensuing Wage Settlement at par with the formula extended to RBI Pensioners. It was also suggested that our joint campaign should include submission of fresh joint memorandum to the Government of India, Indian Banks' Association and the leaders of UFBU and followed up through personal meetings as far as possible. It was also suggested that while holding discussions with the leaders of UFBU and soliciting their support, the leaders of our organisations should also meet the leaders of RBI Pensioners/Employees to gather inputs on the issue.

2) IBA's Medical Insurance Scheme

Discussion in respect of Medical Insurance Scheme for Bank Retirees also took place. It was emphasized that the scheme should cover all the Retirees, Help Desks should be strengthened to enable smooth settlement of claims, Insurance Premium should be borne by the Bank and explore the possibility of C.G.H.S. like Scheme for Bank Retirees.

3) IMPROVEMENT IN FAMILY PENSION SCHEME

Leaders informed the house that IBA and the Government are engaged on the issue of improvements in the family pension scheme on the lines of the family pension scheme as prevailing in the Government and RBI and it is expected to materialise soon. However, a regular follow up with the leaders of UFBU, IBA and Government was considered desirable.

4) Negotiating Platform for Bank Pensioners & Retirees

The house suggested to continue vigorous efforts at the level of IBA and Government for creation of a formal mechanism for the Bank Pensioners and Retirees to negotiate their demands.

After the meaningful deliberations it was decided that the Joint Conveners of CBPRO and the General Secretary of AIBRF will meet in June 2019 to formulate the strategy and joint action programme to help achieve our demands.

We request the constituents, affiliates and members to be in readiness to make the joint action programme a grand success.

With greetings and regards,

Joint Conveners CBPRO

Yours Comradely,

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