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

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Proposed meeting of the Governing Council to be held at Hyderabad on 30th March, 2020

All of you are aware of the fact that the entire world is threatened with the spread of Corona Virus and it has already been declared as pandemic by the World Health Organisation and GOI has decided to treat it as a Notified Disaster.

In view of the above development, our organisation is in the midst of a difficult situation where decision making requires a lot of application of mind. The meeting has its tremendous importance because of the on-going Bipartite settlement which is already knocking at the door and the retirees are worried to know what is going to happen for them. Additionally, the merger of nationalised banks which has already been declared to be effective from 1st April, 2020 has thrust upon our organisation a very important task and that is to explore the best possible way of how to integrate the functioning of different retiree organisations functioning in the merging banks and the anchor banks. Another question is also lurking in our mind – if we postpone the meeting of 30^{th} March, 2020, we do not know when and where we shall be convening the meeting again. This is one side of the story.

The other side is equally forceful in logic. All our leaders travelling from different parts of the country are elder citizens whose age group is between 60 - 80 years and they are most vulnerable group to catch the infection of Corona Virus. As a result of this, there is a growing tension among such members and also their families about travel in trains and airlines where they will have to pass several hours in the company of a few hundred people under a compulsive situation. Different airlines have cancelled their flights without showing any reasons probably because of large scale cancellation of tickets.

We have come across a Notification of Govt. of Telangana dated 14.03.2020 wherefrom we get the following information : All Cinema halls, amusement parks, swimming pools, gymnasiums, zoo parks, museums, all sports stadiums, membership clubs, bars and pubs shall be closed upto 21.03.2020. All educational institutions including coaching centers shall be closed until 31.03.2020.

Considering all the above factors, we have decided that we shall take a final view about holding or not holding the meeting on 23rd March, 2020 and on the same day, the communication will go by email. As there will be a clear cut gap of 7-8 days, members will be in a position to take individual decision. Meanwhile, each affiliate is requested to convey its view at an early date.

Inconvenience in this regard is earnestly regretted.

With Best Wishes,

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