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Comrades,

Sub: 1st Conference of AIBPARC, Kerala State Unit, held at Kollam on 11th January, 2014 in the midst of tremendous enthusiasm and participative involvement.

The District Co-operative Bank Auditorium at Kollam was packed to capacity before 10 a.m. Nearly 500 Delegates and Observers coming from different parts of the State assembled in time. The well decorated Hall and the adjoining premises witnessed a colourful display of unity between serving and Retired comrades of the State. After the prayer song, Com. P.B. Thomas, President and Com. R. Chandrasenan, Secretary of the State Unit delivered welcome address. Com. Harshabardhan Madabhusi, President, AIBOC, was the inaugurator. In his inspiring speech, he narrated in detail the efforts initiated by Government of India and Reserve Bank of India to introduce Banking Sector Reforms to the detriment of the country and expressed the firm resolve of AIBOC to oppose the same with vigour. He felt that any step to privatise the Banking Sector is a gross distortion of the Directive Principles of the Constitution of India which pledges to make the country a sovereign, democratic, secular and socialistic one. He condemned the deleytory tactics of IBA in carrying forward the wage-revision talks to a reasonable conclusion. As regards the aspiration of pensioners, he felt that UFBU in its own interest will have to be attentive to the demands of the Retirees because most of the serving employees of today will become the pensioners of tomorrow.

2. Comrade Suprita Sarkar, Joint general Secretary of AIBPARC, congratulated all the participants for two things – such a timely attendance by elder citizens and the glory of formation of the first State Committee of AIBPARC in the entire country. He discussed in detail all the happenings since Bhubaneswar Conference of AIBOC via Nagpur conclave and holding of the first General Body at Delhi. For last one year, he recounted AIBPARC has created a new resonance in the minds of the elder citizens. The leadership has been assiduously knocking the doors of IBA, Government of India and all the serving organizations to impress upon the need of extending a civilized treatment to the elder citizens of the Banking Sector. He stressed on the needs of unified actions by various organizations of Retirees and pledged all out efforts by AIBPARC to come up to the level of expectation of members.

- 3. Com. P.V. Methew, a veteran leader of the Bank officers' movement emanating from the State of Kerala, greeted the participants for their resolve to emerge as a potential force in the country and to make their voice heard by all concerned. Comrade C. Rajkumar, an important leader of AIBOC in yester years and Com. K. Vijaykumar, DGS, AIBPARC spoke on the occasion. It was a matter of great pleasure and pride that Com. P.V. Mohanan, President, AIBOC, Kerala State and Com. Abraham Shazi, Secretary, AIBOC, Kerala State remained present althrough. Both of them greeted the delegates and observers with their enthusiastic speech and promised all help and co-operation to the State Unit of AIBPARC. The inaugural session ended with the speech of Com. R. Sebastian who proposed vote of thanks.
- 4. The Business Session was equally participative. The Reports placed by the Secretary and the Accounts placed by the Treasurer were adopted by the House unanimously. The conference elected the new State Committee with Com. P.B. Thomas as President and Com. R. Chandrasenan as Secretary. AIBPARC congratulates the team of office-bearers and expects further consolidation of Retirees in the State.
- 5. The written message sent by Com. K.V. Acharya, President and Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary, AIBPARC wishing the State Conference a great success was read out in the Hall by the Chairman of the Reception Committee and members through clapping expressed their oneness with the views of leaders.

With warm greetings,

(S. R. SEN GUTPA) GENERAL SECRETARY