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(For circulation among members of the Governing Council, Special Invitees and State Secretaries with a request to percolate information to the grassroots)

- Sub: (i) All five apex level organisations of Pensioners and Retirees of the Banking Sector meet at Delhi on 28th July, 2015 on coordination.
 - (ii) State of Kerala throbs with hectic organisational activities launched by AIBPARC State Committee and Different affiliates.

Dear Comrade,

Following organisations met at New Delhi on 28th July, 2015 to take stock of the present situation :

- All India Bank Pensioners & Retirees Confederation,
- All India Bank Retirees Federation,
- Retired Bank Officers' National Confederation,
- All India Retired Bank Employees Association,
- Federation of State Bank of India Pensioners' Associations.
- 2. Our organisation was represented by Com. K.V. Acharya, President, Shri P.S. Patki, Vice-President, Shri S.B.C. Karunakaran, Vice-President and Shri S. Sarkar, Joint General Secretary. Prolonged discussion took place among the leaders on different issues/subjects which include, inter alia, the objectives, structure, name of the Co-ordinated body, Action Plan, code of conduct, finance and formation of a Joint Action Committee.
- 3. The important decisions taken in the meeting are being enumerated hereunder for information of members: All the five (above mentioned) organisations of Retirees and Pensioners have resolved in the meeting to work together for resolving industry-level issues concerning pension, medical facilities and other welfare measures of pensioners and retirees of the member banks of Indian Banks Association and for this purpose the organisations would constitute a united forum in the name of "Confederation of Bank Pensioners and Retirees Organisations (C.B.P.R.O) and become members of this forum. The organisations have also resolved to adhere to certain codes of conduct.

- 4. The Joint Action Committee will be formed by taking two members each from the Federations and there will be a Convener. Shri R.N. Banerjee, President, Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations proposed the name of Shri P.P.S. Murthy, General Secretary of the Federation as the first Convener. The representatives of AIBPARC and several other organisations supported the proposal. General Secretary of AIBRF requested for some time for consulting the apex body of the organisation before taking a decision in this regard. It was decided that the next meeting of the body will take place within August, 2015. Meanwhile, a draft representation is being prepared which will be finalized soon for submission to GOI/IBA.
- 5. In view of all that has been said above, we may reasonably expect that action programmes will be finalised in and declared from the next round of talks. Members will be duly apprised of developments. Till then, organisation should go on with its preparatory exercises by having meetings at various points.

6. Massive organisational activities at Kerala during the period 18th to 20th July, 2015:

The entire state witnessed lot of organisational activities at different places. The state committee had its meeting on 18th July at Kochi; on the same day, Ernakulam District Committee had its convention at Kaloor; Federal Bank Retired Officers' Forum had its national conference on 19th July at Aluva and Thiruvananthapuram District Convention was held on 20th July at the State capital. All the meetings/Conferences were largely attended and enthusiasm of members was at peak. The meetings were addressed by various leaders. Prominent among them are Com. K.V. Acharya, President, Com. P.V. Mathew, Vice-President, Com. P.B. Thomas, State President, Com. R. Chandrasenan, State Secretary, Com. Abraham Shaji John, State Secretary, AIBOC and others.

Com. K.V. Acharya in his address at different places criticised the negative attitude of IBA and certain unlawful utterances made by IBA in the initial portion of the Record Note. The funds available in the Pension Corpus, he felt, was sufficient to meet the aspiration of pensioners. He expressed optimism about the outcome of the All India Meeting of all retiree organisations proposed to be held at Delhi on 28th July, 2015. We congratulate the District Committees and State Committee of AIBPARC for undertaking series of programmes within a short span of time. It will surely help further consolidation of Retirees in the State.

With best wishes,

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