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Date: January 14, 2026.

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

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Updates on (1) Exemption of GST on Mediclaim Premium case pending before the Kerala HC and (2) M.C. Singla case on Pension Updation pending before the Supreme Court for final hearing.

1. Members are aware of the fact that the verdict of the Hon'ble Single Judge Bench of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court has gone against the Petitioners. The Advocate handling the case has opined that there are reasonable grounds for preferring an Appeal before the Division Bench. As per the decision of the Governing Council of AIBPARC, we have advised our Advocate Shri V K Prasad to go ahead with the job and the Appeal has already been filed today i.e. 14.01.2026. Any development in this regard will be made known to the members by circulars.

2. Members have already known that the M.C. Singla case is listed for final hearing in the Court no 2 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court at item no 117(17) on 15.01.2026. Lakhs of Pensioners and Family Pensioners all over the country are eagerly waiting for the Hon'ble Supreme Court proceedings. We appreciate the concerns of our Bank Pensioners Fraternity. We are trying our best to attend to those concerns of our community. Equally we are aware that Judicial process has its own systems and procedures. We are trying to cope up with the task.

As for ourselves, as an impleading party, our leaders have remained in constant touch with the Petitioners and also the Senior Advocates. Briefing on our part has been completed and the Advocates have already filed the synopsis after intense consultations. As per the Advisory of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, such Synopsis if desired to be submitted, should be restricted to not exceeding five pages and should be submitted to the Hon'ble Court three days before the Hearing date. We have complied with that requirement for the Final Hearing in accordance with the recent advisory of the Hon'ble Court.

We hope for the best.

Future development will be made known by circular.

With best wishes and regards,
Comradely yours,

K.V. Acharya.
President, AIBPARC
& Jt. Convenor, CBPRO

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P.S-- We have been informed by our Advocate Shri Sewaram that Respondent No.4, Punjab National Bank has sought for Adjournment through their Lawyers of tomorrow's Hearing (15th January 2026).