



ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION

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- Sub:1)
 <u>13th Annual General Meeting of Indian Bank Retirees Welfare Association.</u>

 West Bengal
 - 2) <u>Meeting of General Secretaries of all affiliates to be held on 5th October, 2015</u> (circular already issued informing date, venue, time and agenda items)

Dear Comrades,

1. The 13th Annual General Body Conference of Indian Bank Retirees Welfare Association was held at Kolkata on 12th September, 2015 at Krishnapada Ghosh Memorial Hall. The conference was attended by nearly 185 retirees of the Bank in Eastern Zone. It was inaugurated by Com. S.R. Sengupta, General Secretary, AIBPARC. Besides, All India leaders of the Indian Bank Retirees Association and leaders from various Associations and the General Manager and Zonal Manager of the Bank, Eastern Zone, were also present.

In inaugurating the Conference Com. S.R. Sengupta said that he was very happy to attend this assembly. It is like a reunion of the members. In the normal situation the members expressed pleasantry and happiness amongst themselves. However, today he found that this was absent. This was because that the members felt that in the recent wage settlement at the industry level, the retirees got a raw deal. Mr. Sengupta said that he was also equally unhappy. However, unhappiness should not stand in the way of our determination to surge ahead. That this was the first time that AIBPARC submitted a memorandum to UFBU and the said was included in the charter of demands submitted by UFBU. In the negotiations the charter was pursued. AIBPARC also pursued the matter with the Union Govt. and the Indian Banks Association. It was, therefore, expected that demands of the retirees would receive favourable consideration. However, that did not happen. Consequently members were unhappy all over the country. Mr. Sengupta said that immediately thereafter a renewed attempt was made by AIBPARC to bring all the retirees association at one platform to review the matter. A meeting took place in July. This was to be followed up by another meeting at the end of August this

year. This also was delayed for some reasons or other. Now the meeting has been called on 22nd of this month at New Delhi. We are expected to announce an action programme to create adequate pressure on the Govt. of India. We would like to make it absolutely clear that even in this meeting if no united action is possible AIBPARC will go ahead alone with its own programme relying upon the ideals of Tagore "if nobody responds to your call, go ahead alone". Friends, be in readiness for a struggle – a bigger struggle. We must remember "one rank one pension" is announced today by the Government after long 42 years of struggle by the Army – people who protect the sovereignty of our country and come to the aid of the larger society whenever there is a national disaster. All that I would like to say that nothing comes so easily. We will have to struggle. While announcing action programme we will keep it in mind all factors including the festive days ahead. The conference reelected Com. B.N. Bardhan as President and Com. Salil Kumar Basu as General Secretary. We congratulate all the newly elected officebearers. Shri Sengupta also appealed to the members to make the ensuing Triennial Conference held at Kolkata on 15th November, 2015. We must make it a grand show. In inaugurating the conference, Shri Sengupta wished the General Body all success and meaningful deliberations.

2. The notices for the meeting of General Secretaries in Delhi on 5th October, for the Governing Council at Kolkata on 15th November and for the General Body at Kolkata on 15th (afternoon) & 16th November, 2015 have already been issued. Copies are displayed in the website and hard copies have been sent individually to members of the Governing Council. Several affiliates are yet to send their membership position as on 31st March, 2015 and also their subscription payable for the financial year 1st April;, 2015 to 31st March, 2016. All concerned are requested to furnish the position at a very early date.

With best wishes,

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