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For circulation among members of Governing Council, Special Invitees, State Secretaries and Advisors.

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Pension -- Updation@ 6352 points.

We have written letters today to Chairman, IBA and Convenor, UFBU on the above subject.

The letters are reproduced for information and perusal.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

Suprita Sarkar General Secretary

Quote: 1&2.

The Chairman Indian Banks Association Mumbai

Dear Sir,

PENSION UPDATION @6352 POINTS

We have been taking up various issues of pensioners including Updation of Pension with the IBA and the Government. As regards Updation of Pension we wish to submit the following details so as to put the issue in right perspective:

1. Introduction of Pension in Public Sector Banks and other member Private Sector Banks was only after a long-drawn struggle by the Unions and Associations. **The Pension was eventually clinched only as a second benefit i.e. in lieu of Contributory Provident Fund.** Accordingly those who opted for Pension were made to refund the entire amount of the bank's contribution to provident fund including the interest accrued thereon and those who had retired after 1.1.1986, were asked to pay further interest on such amount from the date of settlement of PF till the date of refund in terms of Regulation 3 and 6. Even the Second Option came at a cost even to those who were continuing in the service of the bank. The amount so collected from the optees was also transferred to Pension Fund.

2. Regulation 5(3) provided that the Bank shall be a contributor to the Pension Fund and shall ensure that sufficient sums are placed in it to enable trustees to make due payments to beneficiaries under the Pension Regulations. It thus casts a mandatory obligation on the Banks to ensure sufficiency of the funds.

3. Banks were required to contribute @ 10% per month of the Pay of the Employee in terms of Regulation 7(a) and additional annual contribution (Regulation 7(f)) after causing an Actuarial Investigation into the financial condition of the Fund as on 31st March every year so as to secure payment of the benefits under these Regulations.

4. Pension Regulation 35(1) of Bank Employees" Pension Regulations ,1995 originally provided that in respect of employees who retired between 1st January 1986 but before 31st October 1987, basic and additional Pension shall be updated as per the formula given on Appendix -1. This Updation was effected to eligible retirees at the time of implementation of Pension Scheme in the Banks. The formula in the Appendix-1 was the same as applicable for Central Government Pensioners at that time.

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6. In view of such an Unambiguous provision for Updation in the Pension Regulations, Bank Pensioners have been demanding Updation of Pension for all the Pensioners from respective dates of their eligibility for the Updation. But after grant of Updation of Pension for the employees of RBI, Bank Pensioners have lowered their demand by requesting at least for the RBI Pensioners Updation Formula and with the same date of effect i.e. 1.4.2019.

7. We give below the details of our working including what would be the cost of Pension updation including SBI employees for your consideration.

In the absence of complete Grade Wise breakup of Officer retirees available with us, the working of pension Updation is done by taking the maximum pension of a scale III Officer as a mean of all pensioners in Officers

Cadre. Hence the actual cost would definitely work out less in view of the fact that in the year 2000 Special VRS took place and all were not drawing maximum pay.

It is also assumed that 100% D.A. Neutralisation would be granted for the pensioners retired from 1-01-1986 to 31.10.2002.

Factors for Each Batch of Retirees in line with RBI Pension updation implemented in March 2019 are arrived at here below:

o FOR TAKING RETIREES TO 1992 SETTLEMENT FROM 1987: (Batch 1)

BASIC PENSION: DA/DR MERGED:	1 (1148-600)=548/4=137*0.67	=91.79% =0.9179	
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NOTIONAL10%0F 1	.9179	=0.19179	
REVISED BASIC PE	NSION	=1.9179+0.19179	= 2.11
FACTOR FOR REVI	SED BASIC PENSION	= 2.11	

o FOR TAKING RETIREES TO 1998 SETTLEMENT FROM 1992: (Batch 2)

BASIC PENSION: 1	
DA/DRMERGED: (1684-1148)=536/4=134*0).35=46.9%= 0.469
BASIC PENSION AFTER MERGER:	=1+0.469 = 1.469
NOTIONAL10%OF1.469	=0.1469
REVISED BASIC PENSION	=1.469+0.1469 =1.616
FACTOR FOR REVISED BASIC PENSION	=1.616

 o FOR TAKING RETIREES TO 2002 SETTLEMENT FROM 1998: (Batch 3)

 BASIC PENSION:
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 DA/DR MERGED:
 (2288-1684)=604/4=151*0.24 =36.24= 0.3624

 BASIC PENSION AFTER MERGER
 =1+0.3624 =1.3624

 NOTIONAL 10% AFTER MERGER:
 =0.13624

 REVISED BASIC PENSION
 =1.3624+0.13624 =1.49

 FACTOR FOR REVISED PENSION
 =1.49

o FOR TAKING RETIREES TO 2007 SETTLEMEN	T FROM 2002 : (Batch 4)
BASIC PENSION 1	
DA/DR MERGED: (2836-2288)=548/4=137*0.18	3 =24.66% = 0.2466
BASIC PENSION AFTER MERGER	=1+0.2466 =1.2466
NOTIONAL 10% OF 1.2466	=0.1246
REVISED BASIC PENSION	=1.2466+0.1246 =1.37
FACTOR FOR REVISED BASIC PENSION	=1.37

o FOR TAKING RETIREES TO 2012 SETTLEMENT	FROM 2007 : (Batch 5)
BASIC PENSION: 1	
DA/DRMERGED: (4440-2836)= 1604/4=401*0.15	5 =60.15% =0.6015
BASIC PENSION AFTER MERGER	=1+0.6015 =1.6015
NOTIONAL10%OF1.6015	= 0.16015
REVISED BASIC PENSION	=1.6015+0.1601 =1.7616
FACTOR FOR REVISED BASIC PENSION	= 1.76
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USING THE ABOVE RESULTS, THE FACTORS FOR PENSION UPDATION @6352 POINTS ON THE BASIS OF RBI FORMULAE ARE WORKED OUT AS UNDER: 1.1987BATCH 12.2*1.62=19.76 2.1992 BATC 5.78*1.62= 9.36 3.1998 BATCH 3.59*1.62= 5.82 4.2002 BATCH 2.41*1.62= 4.39 5.2007 BATCH 1.76*1.62= 2.85 6.2012 BATCH = 1.62

TOTAL COST of Pension Updation @6352 Points as on August 2019 for PSBS on the lines of RBI
Formula:

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FOR SBI Pensioners

Batch 1	No of	Pension	Total
	-Retirees	Increase	
SS	730	8038	5867740
CLK	947	15478	14657666
OFF	1026	30825	31626450
Batch 2			
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CLK	2436	12860	31326960
OFF	2436	26389	64283604

Batch 3				
SS CLK	6830 9557	5898 11105 23110	40283340 106130485 252245650	
Batch	4			
SS CLK OFF	6754 9965 11243	6879 12017 20271	46460766 119749405 227906853	
Batch	5			
CLK	10566	5785	29382628 61124310 114205276	
Batch	6			
SS CLK OFF	9780 12234 13381	1572 2671 4360	15374160 32677014 58341160	
Total	130620	Per Month	1264693635	
Total		Per Annum	15176323620	
Total No. of Cost Per annum Pensioners				
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Rs.4882.54 Cr for 404600 pensioners Rs.5322.87 Cr for 441000 pensioners

It is submitted that the Pension Funds of the Banks are quite healthy and can afford Updation of Pension using the same Factors as done in the case of RBI without affecting the Balance Sheets at this juncture.

Since the Public Sector Banks are State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India and Banks Pension Regulations providing for Updation of Pension, are Subordinate Legislation, it is a statutory obligation on the part of the Banks to periodically update the pension.

It is also ruled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that Salary Revision and Pension Revision are inseparable and constitute a Legal right. It was also held that Pension is not a **Bounty and is a Deferred age**. It therefore naturally follows that whenever there is a revision of wages, the **Deferred Wages cannot remain constant**. Hence the need for Pension Revision cannot be overemphasised.

The contention that the Banks are incurring losses which impedes their capacity to pay is hollow as Pension Fund is not created out of profits and its provision does not find a place in the Profit & Loss Appropriation A/c of the Banks. Moreover, the Banks are forced to provide for NPAs despite losses. The provision for NPAs is a Regulatory Guidelines whereas the provision for Pension Fund in accordance with the Pension Regulation 11 constitutes a Statutory Provision. It is pertinent to submit that the Statutory Provisions have Precedence over the Regulatory Provisions. The introduction of Pension Scheme by signing the Settlement in the year 1993 is quite significant as many Banks were in Loss during 1992 and 1993 due to the Introduction of New Accounting Norms. Had the Pension been dependent on the profits of the Banks, it would not have been agreed to grant pension at that juncture.

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As you are aware Banks Pension Scheme is similar to that of RBI and it was so referred to in the Pension Settlement. Pension Regulation 56 also provides that in case of any doubt, a reference shall be had to the Central Government Pension and Commutation Rules 1972. In as much as the Updation of Pension is available to the Central Government Pensioners and has also been extended to RBI and NABARD Pensioners, it would be unfair and unfortunate to continue to deny the benefit of Updation of Pension to Bank Pensioners despite there being a pre-existing provision under our Pension Regulation 35(1).

Hence it is submitted to favourably consider the legitimate demand of the Bank Pensioners for grant of Updation of Pension and settle the issue along with the signing of the 11th Bipartite Settlement.

With Regards,

Yours faithfully,

K V Acharya President AIBPARC & Joint Convener CBPRO

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Dated 06.10.2020

Shri. Sanjeev K Bandlish Convener, UFBU Chandigarh

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 DA/DRMERGED:
 (4440-2836)=
 1604/4=401*0.15
 =60.15%
 =0.6015

 BASIC PENSION AFTER MERGER
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o FOR TAKING RETIREES TO 2017 MOU FROM 2012: (Batch 6)

 BASIC PENSION:
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 DA/DRMERGER:
 (6352-4440)=1912/4=478*0.10
 =47.80%
 = 0.478

 BASIC PENSION AFTER MERGER
 =1+0.478
 = 1.478

 NOTIONAL 10% OF 1.478
 = 0.1478
 = 0.1478

 REVISED BASIC PENSION
 =1.478+0.1478=1.62581qqq

 FACTOR FOR REVISED BASIC PENSION
 = 1.62

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TOTAL COST of Pension Updation @6352 Points as on August 2019 for PSBS on the lines of RBI Formula:

For PSBs:

Batch 1	No.of Retirees	Pension Increase	Total
SS CLK	1453 2243	8038 15478	11679214 34717154
OFF Batch 2	4284	30825	132054300
SS CLK	2328 4246	6883 12860	16023624 54603560
OFF Batch 3	9290	26389	245153810
SS	9266	5898	54650868
CLK OFF Batch 4	32236 35417	11105 23110	357980780 818486870
SS	6370	6879	43819230
CLK OFF Batch 5	7932 8312	12017 20271	95318844 168492552
SS	12145	3476	42216020
CLK OFF Batch 6	26696 31415	5785 9956	154436360 312767740
SS	13062	1572	20533464
CLK OFF	30910 36375	2671 4360	82560610 158595000
Total Total	273980	Per month Per annum	2804090000 33649080000

FOR SBI Pensioners

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Batch 3				
SS	6830	5898	40283340	
CLK	9557	11105	106130485	
OFF	10915			
OFF	10915	23110	252245650	
Batch 4				
SS	6754	6879	46460766	
	9965	12017	119749405	
OFF	11243	20271	227906853	
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Batch 5				
SS	8453	3476	29382628	
	10566	5785	61124310	
-	11471	9956	114205276	
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Batch 6				
SS	9780	1572	15374160	
CLK	12234	2671	32677014	
	13381		58341160	
lotal '	130620	Per Month	1264693635	
Total		Per Annum	15176323620	
Total No. of Cost Per annum Pensioners				
	273980			
SBI	130620	15176363220		
Total	101600	48825443220		
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Rs 4882 54 Cr for 404600 pensioners				

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The contention of IBA that the Banks are incurring losses which impedes their capacity to pay is hollow as Pension Fund is not created out of profits and its provision does not find a place in the Profit & Loss Appropriation A/c of the Banks. Moreover, the Banks are forced to provide for NPAs despite losses. The provision for NPAs is a Regulatory Guidelines whereas the provision for Pension Fund in accordance with the Pension Regulation 11 constitutes a Statutory Provision. It is pertinent to submit that the Statutory Provisions have Precedence over the Regulatory Provisions. The introduction of Pension Scheme by signing the Settlement in the year 1993 is quite significant as many Banks were in Loss during 1992 and 1993 due the Introduction of New Accounting Norms. Had the Pension been dependent on the profits of the Banks, it would not have been agreed to grant pension at that juncture.

Obtention of Actuary's Estimate is a requirement incorporated in the Pension Regulations for enabling the Banks to estimate the requirement of Additional provision on annual basis and cannot be construed as a hindrance to extend the benefits of Updation in terms of Regulation 35 (1). Similarly, AS-15 (R) is an alien concept to the Banks Pension Regulations and cannot be allowed to interfere with the existing beneficial provisions like Updation of Pension in terms of Regulation 35 (1). While Regulations which adversely affect the Pensioners even after Retirement by invoking Pension Regulation thrusting Disciplinary Proceedings and subjecting them to Punishments how a Legal Right of getting Pension Updation with every Wage Revision can be denied? In fact, Bank Employees Pension Regulation only contains a Categorical assertion by way of Regulation 35 (1) about Updation of Pension and Regulation 56 asserts about reference to Central Government Pension Scheme.

The Issue of Updation of Pension for Bank Pensioners cannot be bogged down to the mysterious Cost Implications bogey raised vis a vis highly disputable Actuarial estimations which is going on even much before the last Bipartite Settlement. In fact the one Issue which can be resolved without any impact what so ever on the Balance Sheets of the Banks is Pension Updation as it has to be paid out of the robust Pension Fund only that too when the Pensioners are expecting the same from this Settlement. It is necessary that the Issue of Updation of Pension is resolved at least now and Justice is rendered.

As you are aware Banks Pension Scheme is similar to that of RBI and it was so referred in the original pension settlement. Pension Regulation 56 also provides that in case of any doubt, a reference shall be had to the Central Government Pension and Commutation Rules 1972. In as much as the Updation of Pension is available to the Central Government Pensioners and has also been extended to RBI and NABARD Pensioners, it would be unfair and illegitimate to continue to deny the benefit of Updation of pension to bank pensioners despite there being a pre-existing provision under our Pension Regulation 35(1).

Hence it is submitted to favorably consider the legitimate demand of the Bank Pensioners for grant of Updation of Pension and take up the issue of updation of pension with IBA and settle the issue along with the signing of the 11th Bipartite Settlement.

With Comradely Regards,

Yours comradely,

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