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

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Governing Council meets virtually on 18th December,21 and takes stock of events and development of issues affecting Retirees' interest between July to date of holding the meeting.

We have much pleasure to convey that the Governing Council of AIBPARC had its virtual meeting on the above date and it was attended by 90 per cent of its total members as well as by two of our Advisors. The daylong meeting was presided over by Com. K.V. Acharya and Com C. Gangadhar Yadav acted as the Host.

The decisions of the meeting are being communicated hereunder:

*The House expressed serious concern about Government's move to amend Bank--related Laws aiming at Privatisation of Public Sector Banks. It was expected that Government would take the message in right spirit given by the anti-privatisation campaign culminating in strike of two consecutive days. It was also expected that Government would consider the interest of common man and the nation as a whole and desist from the move.

*The House expressed satisfaction at the successful resolve of a long pending issue--improvement of Family Pension in line with RBI and Central Government Employees. While thanking all the parties concerned, the meeting expressed its gratitude to the members for keeping confidence upon the organisation for almost a decade and also for participating in various forms of agitation to achieve the lawful demand. It was also decided that the cause of Private Sector Banks which are yet to receive the benefits for various reasons are to be escalated again and the issues of minimum pension and spouses of prematurely deceased persons would again be taken up with IBA for immediate resolve.



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* The House expressed dis-satisfaction at the undue delay made by the Internal Committee of IBA in submitting its findings on Pension Updation. The House expected that the process would be expedited in view of the direction of the Apex court to tell their views soon. The meeting expressed its fervent hope that the Committee while submitting the report would actively consider the major points raised by AIBPARC which include, inter alia, that the concept of Updation of Pension is already there at Regulation 35(1) and that the cost-sheet submitted by AIBPARC clearly established that the cost of Updation was within a very reasonable extent and that too it was manageable by the Corpus itself.

*The meeting took stock at length the initiatives taken by the organisation to offer relief to the Retirees in regard to the annual premium of GMISR and the ultimate outcome of it. While expressing dis-satisfaction at the insensitive attitude of IBA and lack of initiatives displayed by the other parties concerned, the House explored the possibility of future course of action in this regard. Several members offered their suggestions while a few others preferred to tell their views by mail in view of paucity of time. It was decided that the organisation would process the collective opinion of the House and start application of mind from the beginning of the new year.

*The meeting took stock of the developments of different pending Court cases on Updation of Pension, Special Allowance, Resignee issue, etc. It also discussed various problems in the implementation of IBA guidelines on handling issues of stagnation Increment, DA-- anomaly etc. It was decided to remind IBA once again. The extension of best possible HR practices which is denied in most cases was discussed at length and affiliates of merged banks were requested to apprise Central office at an early date so that issues can be taken up at Government of level.

* The House deliberated at length the issue of holding the next General Body Conference (Triennial) which falls due on any day on or after 31st March, 2022. As the Host State requires at least 3 months of time for preparation of a massive gathering, the date and venue are to be declared preferably within 31st December 21.

In this background, The House noted the World wide scare of Omicron, the latest version of COVID-19 and its probable impact over our country in next few months. As its potentiality of devastation is yet unknown, The House unanimously felt that it would be gravely unwise to hold the conference of older citizens in March 22. It was decided that the next General Body would be deferred by six months i.e. upto 30th September, 22 with the condition that if permissibility of situation arises, the organisation might think to hold earlier.

*The House decided that at the beginning of the New year 2022, if Pension Updation and other issues remain in the same unresolved status, Organization may again go for a call to members to join the programme of submission of On--line Memorandum to Union Finance Minister and other Authorities.

Comrades, the older citizens participated in the meeting with enthusiasm and contributed to the collective wisdom of the organisation.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely Yours,

Suprita Sarkar
General Secretary.