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To All Members

AIBPARC THIRD TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE A GRAND SHOW OF STRENGTH OF RETIREES

Dear Comrades,

We are very glad to report that the 3rd Triennial Conference of our parent organization All India Bank Pensioners & Retirees Confederation (AIBPARC) held at Infosys Hall, T Nagar, Chennai on 30th & 31st March 2019 was a historic show of strength of the retirees. Thousands of delegates and observers from various affiliate organizations from the nook and corner of the country thronged to the city to show their solidarity and camaraderie of our mighty organization. All the faces of the veterans were griled with the true reflection of their anger and frustration against the denial of justice of their eligible and hard earned rights and privileges by the authorities even after umpteen number of years. It may be recalled that we all had given our sweat and blood while serving in the bank in various capacities and have no doubt that this has helped in shaping the nation's economy in general and banking industry in particular and we owe a legitimate share in the fag end of our life.



A view of the Dias – Com. K V Acharya, President AIBPARC addressing the conference

The inaugural session started at 5.00 pm on 30th March with more than 2000 retired officers in an over-packed Infosys Hall. Com. K V Acharya, President of our Confederation presided. In his presidential address he elaborated the just and rightful demand of retirees and the efforts taken by AIBPARC in bringing all retiree organization under the umbrella of CBPRO (AIBPARC, SBI Pensioners Association) & AIBRF. As a result of the coordinated efforts Bank retirees could organise massive demonstrations and dharnas in various major centers in the length and breadth of the country in which thousands of retirees participated which got wide publicity in the print and visual media. Hon'ble Justice Hariparanthaman

inaugurated the Conference by lighting the lamp and delivered the inaugural address. He touched upon the genuineness of our demands and was pessimistic that the judicial system will not in anyway be a solution and advised us to resort to agitation through non-violence as the father of our nation taught us, till we succeed. Keynote address was delivered by Com. Soumya Dutta, General Secretary of AIBOC who, in unequivocal terms declared their unconditional solidarity and support to the noble cause of retirees and assured that the 11th Bipartite Settlement will not be signed by AIBOC without resolving the residual issues in the joint note of the last Bipartite settlement pertaining to retirees which was received by the audience with thundering applause. Com. A Ramesh Babu, General Secretary Federation of SBI Pensioners Association and Joint Convener of CBPRO, Com. Deshpande, President AIBRF, Com. P K Sarkar former president of AIBOC, Com. G D Nadaf, former General Secretary of AIBOC spoke on the occasion. Com. SBC Karunakaran, President AIBPARC Tamilnadu State committee welcomed the gathering and Com. Chandrasekharan K, Secretary AIBPARC Tamilnadu State proposed vote of thanks.

BUSINESS SESSION on 31st MARCH

Business session commenced at 10 .00 am in the same venue. After the address by Com K V Acharya , President Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary presented the report for the triennial period 2016-2019. 36 delegates from different affiliates spoke on the General Secretary's report. We are very glad to report that the conference was attended by Shri Tom Thomas president, M/s.K Ravindran, Vice President, George C Chacko, Vice President, Subba Rao, Vice President, Thomachan K T, General Secretary, George Sam, Treasurer, Rajanarayanan V M, Dy.General Secretary, Rajvarma E K, EC Member, Pappachan V O, Asst. Secretary, Paul Jose Mathew , Asst Treasurer and Divakaran K, Area Secretary, Chennai as delegates and observers. Com. Tom Thomas our President spoke on the General Secretary's report representing our Forum. He highlighted the role played by the leaders of AIBPARC with the support of AIBOC in bringing the burning issues of the retirees to the limelight and the need for an early settlement. The General Secretary's Report and Accounts were approved by the house unanimously.

The following resolutions were also adopted in the conference.

1. Updation of Pension
2. Improvement of Family Pension
3. 100% DA neutralisation to retirees prior to 01.11.2002
4. On Group Mediclaim
5. On status of negotiations to AIBPARC and CBPRO
6. On Computation of special allowance for the purpose of calculation of superannuation benefits.
7. On payment of additional quantum of gratuity to bank employees and officers from 01.01.2016.
8. On reduction of qualifying service.
9. Improvement in Exgratia pension.
10. Resignees with eligible service to be allowed to opt for second option of pension.
11. On protection of interest of employees and officers of associate banks in the post merger situation.
12. On protection of interest of members in Private Sector Bank and RRBs
13. On creation of a separate interest bracket for pensioners.
14. On stagnation increment.
15. Sanction of leave encashment to employees and officers who are compulsorily retired.

NEW TEAM

A new team of office bearers with Com. K V Acharya as President and Com. Suprita Sarkar as General Secretary assumed office for the current triennial term.

We are very glad to report that FBROF was recognized by electing our President Sri. Tom Thomas as one of the Senior Vice Presidents and K T Thomachan, General Secretary to the Governing Council.

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF OUR FORUM

As all of you are aware our FORUM which was formed in June 1994 is entering its silver jubilee year. Our Executive Committee which met on 26.02.2019 has decided to celebrate the silver jubilee year in a befitting manner. We are also making elaborate arrangements for the conduct of our annual conference as SILVER JUBILEE CONFERENCE on Saturday, 10th August 2019 at Mahatma Gandhi Town Hall, Aluva. As part of our silver jubilee celebrations we are planning to come out with a silver jubilee souvenir touching the various milestones achieved by our Forum and high lighting the role played by our leaders of yester years. A souvenir committee headed by Sri.Rajavarma E K as Convener and M/s. K Ravindran, Girija C George, P S Smith and S Sathyamoorthy as members. We are also planning to have an Essay competition for retirees and serving officers separately. Details in this regard will be informed in due course.

DEVELOPMENTS AT NATIONAL LEVEL- BIPARTITE TALKS

The salary revision talks have made no progress due to the divergent views of the different unions of UFBU. However we are glad that our parent organization AIBOC and NOBO only have shown interest in the pending issues of retirees and showed the courage to walkout from the bilateral talks as IBA was reluctant to resolve the fractured mandate of serving officers and the residual issues of the joint note of the last bipartite settlement ending the process in a deadlock. The developments of all issues at National Level have come to a standstill consequent to the announcement of Lok sabha elections. We may have to wait till a new regime take office by the end of May 2019.

PF CASE

As reported earlier PF Commissioner has filed Special Leave Petition (SLP) at Supreme Court with a prayer to condone the delay of nearly 9 months. Bank, FBOA and FBROF have to file counters on the basis of the contentions placed by the PF Commissioner. We learn that Bank has taken all steps to file the counter immediately and thereafter, we will also file our counter.

OBITUARY



Joseph Kurien PF 2193 (Ernakulam Area): Joseph Kurien aged 65 years expired on 23rd December 2018 after a period of prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife Mrs.Shiny and two daughters Anna and Sara . Late. Joseph Kurien was an active member of FBOA and FBROF



Sundara Raj R, PF No.797 (Madurai Area): Late Sundara Raj R aged 68 years breathed his last on 26th December 2018 following cardiac failure. belongs to Nagercoil in Kanyakumari and survived by wife two sons viz Ramesh and Rajesh.



Ittera M P, PF No.2201 (Thrissur Area): Late Ittera, aged 64 years breathed his last on 02nd January 2019 following a massive cardiac arrest. He hails from Puthenchira near Chalakudy. He is survived by wife Lucy and three daughters Navya, Neena and Neetha. Late Ittera was very active in the retired forum and FBOA.



Garg T C, PF No.1834 (Delhi Area): T C Garg aged 74 years expired on 25th February 2019. He is survived by his wife and two sons Dr.Manoj Garg and Manish Garg and daughter Ms.Alka Garg. Late Garg was very active in our Forum and FBOA.



Oommen Benjamin T, PF No.1814 (Ernakulam Area): Oommen Benjamin aged 66 years left for abode on 01st March 2019 following a brief spell of cardiac ailment. He was a native of Kottayam and settled at Federal Park, Ernakulam, survived by wife Smt. Sobha and son Ashish. Late Oommen Benjamin was an active member of FBROF and FBOA and always been in the forefront of our activities.



Rajan S, PF 2456 (Mavelikara Area): Rajan S, aged 62 breathed his last on 20th March 2019 in Ernakulam following a short spell of illness. He hailed from Chengannur and survived by his wife Vinitha, son Mahesh Raj and daughter Sethulakshmi. He was Regional Secretary, FBOA Pathanamthitta Region and an active member of our Forum.



Scariachan Meenattoor, PF 3349 (Aluva Area): Scariachan Meenattoor aged 64 expired on 29 March 2019 due to cardiac arrest after surviving a stroke he suffered two years back. He hailed from Palai and settled at Federal Village, Aluva, survived by wife Smt. Shanta, son Anil and daughter Anju. He was very active in FBOA and FBROF during his life time.

Christopher George, aged 68 years, Retired Officer breathed his last on 11th November 2018. He hailed from Kavanad, Kollam.

OTHER MATTERS

Consequent to the technological developments of communication, we have also reduced periodicity of sending printed circulars saving cost and time by resorting to other channels such as WhatsApp, email etc. It has been brought to our notice that our present communication channel are not reaching a few of our senior members who are not preferring the same. Considering their specific requests we are planning to collect a data of such members through Area Secretaries for making alternate arrangements for reaching communication to them also. Area Secretaries are accordingly requested to collect the names of such members and to hand over the same in the Executive Committee meeting scheduled on 6th May 2019.

Next Executive Committee Meeting

It has been decided to convene a joint meeting of Executive Committee Members, Office Bearers and Area Secretaries on Monday 6th May 2019 to chalk out strategies for the successful conduct of the Silver Jubilee Conference and our other organizational matters.

We are getting several queries regarding the TPA of Medical Insurance Scheme and the validity of the ID Cards. We wish to clarify that TPA for retired officers of our Bank, remains the same viz. VIDAL and the cards issued by them earlier is valid even now, as there is no specified expiry date. Members those who have not received ID cards, are requested to send an email to medicare@federalbank.co.in seeking issue of the card. For any further assistance in this regard, please contact Vidal Executive on mobile number 9544971166 and contact person Shri. S. Anand, Desk Officer of our Bank on mobile number 9895113134.

With warm regards,

Sd/

K T Thomachan
General Secretary