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Dear Comrades,

SPLENDID DISPLAY OF OUR UNITY & SOLIDARITY MASSIVE NATIONAL DHARNA AT JANTAR MANTAR-DELHI

We refer to our earlier circular enjoining upon our members, affiliates and constituents to participate in our National Dharna at Jantar Mantar on 07.01.2019. Our Delhi Units of CBPRO & AIBRF under the vibrant leadership of Com. D K Hans(CBPRO) & Com A K Bansal(AIBRF) had made elaborate arrangement for successful conduct of Massive National Dharna. Belying the apprehension in some quarters, about the severe winter 's impact on the number of participants, our Comrades thronged the venue right from 10.00 am onwards and the number kept swelling to eventually cross 5000 participants. It was a splendid display of the Unity & Solidarity by Bank Pensioners & Retirees. Seeing the magnitude of the gathering of the Bank Pensioners & Retirees, the authorities did not permit us to march to Parliament. However our senior leaders were escorted by the assigned Police Officials to submit a Joint Memorandum to The Secretary, Dept of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Govt of India, New Delhi. Our Dharna was a grand success with the following highlights:

1. Senior leaders of Bank Pensioners & Retirees movement like Com. P K Pathak (General Secretary SBI Pensioners Associations, Delhi circle), A Ramesh Babu & K V Acharya(Joint Convenors, CBPRO), S C Jain (General Secretary, AIBRF), Suprita Sarkar(General Secretary, AIBPARC), D D Maheshwari (Deputy General Secretary, RBONC), R L Rao(President, AIRBEA), T N Goel(President SBI Pensioners Association, Delhi Circle), J P Sharma(Vice President, AIBEA), A K Nagar (President AIBPARC, Delhi), Niranjan Mishra(Vice President, AIBRF), R K Sharma(Chairman AIBPARC-Delhi), Dr J D Sharma(Senior Vice President, AIBPARC-Delhi), D P

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Gupta (Vice President AIBRF), and Suresh Sharma (Organising Secretary, AIBRF) participated in the Dharna.

- 2. The National Dharna was presided over by Com. P K Pathak, General Secretary, SBI Pensioners Association, Delhi Circle.
- 3. All India Bank Officers" Confederation (AIBOC) extended fraternal support and Com. Debashish Gosh, President AIBOC addressed our dharna and gave a solemn assurance that AIBOC has taken up issues of Bank Pensioners & Retirees as an inseparable and integral part of Charter of Demand and they are making all out efforts to sign the Bi-Partitie settlements only on resolution of Pensioners issues. Com. Ravinder Gupta, Senior Vice President, AIBOC, also addressed our dharna and pledged all out support for the demands of Bank Pensioners & Retirees.
- 4. Com. Ramesh Babu, K V Acharya, S C Jain, Suprita Sarkar and other leaders elaborately explained the important issues like Updation of Pension, Improvement in Family Pension, 100% D A to Pre-November, 2002 Retirees, Extension of Medical Benefits at Par with serving employees, Abolition of New Pension Scheme(NPS) and extending the cover of Defined Benefit Pension Scheme to those employees and Officers those who have joined the Banks after April, 2010. They called for resolution of all these issues by IBA and Government urgently. They also solicited support of UFBU in helping resolution of these issues along with impending wage revision settlement. The leaders also emphasized the need of providing a structured mechanism to the Bank Pensioners & Retirees for negotiating their pending issues and redressal of grievances on a regular basis. Com T N Goel, Com D D Maheshwari, Com R L Rao and Com N K Pareek also addressed the gathering and enthused the participating comrades. Com D Krishna Kumar, Com M S Mohan

Rao, Com K S Ramachandra Rao and Com K M Shastri senior functionaries of SBI Pensioners Associations also participated. Com.Mohan Shanware, General Secretary, FORBE sent his good wishes for Dharna and conveyed about his participation in Mumbai Dharna.

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- 5. Shri D Raja, Member of Parliament took his valuable time off from the Parliament and addressed our dharna. He assured that the pending issues of Bank Pensioners & Retirees shall be taken up by him in Parliament in right earnest.
- 6. Shri Atul Kumar Anjaan, Member of Parliament also came to the dharna venue and extended his best wishes and whole hearted support to our demands.
- 7. The enthusiasm and indomitable spirits of the comrades were seen to be believed throughout the dharna. Many of our comrades continued to raise full throated slogans to highlight the pending issues of Bank Pensioners & Retirees. The team of our comrades who played lead role in raising slogans and enthusing the comrades during the day included Com. Prakash Karotia, Com. Mitra Vashu, Com J B Jain, Com T R Subramanian, Com V K Chodha, Com Kishan Singh, Com Umesh Kumaria and other comrades.
- 8. It was heartening to welcome the comrades of not only NCR Delhi but also those who showed their enthusiasm and came from neighboring towns to participate in our historic Dharna in the National Capital.

Our great and historic dharna was successfully concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Com J D Sharma.

Comrades our agitation programme highlighting our genuine demands has evoked tremendous response from members of Bank Pensioners & Retirees fraternity through out the country. Our units have been organizing massive dharna and demonstrations at different centers including Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and every district headquarters in the state of Kerala, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Ranchi, Jabalpur, Lucknow, Varanasi, Jaipur, Pune, Patna, Vijayawada, Bhubaneshwar, Visakapatnam and various other centers from where the reports are awaited.

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We congratulate all our members, affiliates and constituents for making our agitation programme a thundering success.

It is indeed a splendid display of Unity & Solidarity by both CBPRO & AIBRF and enormously boosted the morale of Bank Pensioners & Retirees and their Movement as the demonstrations were organized throughout the length & breadth of the country.

We shall continue our follow up action with the IBA and the Government for resolution of all our pending issues and redressal of the grievances of Bank Pensioners & Retirees. We hope that IBA & Government will call us for discussion to resolve our genuine and long pending issues.

Comrades, Our struggles will continue TILL WE SUCCEED

With New Year & Seasons Greetings,

Yours Comradely,

(A.Ramesh Babu) (K.V. A

(K.V. Acharya)

(S.C. Jain)

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Joint Conveners, CBPRO

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