

SBRA - Legal Fund contribution

State Bank Retirees' Association meeting was organised by SBHREA on 16-10-2019 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Hyderabad for the first time after its formation. The meeting has seen a historic attendance of more than 750 Retirees and the participation was from super seniors to today's retiree. The meeting started at 4-30 pm and went on upto 7 pm . Many stayed back till the end and spent considerable time meeting their old colleagues. The whole atmosphere from the beginning reflected the seriousness of the Retirees on their long pending issues.

After symbolic lamp lighting, Smt. K. Rohini Rao, General Secretary, SBHREA invited Dr.A.Ananta krishna Rao, President, SBRA, Sri C.N.Prasad, General Secretary, SBRA, Sri M.Chakrapani, President, SBHREA and the other office bearers of SBRA onto the dias.

In the welcome address Smt. K. Rohini Rao, briefed the main aim of formation of SBRA and importance of present meeting.

Dr. A. Anantakrishna Rao while addressing the members of SBH family after 17 years explained the need of formation of Apex organisation SBRA and the high handedness of SBI management in not implementing the S.C order in true spirit. He embraced all e-Associates as his family by emerging as President of SBRA. He also said that SBRA has emerged from e-Associate Banks Coordination Committee. The position of all e-Associate Banks was very pathetic after merger into SBI as the MOU of merger is not being implemented in true sense. All facilities and privileges which were there in e-Associate Banks before merger were not extended to Associate Banks despite clear mention in the Gezette Notification that they have to be continued even after merger. He explained elaborately the future plans of achieving all anomalies raised after merger through SBRA in pursuation with Corporate Office and if necessary through Court of Law.

Sri C.N.Prasad, General Secretary of SBRA and General Secretary of SBM Pensioners Commune has explained in detail about the Pending court cases and stressed more on the recent S.C order which entitled the pensioners retired between 1998 and 2002 to get arrears on account of Commutation. He also explained in detail about the fit and strong case with regard to regulation 37 of Pension rules 1995. This regulation 37 would definitely benefit the Retirees Retired during 7th to 10th Bipartite settlements in getting more Dearness Relief and arrears to all from the date of retirement since no amendments have taken place in Pension Regulations till date. He is very optimistic in this matter and very confident that SBRA will definitely clinch this Benefit through court of law. He said that an illustration was given in monthly magazine Shantanu of SBM, the amount of arrears and quantum of increase in monthly pension in each Bipartite wise which is also kept on our website for information of the members. He said that there is every need for all the retirees to become members of SBHREA which is an affiliate to SBRA an apex body formed at All India Level comprising all 7 Associates. He also said that in all legal matters, SBI honours the court order only to petitioners. So he stressed the need to become members to get the benefit to all. SBRA is now in the process of filing W.P in connection with Regulation 37 in Court on behalf of all e-Associate Banks so that the benefit would pass on to all retirees provided they are the members of individual retiree organisations. He requested every member to contribute Rs. 5000/- each to enable SBRA to employ best legal experts to argue our cases in court of law especially regulation 37 of Pension rules which beyond doubt SBRA succeeds, as in this issue gross violation of law is evident.

Sri V.Sombabu, Dy. General Secretary, SBRA, who is now in USA has sent a message which was read by Sr. P. Krishna Murali in the meeting. Sri. Sombabu stressed more about the vindictive attitude of SBI Management towards aged pensioners in not paying the arrears of Commutation although the S.C.Contempt orders are very clear to pay Commutation arrears with 9% interest to all those who received arrears in terms of the original judgement.

Sri C.N.Prasad, General Secretary, SBRA was felicitated and honoured with a Shawl and a memento by Dr.Anantakrishna Rao, President, SBRA and the entire Committee Members of SBRA were present in felicitations.

Sri Uppu Sudhakar, Vice President, SBRA proposed vote of thanks and stressed the need in making the unit level and central Organizations strong In achieving our goals.

All the Retirees were served with light refreshments at the end of the programme.

Thanking you