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(For circulation among all the members of the Managing Committee as well as the Governing Council of AIBPARC, Special Invitees, State Secretaries and Advisors of AIBPARC.)

Dear Comrade,

## Sub : MEETING OF MANAGING COMMITTEE (EXTENDED) TAKES PLACE AT DELHI ON 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018 IN THE MIDST <u>OF ENTHUSIASM AND PARTICIPATIVE INVOLVEMENT</u>

We have much pleasure to inform the members that the aforesaid meeting took place at the conference hall of BT Ranadive Memorial Trust, New Delhi on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. Members of the GC travelled long distance from different parts of the country to attend the meeting. Held at a very crucial time for the industry in general and retirees in particular, the meeting took stock of the whole position prevailing at the present moment and took tangible decisions for coming few months. For information of members, we are reporting the highlights of the proceeding :

- The meeting started with the welcome address by the President, AIBPARC, Delhi State Unit. It was very heartening for us to note that the leaders, veterans, activists and state committee members stationed at Delhi labored very hard to see that the meeting takes place with resounding success.
- After bereavement and initial address by Com. KV Acharya, President, the General Secretary placed his report covering the incidents/happenings/issues emanating in the period between the last meeting and the present one before members and Treasurer submitted the annual accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.
- 24 members participated in deliberations throughout the whole day. They talked on all relevant issues and contemporary subjects. Valuable suggestions were also given by them on issues pertaining to retirees movements in the country.
- The house expressed very serious concern over the proposed hike of premium of group mediclaim policy of IBA. It was irrational, inhuman and unrealistic. The house noted with satisfaction the initiatives undertaken by the leadership of AIBPARC/CBPRO in meeting and persuading the leaders of UFBU, officials of IBA and Union Govt. in making them aware of the inhuman hardship proposed to be brought on bank retirees and impressing upon them the need to offer substantial relief. The house urged upon all concerned to approach the subject with rationality.
- The house noted with satisfaction the willingness of AIBRF to sign joint communications addressed to IBA and UFBU on issues of retirees' interest along with conveners of CBPRO. Such joint communications have created a new hope in the minds of bank retirees. It was decided that AIBPARC will do everything that is possible to forge a broad-based unity among the retiree organsiations in the country.
- The house noted with satisfaction and optimism the final outcome of some of the legal battles which have been fought over the years to bring some tangible benefits for the retirees. The continuous follow up made by AIBPARC/CBPRO have probably brought some changes in the attitude of IBA towards the court judgements delivered at different points of time.
- The house decided that all pending issues mentioned in the charter of demands will be followed up with enthusiasm and vigour to see that success can be achieved. As regards review petition filed in Supreme Court on the issue of 100% DA neutralization, the house directed to keep a strict vigil over the developments and take further steps whenever necessary so that the issue can be fought to the end.

- As regards the strategy and programme to be undertaken for next few months, it was decided that the organisation along with other retiree organisations will remain in constant touch with UFBU, IBA and Govt. to ensure that the demands of the retirees be handled with sincerity and sensitivity. The issue of mediclaim was given top most priority. It was decided to see the ultimate outcome and then offer the reactions to it and day to day contact till finalization be maintained with all concerned. It was also decided that the so called load on improvement of family pension which has been floated in the market be studied with care and submit a comprehensive paper to ensure that the calculation purported to have been done by IBA is wrong. It was also decided that the organisation along with other retiree organisations might have to go for demonstrative actions at different parts of the country if desired results does not forth come.
- The house discussed at length the situation prevailing in the organisation of our affiliate at Punjab National Bank. Considering the views of both the sides, the house endorsed the stand taken in the earlier meeting in this regard.
- The house took a unanimous resolution that the next general body conference will be held in the month of March, 2019. The exact date and venue will be made known with sufficient time in hand so that members do not have any problems in making their journey plans.
- Apart from the issues told above, the house also considered different other issues affecting various segments of retirees. All deliberations and all action points emanating from the meeting have been duly minuted and organisation will attach necessary importance to all such issues.
- Members are aware that Dementia is a progressive neurodegenerative disease by which 46.8 million elderly people have been suffering worldwide. One organisation dedicated for creation of awareness against the disease and organizing medical camps at different parts of the country at a very negligible cost offered a presentation before our meeting for a short duration. They requested our leaders that any organisation of retirees if interested for any such programme at his/her centre may contact Shri Mukesh Sehgal at his mobile no. 7738055616.
- The report of the General Secretary and the accounts for the year ending 31.03.2018 were duly approved by the house.

With best wishes,

( SUPRITA SARKAR ) GENERAL SECRETARY