

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF SBRA at BANGALORE ON 07-07-2019

7th July 2019 was an Historic day and on this day a new page in the history of Associate Banks Retirees is opened and formed APEX organisation consisting of all E-Associate bank retirees in the name of "STATE BANK RETIREES ASSOCIATION" (SBRA) at Bangalore in a jam packed auditorium of Jayanagar, National College under the Presidentship of Dr.A. Anantkrishna Rao Garu, former General Secretary, A.B.O.A. The meeting was attended by more than 700 Retired Employees of all Associates and other banks. It was really a memorable event where we could meet all our old colleagues and friends at one place.

Sri Tejaswi Surya, youngest M.P. of B.J.P representing from Bangalore South and Sri P.Pradeep Kumar, former M.D. of State Bank of India and several leaders of other organisations occupied the dias and inaugurated "SBRA" Logo. They spoke on this occasion and while greeting the newly formed organisation they have shown concern and interest about Bank Retirees problems and demands and stressed the need and necessity for improvement of pension in view of inflation. Sri Tejaswi Surya, M.P while addressing the audience, has promised that he would definitely take up the issues of retirees to the notice of the Government, Ministry of Finance and if necessary to the Law Ministry also for the injustice done to the Bank retirees especially. A memorandum was also given to him mentioning all the pending demands of bank retirees for representing to Government. Dr. A.Ananta Krishna Rao garu in his address stressed the need and necessity for formation of SBRA as our pension regulations are quite different with that of State Bank of India. SBI Regulations are Bank Specific and whereas Associate banks pension is as per pension regulations of 1995. On this day E-Magazine of SBRA in the name of "AB Thak" was also released during the inauguration. The magazine contains our demands in detail.

In the afternoon of Business Session of foundation conference, Dr. A. Anantkrishna Rao Garu (E-SBH) and Sri C.N.Prasad garu (E-SBM) were unanimously elected as PRESIDENT and GENERAL SECRETARY of Newly formed "S.B.R.A" respectively apart from nominating representatives of other Associate Banks for the remaining posts. From the unit of S.B.H.R.E.A, the following members have been elected to the various positions in the new Apex organisation.

- 1) Sri V.Sombabu as JT.General Secretary.
- 2) Sri M. Chakrapani and Sri Uppu Sudhakar as Vice-Presidents.
- 3) Smt. K. Rohini Rao and Sri Alla Ravinder as Secretaries.
- 4) Sri M.Lakshma Reddy as Asst.Treasurer.
- 5) Sri M. Ramakoteswara Rao, Sri P. Krishna Murali, and Sri Jayakumar of Bombay as Central Council Members.

Sri C.N.Prasad, General Secretary, SBRA has informed that the contempt petition filed by E-SBM is likely to be tabled on 15th July 2019 for hearing and in all probability the decision may come in favour of retirees about non-implementation in Payment of Arrears as per Supreme Court Judgement Viz. DA.Arrears as per section 37 of Pension regulations, Commutation arrears, 5 years Notional Service interest payment for non-petitioners as per the Judgement so far. The SBI Management has not filed any counter petition so far although the time sought by them for 3 weeks is over. It is now more than 3 months. With regards to payment of

5 years Notional Service to other associates other than SBM whose cases are pending in various High Courts, Sri C. N.Prasad informed that an SLP is being filed by SBT in Supreme Court who lost their case in Division Bench of High Court in a month or so and promised to Implead SBRA to the SLP so that any decision given by Supreme Court will be applicable to all Associates. He also said that not to be worried about the pending cases in various High Courts with regards to 5 years N. S.

The conference ended at 5 clock in the evening and everybody conveyed their thanks to the organisers for the excellent arrangements and their hospitality shown with a very tasteful lunch. Sri C.N.Prasad and Sri Srinivasa Rao, the General Secretary and President of SBM Pensioners commune respectively and their entire team richly deserves appreciation for conducting the inaugural conference of S.B.R.A at Bangalore in a befitting manner which goes in to the history of Banking Industry as a red letter day.

Thank you.

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