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For circulation among members of the Governing Council, State Secretaries, Special Invitees, Advisors, Affiliates, and Members.

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Historical Dharna organized by CBPRO at Jantar Mantar, Delhi, on 23rd October, 2024 demanding immediate resolution of all the Pending issues affecting the interest of Bank Pensioners and Retirees.

We reproduce here under the text of CBPRO circular no: 16/24 dated 27th October, 2024 on the above-mentioned subject.

This is for information of members.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

Suprita Sarkar
General Secretary

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All the Constituents of CBPRO and Members

UNPRECEDENTED, SPLENDID AND MAGNIFICENT SHOW OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY FROM BANK PENSIONERS AND RETIREES THROUGED AT JANTAR MANTAR, DELHI ON 23RD OCTOBER, 2024 AT THE CALL OF CBPRO.



Some Photographs of the Dias, Audience and the prominent Speakers

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Dear Comrades,

We report with great delight and with a deep sense of satisfaction the salient features of the hugely attended Dhama programme at Jantar Mantar of which all the Senior and Super Senior Citizens of the Banking Industry will always remain proud:

1. How was the day?

The 23rd October, 2024 will remain another landmark day in the history of the Bank Pensioners and Retirees Movement. Several thousand Pensioners and Retirees from different parts of the country assembled and made it a sea of humanity. They gathered in the morning at 10 am when the atmosphere was pleasant but as time rolled and the Sun was in the mid sky, it was naturally too hot but the older persons did not vacate the street and continued with vigour and enthusiasm till the programme was over by 1.30 pm. The participants Conquered Age and Ailments and made it a thunderous success.

2. How was the "JOSH"?

The highly charged and spirited sea of humanity was asked "How is the Josh?" And pat came the thunderous response "Ham ek Hay, Hame Viswas Hay."

That sums up the Determination and the Never say Die firm stand of the Bank Pensioners and Retirees of their Resolve to fight against all kinds of Discrimination and Denial of Justice. Apart from the Senior Citizens staying in and around Delhi, the Pensioners and Retirees from the adjoining states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Western UP, Chandigarh etc. travelled a long distance by vehicles and ensured their attendance. Representatives of Pensioners and Retirees across the country, from Kanyakumari to Kashmir emphatically marked their presence. Some of them wore colourful attires. **They proved once again that they had Retired but not Tired.** The Zeal and Enthusiasm displayed by each one of them is seen to be believed and will remain a source of inspiration for all times to come.

3. How did CBPRO work out the Mega Show of Struggle?

The Pensioners and Retirees belonging to the Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations, AIBPARC, RBONC, FORBE, AIBRAF, Delhi AIRBEA Leaders and also several organisations, who extended support, AIBRWA and All India PNB Retired Officers Association joined the programme under the umbrella and banner of CBPRO.

The Apex level leadership of the Organisations remained physically present on the Dais and offered a show of collective wisdom in their approach to the issues. We had been enthused to see that several Retirees not belonging to our affiliates also attended the programme and at the end they met the leadership to express their satisfaction and appreciation at the coherence displayed by CBPRO. The platform (Manch) had to be made smaller according to the size suggested by the Authorities. Hence it could not accommodate all the important leaders of the Movement. The dais comprised of the following persons:

Com. Kamal Kadri, Senior Vice President of FSBIPA, Com. S.K. Gagroo, General Secretary FSBIPA Delhi Circle (it may please be noted that Com. Dipak Kumar Basu, the General Secretary of FSBIPAs and also the Joint Convenor of CBPRO could not attend because of his wife's illnesses), Com K.V. Acharya, Joint Convenor, CBPRO and President AIBPARC, Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary of AIBPARC, Com. G.D. Nadaf, Advisor, AIBPARC, Com. D. K. Nadiger, General Secretary, RBONC, Com Mohan Shanware & Com. Bhaskar Mankeshwar, General Secretary & President of FORBE, Com Jugal Kishore Julka of AIBRAF, Com. Ananta Krishna Rao, a long-time veteran of the movement, Working Presidents of AIBPARC and the General Secretaries of the major affiliates of AIBPARC.

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4 What was the purpose of holding the Dharna?

Members are aware of the fact that the centralized Dharna aimed at the sole purpose of drawing the attention of the Government of India, the IBA, the Society and the Nation to the deprivations meted out to the senior citizens of the Industry for past several decades. The issues are: a) Implementation of the Pension Updation as per Regulations and Hon'ble Court Rulings b) Computation of the Special Allowance for calculation of gratuity and pension. c) Health Insurance at Bank's cost as available to Serving Employees d) Stoppage of Recovery of commutation after 10 years e) Allowing one more option for Pension to the left outs in the industry f) Removal of DA Disparity and Distortion, g) 50 percent Basic Pay to SBI Pensioners with retrospective effect h) Formal Consultative Status to all the Apex Level Retiree organisations to sort out all the issues affecting the interest of the Bank Pensioners and Retirees.

5. What had been the Views expressed by the Hon'ble Member of the Parliament?

We have pleasure to inform that **Shri G.K. Vasan, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament**, in his address to the gathering supported all the demands of the Pensioners and Retirees of the Industry and expressed his hope that the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister would be attending to the issues with sympathy and favour. He assured that he too would be personally taking up the issues with the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister and the Government authorities.

6 The encouraging presence of the Leaders of the Central Trade unions -- what views did they express?

Members are aware that CBPRO/ AIBPARC being apolitical organisations sent invitations to all the General Secretaries of the Central Trade unions to attend and address the Dharna.

We have pleasure to convey that Shri Girish Arya, National Secretary, BMS & In charge of the Financial Sector, Com. Amarjeet Kaur, General Secretary, AITUC and Com. Karumalaiyan, National Secretary, CITU attended the programme and addressed the gathering.

The leaders expressed their full support to the legitimate demands of the Bank Pensioners and Retirees and hoped that the United struggle would achieve the desired goal.

7.Representation of the Constituents of UFBU:

We had invited the Convenor and the General Secretaries of all the Constituents of UFBU to address the gathering. A few of them expressed their inability beforehand because of pre- determined occupations.

It is a matter of great pleasure and pride for all of us that **Com Rupam Roy, the General Secretary of AIBOC**, the mightiest organization of the Supervisory Cadre in the Industry, attended the programme and addressed the huge gathering. He was welcomed by thunderous applause. Com. Roy spoke in brief about the efforts undertaken by UFBU/ AIBOC to offer relief to the Senior citizens of the industry and he also expressed and emphasized his oneness with the list of demands of CBPRO.

8. Who had been the other Speakers of the day and what did they say?

Because of paucity of time, the number of speakers had to be restricted. Following leaders addressed the gathering:

Com. Kamal Kadri, the Senior Vice President of FSBIPAs, Com. K.V. Acharya & Com. Suprita Sarkar, President & General Secretary of AIBPARC, Com. G.D. Nadaf, Advisor, AIBPARC, Com. Mohan Shanware, General Secretary, FORBE, Com. D. Nadiger, General Secretary, RBONC,

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Com. Jugal Kishore Julka of AIBRAF and Dr. Ananta Krishna Rao, a senior leader of the movement at erstwhile Associate Banks and presently Advisor of our affiliate at E SBH.

The speakers explained in detail the rationale behind each pending demand, narrated the relentless persuasive steps taken so far and also the apathy on the part of IBA to sort out the legitimate demands. They also called for protracted struggle to achieve the goal and appealed for total Unity and Cohesion.

CBPRO expressed its firm resolution to go for all conceivable means like knocking the doors of the Judiciary, Ministry, IBA including hitting the streets again and again to achieve their legitimate demands.

9. Submission of Memorandum:

An elaborate memorandum has been drawn out on all the principal demands of the Pensioners/ Retirees by CBPRO and the same has been submitted before the following authorities:

A) The Secretariat of the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister B) The Secretariat of the MOS, Finance and C) The Secretary, DFS, MOF, GOI.

10. What next?

The agitation is an on- going process. It cannot begin overnight and it should not have a sudden halt. The continuity of struggle with courage and conviction is the key to success. We are going to follow this well-established dictum with all perseverance and sincerity of purpose.

We sincerely hope that the GOI / IBA will take note of the largely attended Dharna and act in the desired direction.

11. What message goes from the Success of the Dharna?

Co- ordination and Unity have worked like a magic. It is further to be consolidated and widened. Under the umbrella organisation of CBPRO, all the constituents have given their best and they tried to make it an Unforgettable Event. The message went to all concerned that the Bank Pensioners and Retirees had been speaking in one voice. We hope to achieve the Best.

12. Indebtedness:

We convey our thanks and gratitude to the CBPRO/ AIBPARC Delhi State unit under the leadership of Dr. J D Sharma, Convenor Delhi State CBPRO who worked very hard for several days to make the programme a Thundering Success. We Salute their Labour and Dedication.

We are immensely grateful to the Print and Electronic media and also to the U- Tubers for giving an excellent coverage of our programme which helped us a lot to reach every nook and corner of the country.

**With best wishes and regards, and Happy Deepavali Greetings,
Comrades,**

**March on March on
Struggle Ahead Struggle Ahead
CBPRO Zindabad
Our Unity Zindabad.**

Comradely yours,



Dipak Kumar Basu



K.V. Acharya
Joint Convenor, CBPRO