## ALL INDIA BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' CONFEDERATION



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

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Organizational updates -

- (i) (E) Vijaya Bank Pensioners and Retirees Association holds silver Jubilee Celebration and 8<sup>th</sup> Triennial General Body Conference with magnificent success on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023
- (ii) Second Phase of agitation sending of on-line memorandum reaches a new height –to be further stepped up in next week.
- (iii) AIBPARC's protest against the reply of MOS Finance in regard to alleged non existence of any provision of pension updation in BEPR (1995) under process.
- **1.** We have pleasure to convey that our affiliate at (E) Vijaya Bank organized their **Silver Jubilee celebration** in a grand fashion at the St. Joseph Institute of Management, Bangalore. More than 600 hundred members from different parts of the country attended the meeting. The Loyola Auditorium had a majestic and impressive look.

Com.Shivarama Alva, the President of the organization narrated in brief the history of the organization and the struggle initiated for betterment of the Retirees of the Bank. Com. G.D.Nadaf, Advisor, AIBPARC called upon the members to strengthen the fight for updation of pension. Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, AIBPARC expressed the confidence that with the unstinted support of members, the organization would surely cross all the hurdles that come in the way of achieving the rightful claims.

**Com. K.V.** Acharya, President, AIBPARC & Joint Convener acclaimed that the organization at (E) Vijaya Bank is one among the few to achieve the milestone of 25 years. He narrated in detail the different phases of struggle by which AIBPARC could achieve the issue like improvement of family pension, higher ex-gratia to pre 1986 retirees, 100% DA Neutralization to the pre-November 2002 retirees and getting pension option to Resignees. He thanked the Hon'ble Union Finance Minster for her sympathy for the cause of the Bank Retirees and expected that the issue of updation of pension would also be achieved by the organization.

Com. A.N. Krishnamurthy, Working President, AIBPARC and also the State Secretary, Com. Sanjeev K Varshney and Com. Kishor E Kadam shared their fraternal greetings. Members who had crossed 80 years of age had been felicitated through a grand function. Com.Mrs Anita Seth, a crusader of Bank officers movement in West Bengal and well known for her commitment to the cause and also Smt. Muktha U Shetty, the family pensioner of Late Shri Udayaraj Shetty were also felicitated in a grand fashion.

Com. M R Gopinath Rao, Senior VP, AIBPARC and also the State President summed up the views expressed by all the leaders and assured that AIBPARC would continue to strive for getting justice to the Bank Retirees.

The Business session took place after the lunch. The conference discharged all the routine functions like placement of report by the GS and accounts by the Treasurer and getting it approved by the House after due deliberations. The House also adopted different resolutions on the demands of the Retirees. The elections for the term 2023-2026 were conducted as per rules of the constitution. The body was unanimously elected with Com. G.S. Alva as the President and Com. Jayarama J Shetty as the General Secretary. We congratulate all the newly elected office bearers and do hope that the successful holding of the conference will further strengthen the movement of the Retirees in this part of the country. We have pleasure to convey that the organization donated a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) to the legal fund of AIBPARC.

- 2. Comrades, you are all aware of the fact that the campaign which is going on in the form of sending on-line memorandum to Hon'ble Union FM, the Secretary, DFS and the Chairman, IBA is open upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023. Members by this time have already crossed the figures of 2022. We are to keep in mind that records are created only to be broken by future records. This is an appeal to all leaders, activists, veterans and members that our efforts must be stepped up in the next week to reach all the members who have not yet taken part in the campaign. We have a firm faith that we shall make an all time record and the New Year will start with renewed vigour and confidence in the ability of the organization.
- 3. We have noticed that our members are seriously aggrieved and anguished to note the reply of the Hon'ble MOS Finance in the Lok Sabha in reply to an un -starred question no. 2472 by Dr. Ravi Kumar D, Hon'ble member on the issue of pension updation. This is nothing new. There have been similar such occasions in the past where it has been informed in the parliament that the Regulations do not have any provision for updation of pension. We have always lodged protest against the same by providing actual facts. This time will not also be an exception. Within a day or two, our well-documented reply will go to the proper authority.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

K V.Acharya.

President, AIBPARC.

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