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**For circulation among members of the Governing Council,
State Secretaries, Special Invitees, Advisors, Affiliates,
constituents of CBPRO and members**

Dear Comrades,

**Sub : AIBPARC again creates history – massive “Dharna” at Jantar
Mantar, New Delhi on 26th September, 2022 by Retirees
of the industry to demand immediate updation of pension
and early settlement of all long pending issues.**



A section of the massive gathering at Dharna on 26th September, 2022

- It was 10 a.m. and there was a flow of humanity to participate in the Dharna programme. Members are aware that AIBPARC is in the midst of a series of agitation-programmes since July 2022. The first phase was sending of memorandum to Union Finance Minister; the second phase was participation by more than 1 lac members in an online submission of memorandum to Union Finance Minister, Secretary, DFS, MOF GOI and the Chairman, IBA and the High Point Programme was a massive Dharna at Jantar Mantar, Delhi. The attendance was beyond expectation and senior members, leaders, activists and veterans gathered from different parts of the country to take part in this landmark gathering organized by AIBPARC. Several thousand senior citizens including substantial number of ladies braved out the hot sun for nearly four hours and patiently witnessed the proceedings. We mention hereunder

* The highlights of the proceedings:



Address by Com. K.V. Acharya, President & Joint Convenor, CBPRO.



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- **Acknowledgements:** We convey our gratefulness to all the senior and super-senior members of the Governing Council of AIBPARC who in many cases travelled long distance to be a party to this historical occasion.

- **Indebtedness:** We are immensely grateful to several thousand Retirees staying in Delhi and adjoining states who ensured their presence well before the scheduled hours and continued to be present till the end in the midst of scorching sunshine.
- **Thankfulness:** We record our thankfulness to the members and leaders of the Delhi State Committee of AIBPARC who laboured very hard for past few days to make the occasion a memorable one. We make special mention of Comrades R K Sharma, A K Nagar, D K Hans, Chairman, President and Secretary of Delhi State Committee, the driving force Dr. J.D. Sharma, Vice President, AIBPARC, T R Subramanian, activist and Executive Committee Member AIBPARC, Mukundan of IOB Union and all other senior leaders stationed at Delhi.
- **Comraderie in the real sense:** We have real pleasure to inform that the leaders of different constituents of CBPRO attended and addressed the huge gathering. The leaders include Com. Naresh Ahuja of Federation of SBI Pensioners' Associations, Com. Subhash Ahuja of RBONC, Com. Bhaskar Mnakeshwar of FORBE/BMS and Com. R.S. Sharma of All India Bank Pensioners Action Forum and Com. S.K. Bansal, State Secretary, AIBOC. We are really happy to note their presence and members have been enthused by their addresses.
- **Enthusiastic presence of Print and Electronic media :**
This is the 4th Dharna at Jantar Mantar, Delhi conducted by AIBPARC in last 10 years of its existence. Never in the past, our programmes got such an extensive publicity in print and electronic media. We are immensely grateful to the representatives of print and electronic media who attended the occasion at our invitation and gave wide publicity to our programmes throughout the country.
- **The participants are retired but not tired :**
The programme started just at 10 am with shouting of slogans in all Indian languages. It was a scene of unity in diversity. The slogans were shouted on all pending issues. For members who could not attend the programme, it will be our effort make the picture visualise before them. The slogans were : Retirees' Unity Zindabad; AIBPARC, right choice right path; CBPRO Zindabad; updation of pension – we demand; 100% DA neutralisation to pre-November, 2002 retirees – we demand; cognizance of special allowance for superannuation benefits – we demand; free medical insurance for all retirees – we demand; 2nd option of pension for all resignees – we demand; consultative status for AIBPARC – we demand etc.



From left to right : Comrades : A.K. Nagar, Dr. J.D. Sharma, D.K. Hans, T.R. Subramaniam, Asok De & Suprita Sarkar.



Leaders of our affiliate in Indian Bank with Com. K.V. Acharya & others.

- **Leaders of AIBPARC who spoke on the occasion :**

Leaders of AIBPARC who addressed the gathering are:

Com. K.V. Acharya, President, Com. Suprita Sarkar, General Secretary, Dr. J.D. Sharma, Vice President, Com. D.K. Hans, Secretary, Delhi State Unit, Com. C. Gangadhar Yadav, Working President, Com. A.N. Krishnamurthy, Joint General Secretary, Com. S.B.C. Karunakaran, Working President, Com. N.K. Pareek, Vice President and Com., R.S. Trivedi, Senior Vice President. This may please be noted that the Presidents and the General Secretaries of all affiliates of AIBPARC remained present in the programme. It was not possible to call all our leaders to speak on the occasion as scorching heat did not permit us to prolong the continuance of the meeting but we gratefully acknowledge the presence of each and everyone.

- **Principal issues focussed by speakers at the meeting in brief :**

The principal demand was updation of pension for all. AIBPARC has repeatedly represented before Government, IBA & UFBU that the provision of pension updation has already been incorporated in BEPR (1995) vide Regulation 35 (1) Of Bank Employees Pension Regulations as well as the amendment of Year 2002/2003. The so-called confusion that remains in the mention of a particular batch (01.01.86 to 31.12.87) has also been amended in the year 2003 and the same has been gazetted. The said amendment has made pension updation universally applicable for all. AIBPARC has submitted papers to all concerned clarifying in great details the legal, financial and judicial justification of the issue. This is the statutory liability of the Banks to give effect to pension updation in line with the RBI formula.

- As regards 100% DA neutralisation to pre-November 2002 retirees, all justifications have been furnished before UFBU and IBA with support of documents and it was expected that IBA would again forward the issue to MOF, GOI with a strong recommendation. The perfunctory attitude of IBA causing costly delay is sharply criticised and an early action is solicited.
- Improvement of Family Pension, in line with RBI and Central Govt. employees which have been implemented by most of the member banks, have not been implemented in RRBs. The meeting calls upon MOF, GOI to give an early clearance to NABARD to facilitate the implementation.
- Improvement in Ex gratia amount Pre 1986 Retirees who are in very negligible number mainly the Lady Spouses of such Retirees and who are more than ninety years old.
- The speakers expressed serious resentment at the exorbitant hike of the premium of mediclaim for the retirees. The IBA and the Govt. are virtually making a mockery to the senior citizens of the industry. The organisation declares that going out of the policy of IBA will in fact give immense pleasure to IBA who are probably all out to shake off their liability in respect of the retirees. Our agitation will continue with the principled demand that the premium is to be fully borne by Banks as done in case of serving employees.

- The speakers demanded that the special allowance which in fact is camouflaged basic pay attracting DA must be computed for the purpose of calculation of superannuation benefits.
- The speakers demanded that 2nd option to pension must be allowed to all the Resignees. The directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court which was made applicable to the petitioners only should be extended to all the similarly placed persons and they should not be forced to waste time and money running after extension of the verdict towards them.
- Comrades, you will appreciate that it is not always possible to mention all the issues discussed by speakers. It may please be noted that all problems affecting the interest of the retirees are very much near to the heart of the organisation and continuous follow up for a logical resolve of the issues were promised by the speakers.



Leaders of AIBPARC talking to media persons :

- **Submission of memorandum to Hon'ble Union Finance Minister:**

On conclusion of the Dharna Programme, a delegation of the leaders of AIBPARC went to The Secretary, DFS, MOF, GOI and handed over a detailed written memorandum addressed the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister containing therein the areas of deprivation

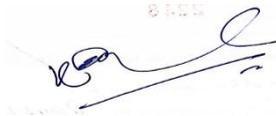
and discrimination meted out to the retirees and demanding a quick resolve of all the long pending issues.

What the organisation proposes to do in times to come :

We like to convey to all our members that the retirees under the banner of AIBPARC have today emerged as a tangible community to reckon with. In spite of their advancing age, ailment and family problems in many cases, they do not lack in energy and initiative. At the call of the organisation, they will repeatedly fall on the shore as a wave to reassert its demands. We sincerely believe that the Government and IBA will take note of the sentiment of the senior citizens of the industry. The current spell of agitation is not an end in itself. Within a very short time, the programmes to be undertaken at state level will be declared by the organisation.

With best wishes and regards,

Yours faithfully,



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