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6th Conference Slogan- Pension Updation is Right of Bank Retirees

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Shri K. V. Acharya President A I B PA R C Shri Suprita Sarkar General Secretary A.I.B.P.A.R.C.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed Dharna Program on 22.02.24 at Delhi organized by A.I.B.P.A.R.C.

We thankfully acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 11.01.2024 inviting AIBRF to join the proposed Dharna program being organized by AIBPRAC.

- 2. As we all know, Updation of Pension is the most important demand of bank retirees and being pursued for last several years. In AIBRF, it has been identified as "MOTHER OF ALL DEMANDS". AIBRF has been pursuing this demand for last 8 years at the organizational level—very vigorously and on continuous basis through various action programs which include two massive Dharna Programs at Jantar Mandar, AIBRF delegations meeting Finance Minister 6 times between 2020 to 2022, Meting Honorable President of India in 2023, AIBRF delegations meeting 10 Central Ministers and 110 Members of Parliament, raising questions in Parliament 11 times on Updation, submitting petition to honorable Prime Minister signed by 5 lakhs citizens of the country and 6 Central Ministers writing to FM recommending for consideration of updation in banks etc. We find that as result of these organizational efforts, it appears that the Government is now inclined to take final call on updation as per the responses coming from the government while responding on the issue in the parliament and outside the parliament, of course, subject to disposal of the case pending in Supreme Court. In AIBRF, we believe and act that violation of settlement provisions affecting retirees needed to be preserved/ defended if needed through court intervention while improvements needed in various schemes need to be pursued and achieved at the organizational level. AIBRF is committed to pursue demand of updation at the organizational level till it is achieved.
- 3. AIBRF has been champion of coordination among apex level bank retiree organizations and has taken several initiatives in the past in this direction. AIBRF commitment to work for coordination can be seen from the fact that it is signatory to the 9 Joint representations issued along with CBPRO on various retiree issues during 2019 to 2022. Further to strengthen coordination among bank retiree organizations at the apex level considering its importance to raise and resolve effectively issues like updation, AIBRF has been making efforts to get in touch with apex level retiree organizations including AIBPARC since 2022 through written communications and also though oral interaction to form united forum to raise issues of retirees with the government/ IBA jointly. In this context, we are of the view joint action programs would have been more meaningful and effective. AIBRF shall continue to work for coordination among bank retirees and make appeal to AIBPARC leadership to come forward for discussion on United Forum and pursue retiree issues jointly. We expect favorable response from you on this issue.

4. On the occasion of Dharna Program on 22.02.2024, We convey our fraternal greetings and wish all the best for success of the action program.

With Warm Greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

(S. C. JAIN)

GENERAL SECRETARY