



ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES' FEDERATION (Regd.)

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Near Kasara Bazar School, Indore – 452 009.

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**The Office Bearers/ Central Committee Members/ State Body Chiefs
A.I.B.R.F**

Dear Comrades,

**Re: Proceedings of Central Committee Meeting
Held at Nagpur on 24th & 25th September, 2016**

First Meeting of newly constituted central committee at Thrissur Delegate Session was held at Nagpur on 24th & 25th September, 2016 to deliberate and take decision on important issues pertaining bank retirees and organisational matters. Total number of Office Bearers, Central Committee Members and Observers present were about 150.

2. Central committee did comprehensive review of various action programmes carried out under the banner of AIBRF in support of long pending demands/ issues of bank retirees during the months of May and June 2016 in particular. The committee was of the view that it was historical occasion for AIBRF, bank retiree organisation to successfully organising agitational programmes on such large scale and also on continuous basis for two months thru ought the country when about 60 Members of Parliament were contacted and memorandum submitted, 25000 on line representations were sent to PMO and about 25000 retirees set on Dharna at 64 centres in 24 states. Further the committee felt that these action programmes have instilled new confidence and enthusiasm among the cadre and they have been able to create considerable pressure on authorities on our issues and have taken them forward for final solution.

3. The Central Committee also discussed various organisational issues at length and took the following decisions based on the suggestions and inputs received from the central committee members and office bearers who spoke on the occasion.

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<u>DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING</u>	
Chairman Sri D.A.Masdekar	(1)It was decided that AIBRF shall continue its Struggle in support of pending demands of bank retirees and launch next phase of Action Programmes from November, 2016 immediately after the festival session in October, 2016 is over.
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Vice President Sri J.B.Dave Sri D.P.Gupta Sri F.Martis Sri Anindya Basu Sri N.Mishra Sri C.N.Prasad Sri A.K.Mondal Sri H.C.Gandhi Sri K.Vishwanath Naik Sri O.P.Varma	
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	(2)AIBRF delegations in different states and centres shall contact and submit memorandum on pending issues to <u>300 MORE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT during the months of November and December, 2016 with the request to forward to the Finance Minister and raise the issue in the Parliament for solution of the issue.</u>
	(3)Day long Hunger strike and Dharna programmes will be organised in all the states at important centres during the month of November/ December 2016 in support of the demand and to draw attention of the Authorities/ Public/ Media on them. Date and other details in this connection will be communicated shortly.
	(4)<u>Centralised Mass Rally Cum Dharna programme will be organised in Delhi during next budget session of the Parliament. Details in this regard are being worked out and shall be advised shortly.</u>
	(5)Central Office/ Affiliates/ State Bodies/ C.C. Members shall continue to do follow up with the concerned M.Ps. / Authorities to whom memorandum was submitted during the months of May & June 2016 for logical conclusion.
	(6)The committee took note of the IBA stand of not holding the discussion with AIBRF on plea of not having mandate from member banks in this connection. It was noted that how IBA and Unions signed Record Note dated 25.05.2015 and subsequently assured AIBRF that exercise on pending demands was being carried out if there was no mandate from the member banks. Therefore IBA stand in this regard is not legally tenable. Further AIBRF is the largest retiree organisation in the banking industry and registered body under Trade Union Act. The membership data furnished have been verified and confirmed by the Authorities. <u>In view of this, it was decided that AIBRF would approach CLC/ RLC with the request to give direction to IBA to</u>

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Chairman Sri D.A.Masdekar	<p><u>recognise AIBRF as organisation of bank retirees and hold discussion with it for acceptable solution. This application will be moved in next 2 months maximum in consultation with the expert in this area.</u></p> <p>(7)The Central Committee after detailed discussion was of the view that updation of basic pension could become integral part of pension scheme if the principles of social security and social welfare for retirees in the welfare state as laid down in the famous Nakara case by the constitutional bench of the Supreme Court are accepted and introduced for bank retirees. This matter has been hanging for last 21 years without any solution in the absence of acceptable formula/ principles and being kept on the back burner in the name of paucity of funds. <u>Therefore it was decided that AIBRF should approach to courts to consider aspect of social security/ welfare for bank retirees and lay down some formula for periodical exercise of updation of basic pension along with wage settlement for employees. Writ Petitions in this regard will be finalised in next 3 months maximum and will be moved in High Courts/ Supreme Court in consultation with the legal experts/ panel of legal experts.</u></p> <p>(8)The Central Committee expressed concern over the indications coming for steep rise in renewal premium for group insurance policy for retirees due in November, 2016. It was decided to make appeal to IBA to keep the insurance premium minimum for renewal while negotiating with the insurance company to avoid unbearable financial burden on retirees , resolve pending issue of reimbursement of domiciliary expenses before renewal becomes due and introduce this element in the renewed policy. IBA should consider advising member banks to grant soft loan for payment of the premium recoverable from payment of monthly pension to avoid financial hardship of retirees.</p> <p>(9) <u>It was decided that AIBRF should continue to make efforts to persuade IBA for settlement on 100 percent DA and other pending issues by way of discussion. Central Office was authorised to take appropriate action in this regard.</u></p> <p><u>DECISION ON ORGANISATIONAL MATTERS</u></p>
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(1) ~~The Committee made appeal to all concerned to maintain organisational discipline and unity of the retirees at all levels and fight the struggle unitedly. It was decided to form sub-committee of 3 members consisting of (a) Shri Vishwnath Naik- Vice President (b) Shri Ashok Patil – Deputy General Secretary (c) Shri K. Sreenivasan – Central Committee Member to look into pending issues in this regard through discussion and consultation and submit the report in the next central committee for discussion and decision~~

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(2)At Thrissur Conference it was decided to keep one post of Organising Secretary for Union Bank of India representative. We have since received the name of Shri B.G.Raithatha, Rajkot from their Federation for this position. In view of this the house approved name of Shri Raithatha as Organising Secretary of AIBRF.

(3)Similarly, one position of Vice-President was kept vacant for the representative of IOB Retirees Association. Name from them in this regard is yet to come. Now they have made request for one additional post of office bearer to maintain status quo obtaining in the previous body. The committee noted the request for decision on it at the appropriate time with the request to them send one name immediately.

(4)The Committee noted request received from State Committee of North Eastern States to allocate one post of Office Bearers in view of large geographical area covered and to give boost to retiree movements in the area. The request was approved by the Central Committee and nominated name of Shri Ranjit Bhattacharya as Organising Secretary of AIBRF. Similarly Central Committee approved request of State Bank of Patiala Retired Officers' Association for one post in office bearers team to meet the challenges likely to come at the time of merger . Name in this regard is to be finalised in consultation with this organisation. With these approvals, total office bearers position will stand at 39 which will be placed in next delegate session for confirmation.

(5)The committee approved nominations of two women representatives as central committee members as per the provisions. One name is to come from Bengal Provincial State Body and one from Delhi State Body. Names will be advised shortly.

(5)All the affiliates were requested to remit struggle fund as per the decision taken at the earliest.

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(6)Request was received from the Vice- President Shri C.N Prasad to relieve him from the convenor ship of Sub-Committee for Private Banks, Foreign Banks & RRBs in view of his other pressing commitments. Central Committee accepted his request with recording appreciation of valuable contribution made by him. However the committee made appeal to him to play important role in the issues of Associate Banks in view of forthcoming merger scheme to protect the interest of membership and AIBRF. The Central Committee decided to appoint Shri John Joseph, Central Committee Member and General Secretary. South Indian Bank Retiree Association as Convenor of Sub- Committee for Private Banks, Foreign Banks and RRBs. Other members of the committee will be nominated in consultation of the convenor.

(7)It was decided that Core Committee of AIBRF shall do periodical review of struggle programmes and related issues and take decisions on changes needed in the interest of the organisation.

We appeal to all our 44 affiliates and their office bearers , 18 state bodies and their office bearers, 39 Office Bearers and 130 Central Committee Members of AIBRF, about 350 state units of our 44 affiliates and their about 1550 office bearers/ committee members aggregating strong force of about 4000 functionaries stationed at large number of centres in 26 states of the country to be in readiness for responding the above action programmes wholeheartedly and spread the message of the struggle at the grass root level. You all are also requested to give the message that the membership should avoid the rumours and show confidence and faith in the organisation. Further detailed programmes will be sent shortly.

With Revolutionary Greetings,

Yours Sincerely,


(S.C.JAIN)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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