

## ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES' FEDERATION (REGD.)

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

Dear Sir

Re: Proceedings of Office Bearers' Meeting Held on 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

Office Bearers' Meeting was convened through video conferencing in two sessions which were held on 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to dispose of the agenda items circulated vide letter No. 2022/615 dated 17.03.2022. In the first session 34 and in second session 28 office bearers/ special invitees were present the meeting.

2. on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022, first item of the agenda reading as under was taken up for deliberations and decision thereon.

"Review of present status of Updation of pension demand, present on-going organisational efforts to achieve it and to take view on recent Supreme Court order dated 20.01.2022 in the matter"

The General Secretary placed the following points on this agenda item before the house to initiate further discussion on it

- (a) As per the decisions taken from time to time, Pension Updation is one of the most important pending demands of bank retirees. Further, AIBRF firmly believes that it can be achieved through organisational steps/ efforts. Accordingly, several organisational steps/ action programs have been initiated by AIBRF on continuous basis in last 7/8 years.
- (b) It is seen that organisational steps initiated by AIBRF have immensely helped in creating overall favourable atmosphere on this important demand which is visible from various positive official statements of honourable Finance Minister on the subject, IBA action in forming committee to examine the issue, Unions raising the issue from time to time before IBA etc.
- (c) The General Secretary had drawn attention of the house on recent order of honourable Supreme Court passed on 20.01.2022 on SLP on Updation (M. C. Singla & Others v/s Union of India & others) wherein IBA has been asked to submit report of the committee on Updation (full or interim) to the court within period of 3 months. Consequence of this order is that contents of the report as and when submitted in the court will be argued and discussed by the parties to the SLP and thereafter court will pass appropriate order on it.
- (d) The GS further drawn attention of the house on the fact that It has been considered views, as expressed and felt at various forum of AIBRF that the report of IBA Committee is of great importance for the retirees in resolving this important demand. Further, GS informed that based on the decision taken in Core Committee, two legal opinions were obtained on the subject and both the opinions were of the view that considering importance of the issue, AIBRF should avail possible opportunity created by the court decision of 20.01.22 and present its views/ stand on contents of the report before the honourable court so they may be taken in to consideration while passing order on it.

- (e) The above aspect was deliberated at length in the core committee meetings and after deliberations on it, majority of core committee members were of the view that AIBRF impleading itself in the matter at this stage is likely to give wrong signals to the concern parties and membership and possible risk of adversely affecting interest of retirees on this issue in future. Considering this, consensus decision was taken in the core committee not to take any action to implead AIBRF in this SLP in the Supreme Court. Instead, AIBRF should continue to concentrate and expedite organisational steps/ action programs in support of the demand in coming days.
- (f) After detailed deliberations on the subject, the committee took consensus decision to stick to the Core Committee decision on the issue. In other words, office bearer committee decided to ignore two legal opinions given on the issue, not to join the case in the Court at this stage, continue to show full faith in organisational efforts to achieve the demand and continue to take organisational steps on sustainable basis to achieve it.
- (g) The Committee unanimously decided to retreat its appeal to the affiliates/ state committees/ activists to continue to carry on organisational programs in support of Updation as outlined in AIBRF Circular No. 2022/611 dated 11.03.2022. It was noted with satisfaction that some of affiliates have since carried out action programs during the months of March & April, 2022.

## SECOND SESSION OF THE MEETING ON 07.04.2022

In this session, second item of agenda reading as under was taken up for discussion

"To discuss and decide organisational strategy for next renewal of group medical insurance policy for next renewal due on 1.11.2022"

On this issue, the General Secretary placed the following points for consideration of the house

- (a) Group Health Insurance Scheme as introduced by IBA as per provisions of 10<sup>th</sup> Bipartite Settlement would be completing 7 year of existence in October, 2022.
- (b) AIBRF has been playing its organisational role in evaluating its performance, its importance and relevance in the life of retirees in health management and working for achieving improvement in it.
- (c) AIBRF does annual exercise to review the performance of the scheme during the year and prepare its strategy for next renewal every year. Accordingly, this year also, it was decided to hold deliberations to prepare our strategy for next renewal well in time.
- (d) The General Secretary had drawn attention of the house on AIBRF letter No. 2022/616 dated 19.03.2022 addressed to Chairman, IBA demanding specified improvements in the scheme for next renewal. He invited discussion on this letter so further strategy can be drawn to pursue the issue and work on it.
- (e) Some of the office bearers asked central office to circulate detailed note on group medical scheme for their ready reference.
- (f) Some of the office bearers made request to hold discussion on alternate policy being managed by some of the affiliates.

After completion of presentation of the above points on the agenda, following decisions were taken.

- (a) In view of relatively poor attendance on the day, the house was of the view that discussion in the matter may be deferred to the next meeting and next date of the meeting for this purpose may be fixed before end of the current month.
- (b) The General Secretary pointed out that Central Office has been issuing communications on group medical scheme from time to time for last several years and the relevant material is available on the bank web site. The office bearers may down load the relevant material as per their requirement. However, brief note on the subject will be prepared and circulated before next date of the meeting.



(c) Appeal was made to all concerned to ensure maximum attendance in the next meeting as a part of effective organisational discipline and for wider participation in the discussion on the issue.

With Warm Greetings.

**Yours Sincerely** 

(S. C. JAIN)
GENERAL SECRETARY