

# ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES' FEDERATION (REGD.)

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The members of Core Committee meeting  
A.I.B.R.F

Dear Comrades,

## **Re Proceedings of Core Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June, 20**

Core Committee meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 through video conferencing to deliberate and decide strategy for next renewal of group insurance policy for retirees due on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020, Gist of the deliberations and decisions taken in the said meeting is given below

- (a) The committee was of unanimous view that IBA group insurance policy should continue as support of IBA/ Bank management is very crucial for running such schemes.
- (b) The committee expressed concern on continuous increase in premium rates in last 4 years. Rates have gone up more than 400 percent during this period
- (c) The committee noted that because of steep increase in premium rates, the policy is becoming out of reach for large section of retirees. Family pensioners, Pre-2000 retirees, Pre-1986 retirees are just not able to go for it though they need it most for their health management.
- (d) The committee noted with concern that in the last renewal only 32 percent of retirees could buy the policy. Now 68 percent are out of the scheme. This is very disappointing and discouraging development and it is becoming serious threat to the continuance of the scheme in coming days.
- (e) The committee was of unanimous view that urgent steps are needed to reverse this trend and bring the premium rates at the affordable level so maximum retirees can buy the policy.
- (f) The Core Committee unanimously resolved to continue to work for the policy affordable by one and all.**
- (g) Revamped and revised group insurance policy launched by SBI recently was discussed and its features were carefully noted.
- (h) The committee felt need to work in close coordination with UFBU to bring required improvement in the scheme. AIBRF will also explore possibility to pursue the issues jointly with CBPRO.
- (i) The committee also reviewed the steps taken at organisational level by AIBRF during last year for reduction in premium. The committee noted that due to AIBRF efforts last year, IBA agreed to give one more option to join the scheme to left- over retirees. In earlier year also, organisational efforts made by AIBRF, super top policy for retirees was introduced, IBA agreed to reduce room rent to Rs. 4000 as a part of efforts to reduce premium rates.


- (j) The committee also examined the other group policy for retirees available in the market and decided to study it and work on it as alternate in case of need so retirees who cannot afford high premium are not left without health insurance.
- (k) Considering the importance of management role in administering the scheme and likely benefits coming from the government/ banks to support the policy, the committee was of the unanimous view that AIBRF should take all possible measures to strengthen IBA scheme and it continues in future.

#### **DECISIONS TAKEN**

- (a) AIBRF will write to UFBU to start negotiation with IBA immediately to consider the suggestions given in this regard to make the premium affordable. The terms and conditions for next renewal should be finalized by 31.08.2020.
- (b) Central Office & Core Committee members will simultaneously closely follow the matter with UFBU leadership for considering our suggestions to reduce premium
- (c) Core Committee Members will simultaneously study SBI Policy and offer of Oriental Insurance Company to take view on them as alternate in the next meeting. Office bearers/ Central Committee Members will also be requested to send their suggestions on them
- (d) The committee **will meet in last week of July** to review the results received out of our efforts made and take final view on the alternate.
- (e) It was also decided to explore the possibility to work jointly with other retiree organisations for reduction of premium before next renewal
- (f) AIBRF should make fresh efforts to reduce GST rate on insurance premium for senior citizens by approaching to state finance ministers in this regard.

With Greetings,

Yours Sincerely,



(S.C.JAIN)  
GENERAL SECRETARY

C.C. to

Office bearers, Central Committee Members & State Committee Chiefs.