

# ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES' FEDERATION (REGD.)

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## REPRESENTATION TO HONOURABLE CENTRAL MINISTERS & HONORABLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ON PENDING ISSUES OF BANK RETIREES WITH THE GOVT.

**All India Bank Retirees' Federation (AIBRF)** is the largest and oldest apex level organisation of bank retirees .It was formed in the year 1994 immediately after introduction of pension scheme in the banking industry. Its present membership is **more than 2.5 lakhs** coming from 44 banks. Since its inception, it has been raising all India issues and problems of bank retirees at various levels for resolution.

We wish to place on record that the following important demands / issues which will provide long waited and needed benefits to lakhs of retirees, most of them are super senior citizens , have moved forward and reached to almost finality with continuous organisational efforts for last more than 10 years. **They are now pending for final sanction with the government ( Department of Financial Services) for quite some time.**

**We are grateful to the honorable Finance Minister, Officials of DFS, IBA, Bank Managements and Leaders of Serving Unions under the banner of UFBU for considering the following long pending demands of bank retirees favorably and giving in principle approval on them. We understand that they are now pending with the DFS for final approval.**

- (1) **IMPROVEMENT IN FAMILY PENSION:** There are at present about **75000 family pensioners** (excluding SBI) in banking industry. Most of them are female. Their present family pension is only 15 per cent of last pay which is quite low. Considering this and to bring it at par with the other sector, the government and IBA were kind enough to agree to increase to 30 per cent of last pay drawn without any ceiling, Proposal to this effect was sent by IBA for approval in the year 2019. Further, IBA Chairman officially announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 for improvement in family pension while signing MOU with unions for wage settlement. Thereafter, clause to this effect was included in the final wage settlement signed on 11.11.2020. **Thereafter it was sent to the DFS for sanction.**

Bank retirees were expecting that DFS will accord approval on improvement in family pension along with the wage settlement as improvement in family pension was also part of the settlement. However we find that while DFS has accorded approval on wage settlement vide its memo no. 4/2/2/2015 IR dated 18.12.2020, Sanction for improvement in family pension



has been withheld. This decision has created atmosphere of despondency and impulsiveness among family pensioners. Already, they have been waiting for this improvement for last 15 years and this was granted in government sector in 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission itself and in RBI 5 years back.

**We seek your intervention for immediate approval for it from DFS.**

(2) **UPDATION OF PENSION:** This issue is pending for last 20 years. In the government sector updation of pension exercise is carried out in each pay commission for last 30 years. Government has approved updation for RBI retirees also in 2019.

Considering the above and the fact retirees are drawing very low pension in the absence of not a single updation exercise during last 20 years, Honorable Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitaraman was kind enough to understand and appreciate the urgent need of pension updation for bank pensioner. During her interview which appeared in leading newspapers of the country in October, 2020, she specifically mentioned about need of **urgent updation of pension** in banks and stated that she had already given direction to IBA/ SBI Chairman to carry out the exercise and provide much needed relief to them. The same views were expressed by her again on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 while addressing top management of leading banks of the country in AGM of IBA.

This very sympathetic and positive word of FM on updation created new hopes and enthusiasm among lakhs of bank retirees. Retirees started hoping that updation will find place in the recently concluded wage settlement in banking industry. However no specific mention in this regard was found.

**We humbly request you to use your good offices and take up at the appropriate level for immediate clearance of Updation for bank retirees.**

(3) **IMPROVEMENT IN EX-GRATIA AMOUNT PAYABLE TO PRE-1986 RETIREES AND THEIR SPOUSES:** There are about surviving 2000 retirees and about 1500 surviving spouses who retired before 1986. They all are 93 plus in age and super senior citizens. They are not eligible for pension benefits as provision of pension scheme.

Presently they get very paltry amount by way of ex-gratia amount from banks. They deserve for revision in the amount on urgent basis considering their advancing age.

A few months back, , we understand IBA has sent proposal to DFS for increase in ex-gratia amount. But it is pending with them though it needs to be cleared with top most urgency. Total amount involved for all banks put together may not be more than 2crores.

**We request you to use your good offices and take up the matter at appropriate level for urgent clearance. It will be great services to these surviving heroes on whom nation should feel proud that beyond 90 years age they are surviving.**

**RESPECTFUL REGARDS.**

Yours Sincerely

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