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The Office Bearers/ Central Committee Members/ State Committee Chiefs
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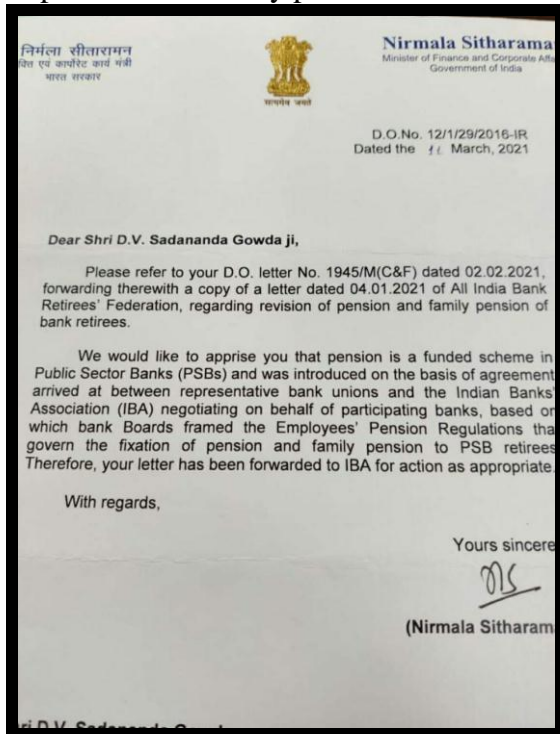
Dear Sir,

Re: Seventh Report on Follow up action programs of AIBRF
Re: Other Developments

We request you to refer our circular no 2020/ 497 dated 01.03.2021 submitting 6th report on follow up action programs being organized in various parts of the country by state committees of AIBRF.

2. We are happy to inform that follow up action programs are going on in full swing during the month of March, 2021. Brief report on the follow up action programs is submitted below

We below reproduce the letter written by the **honorable Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** to the honorable Cabinet Minister Shri Sadananda Gowdaji on the representation of AIBRF on the issue of Updation of pension and family pension.



We are happy to note from the above letter of honorable FM that

- (a) AIBRF representation has received due attention of FM
- (b) AIBRF representation has been sent to IBA for appropriate action on the issue of updation
- (c) This indicates that AIBRF follow up action programs are in right direction and on our representation steps are being initiated to take the issue forward.

REPORT FROM RAJASTHAN STATE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO HONORABLE SPEAKER LOK SABHA, SHRI OM BIRLA IN KOTA

AIBRF delegation from Rajasthan State Committee comprising of D.L.Vema, P.K.Patodi, G.L. Sharma, S.D Sharma, H.P. Gupta BOI and ASHOK Jain, M.L Chaurasiya Anant Maheshwari Allahabad Bank submitted a representation of pensioner's issues pending with Govt. to **Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla** at his residence in Kota. He had patiently heard us and assured to take-up the matter with Finance Minister Madam Sitaraman.



Photo of AIBRF delegation from Kota submitting memorandum to Honorable Speaker

NEWS APPEARING IN LOCAL PAPER ABOUT SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDUM TO HON. SPEAKER

राजस्थान जिला समाजवादी संघर्षागणित नित्युक्त
कोटा, 16 फरवरी। ग्रथ एक्शन फॉर सोसायटी के संस्थापक अध्यक्ष चन्दू पांचाल ने बताया की ग्रथ एक्शन फॉर सोसायटी की कार्यकारिणी का विस्तार करते हुए शक्ति सिंह राजावत उर्फशक्ति बना को कोटा जिला सभागीय संयोजक के पद पर नियुक्त किया गया है। सचिव विमल आजाद ने बताया कि शक्ति बना सामाजिक क्षेत्र में काफी वर्षों से सक्रिय है।

सेवानिवृत्त बैंककर्मि लोकसभा अध्यक्ष से मिले



कार्यालय संवाददाता कोटा, 16 फरवरी। आल इंडिया बैंक रिटायरीज फेडरेशन से संबंधित सेवानिवृत्त बैंककर्मियों का प्रतिनिधि मंडल मंगलवार को लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ओम बिड़ला से मिला। बैंककर्मियों ने वर्षों से लंबित पेंशन अपडेशन, बड़ी हुई फेमिली पेंशन के आदेश जारी करवाने तथा 1986 से पूर्व के बैंक सेवानिवृत्तों की मासिक अनुदान राशि में वृद्धि सम्बन्धी मांगों को अवगत कराते हुए राज्य इकाई के अध्यक्ष तथा महासचिव का हस्ताक्षरित ज्ञापन सौंपा। जिसके बाद लोकसभा अध्यक्ष ने ध्यानपूर्वक सुनने के बाद वित्तमंत्री से बात कर अवगत कराने का आश्वासन दिया। प्रतिनिधिमंडल में डी.एल. वर्मा, अशोक जैन, हनुमान गुर्ग, जीएल शर्मा, सुमन दत्त शर्मा तथा एम एल चौरसिया आदि शामिल थे।

Under Follow up of Residual issues programs of AIBRF, a memorandum was submitted to **Shri Ram Charan Ji Bohra Honorable Member of Parliament from Jaipur Lok Sabha** on 24.01.2021 at Jaipur In the picture seen are Mr. G K Singhania General Secretary of AIBRF Rajasthan State committee Shri V K Kohli



Memorandum on Retirees demand was handed over to **Sh. Gajendra Singhji Shekhawat, Honorable MP and Central Minister of Water Resources** by AIBRF delegation consisting of Sh. S C Gupta and Sh. R S Rathod. The minister listened us carefully and assured for recommending to Madam Sitaraman jee ,honorable FM. Special thanks to Sh. R S Rathod who made it possible.



Photo of AIBRF delegation submitting memorandum to the honorable Minister

REPORT FROM ANDHRA PRADESH COMMITTEE/ ANDHRA BANK

AIBRF delegation submitted memorandum on pending issues of retirees to IBA Chairman Shri Raj Kiran Rai on 15th March, 2021 in Vijayawada, This is the Fourth time in last 3 months AIBRF delegations have submitted memorandum to IBA Chairman at different locations.



Photo of AIBRF delegation submitting memorandum to IBA Chairman in Vijayawada on 15.03.21

REPORT FROM GUJARAT STATE COMMITTEE

(a)Our Kutch unit delegation comprising of Shri U.C. Pandya, Shri N.H. Makwana and Shri D.C. Dholakia, has handed over Memorandum to **Kutch and Morvi Honorable Member of Parliament Shri Vinodbhai Chavda**. His response was favorable. He will send one copy to Fin Minister.



(b) AIBRF delegation from Ahmedabad comprising of Shri H.A. Parmar, President, Shri Pravin Shukla, Gen Sec, State Committee Gujarat of AIBRF, met **Honorable Member of Parliament, Dr. Kiritbhai Solanki M.P. from Ahmedabad** and submitted Memorandum in respect of our retirees' pending issues. He had heard our submission patiently. He told that he has got sympathy for bank retirees and will send one copy of representation to Finance Minister. He also told that he will also represent our issues in Lok Sabha session. Shri J.B. Dave, V.P. AIBRF, Shri B.R. Shah Org Sec, AIBRF. Shri Mayurbhai Derasari, Secretary State Committee, Shri S.V. Kelkar Com Member AIBRF. However during submission two persons were allowed and so Shri Pravinbhai Shukla and Shri J.B. Dave had submitted Memorandum.



(c) Memorandum to the secretary of **M.P. Jamnagar Smt. Poonamben Madam**, has been handed over by Shri B.P. Adhikari, Shri H.B. Mehta, Shri M.D. Dhulia and Shri Biharibhai Mehta, Participants of Central Bank and other local banks. Secretary Mr. Rachh had heard our issue, " Updation of Pension" and " Family Pension " patiently and assured to forward Memorandum to F. M. Photograph taken on the occasion of submission of Memorandum is sent herewith. We have learnt from office bearer Mr. Mehta, of CBREA, Gujarat that Memorandum has already been sent to F.M. On receipt of copy, we shall send to you

FUTURE STRATEGY OF AIBRF TO PURSUE PENDING RETIREE ISSUES.

We note that despite vigorous follow up being done by AIBRF through various organisational programs like meeting more than 120 Members of Parliament, 14 Central Ministers, IBA Chairman four times and the Central Ministers and members of Parliament taking up the issues with FM through their letters, the issues like final approval on increase in family pension and increase in ex-gratia payment to pre-1986 retirees , submission of proposal to the government on updation to IBA remain pending and stagnant. AIBRF is fully committed to pursue these issues vigorously and with commitment till achieved without losing any hope in this regard. We propose the following action programs in the coming days

- (a) Programs to submit memorandum to Central Ministers, Members of Parliament will continue in coming days.
- (b) Central office has drafted representation on pending issues of retirees addressed to Managing Directors and Chief Executive officers of individual banks as per the decision taken in office bearers meeting. It is being sent separately. All affiliates are requested to submit it to the MDs in delegation.

- (c) There are about 72000 family pensioners in banking industry. About 95 per cent of them are women and many of them live alone due to compelling family reasons/ situations. It is very unpalatable, unpleasant and harsh ground reality that in large number of cases , 3 to 4 months of present pension income goes to pay premium cost for their Mediclaim insurance. We are drafting representation addressed to Finance Minister to be submitted by individual family pensioner. The draft will be sent shortly. On similar lines, representation on ex-gratia issue to be submitted by individual pre-`986 retirees. We request all our state committees and affiliates to implement this program during the month of April, 2021.
- (d) We are in touch with other apex level retiree organisations for pursuing issue of family pension and others jointly till achieved. We shall advise the details when finalized.
- (e) We propose to hold office bearers meeting in middle/ third week of April 2021 to take stock of the situation on pending issues and to decide future strategy. We shall advise exact date of the meeting shortly.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

(A) Two day strike call given by UFBU constituents on 15th & 16th march 2021 against privatization of public sector banks was total success in which about 10 lakh bank employees participated to register their protest against the issue. AIBRF conveys its congratulations to UFBU leadership for this successful strike. As per the communication issued by us earlier, AIBRF had decided to support strike call of UFBU and had given call to its affiliates and state committees to participate in action programs organized by UFBU and its constituents on this occasion under the banner of AIBRF. As per the reports received, at large number of centers, retirees have participated in the programs under the banner of AIBRF. We shall discuss the issue of privatization in the forthcoming office bearers meeting to decide our future strategy on it.

(B) STAGNATION INCREMENT BENEFIT TO RETIREES COVERED UNDER 10TH & 11TH WAGE SETTLEMENT.

As you are aware, AIBRF has been continuously following with IBA and UFBU for extending benefit of stagnation increment as per provisions of 10th bipartite settlement and now as per provisions of 11th settlement to the eligible pensioners. Based on AIBRF follow up IBA had issued circular letter no. **no. HR&IR/GMB/2020-21/9578 dated 29.01.2021** addressed to MD & CFO of public sector banks asking them to give benefit of stagnation increment for fixation of pension to those retired between 2012 to 2015 and pay the arrears from 1.5.2015. We now find that despite IBA's above referred communication, most of the banks have still not taken action in this regard. We have also come to know that some banks have raised further quarries in the matter. We are writing letter to IBA and UFBU in this regard to pave the way for early payments . However, we would like to have feedback from our affiliates in this regard to decide our future course of action in this matter.

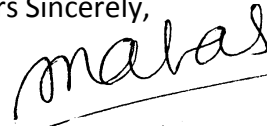
(C) REVIEW OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME TO PREPARE AIBRF STRATEGY FOR 2021-2022

Group Mediclaim insurance scheme of National Insurance Company sponsored by IBA for bank retirees has since completed almost 5 months during the current year.. As you know, because of organisational efforts made by AIBRF, various significant important improvements could be achieved in the scheme benefitting large number of retirees.

We propose to undertake complete review of the scheme and prepare strategy for next renewal to achieve pending demands like uniform subsidy from banks to retirees for payment of premium, reduction in GST and to sort out implementation related issues in coming months and complete the exercise by end of June 2021. We propose to hold office bearers meeting and if possible central committee meeting by video conferencing by end of May 2021. Our affiliates are requested to send feedback on the subject by end of April, 2021 to have purposeful and effective deliberations on the subject.

With Revolutionary Greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'maha', written over a horizontal line.

(S.C.JAIN)

GENERAL SECRETARY

