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PRESS NOTE

Dear Friends,

We have great pleasure in extending warm welcome to our friends from electronic and print media.

WHAT IS RETIREE MOVEMENT IN BANKING INDUSTRY

The present lot of retirees are those who joined banking industry at the time of nationalisation of banks. Through their hard work and despite personal discomfort, they took the banking industry to new heights. Banking business increased from 5000 crores in 1969 to more than 80 lakh crores in 2012, profits from few hundred crores to more than one lakh crores and taking banking facilities to the door steps of common man.

However, it is unfortunate that this lot of bank retirees are not getting justice. Their basic pension has not been revised for last 20 years. They do not get medical support from the employer. Their life is full of hardship and of struggle for survival.

To fight against such injustices and to ensure DIGNITY and RESPECT they have organised themselves in last 15 years.

WHAT IS ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES' FEDERATION (AIBRF)

To lead the retiree movement in the banking industry, All India Bank Retirees' Federation was formed in 1998. It is apex body of bank retirees. Today it has retiree organisations from 20 Public Sector Banks, 10 Private Sector Banks, 2 Foreign Banks, 11 State Federations as its affiliates. Its total membership is around 1,25,000 which represent more than 50 percent of bank retirees excluding retirees from State Bank of India which has different pension scheme.

AIBRF has been pursuing various demands / issues of retirees for last 15 years. Main object of AIBRF is to work to protect interest of bank retirees and to provide environment for dignified and respectful life to the present and future retirees.

AIBRF is independent and apolitical organisation. It believes in resolution of retiree issues in coordination with employees unions and through peaceful organisational programmes.

WHAT ARE BANK RETIREES' ISSUES



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Basically bank retirees want respect and dignity so they can lead retired life with honour. They want that their basic pension should be revised periodically as and when pay and allowances of employees are increased. We want that basic pension of bank retirees should be revised on the formula of 6th Pay Commission. Finance Minister during his budget speech in Lok Sabha on 17-02-2014 has announced of acceptance of principle of ONE RANK, ONE PENSION for Defence Personnel. We also demand that the same principle should be made applicable for the bank retirees.

We want uniform medical scheme for retirees in the banking industry.

Our demands which we want should be settled in the on-going wage settlement can be summarised as under

(1) Revision of Basic Pay of past retirees on the lines of 6th Pay Commission.

(2) Uniform DA for all retirees

(3) Uniform Medical Scheme for retirees

(4) Pension option to leftover retirees

(5) Improvement in Family Pension on the lines of RBI

(6) IBA/Government must consult retirees on their issues

(7) Pension Issues of Foreign/ Pvt. Banks retirees should be resolved in 10th settlement.

(8) Representation of retirees in Pension/ Welfare funds

DHARNA OF 7TH MARCH AT JANTAR MANTAR

To protest against indifferent and humiliating attitude of IBA/ Government, large number of bank retirees coming from all parts of the country will sit on DHARNA at Jantar Mantar on 7th March, 2014. We expect participation of more than 5000 retirees.

The programme will be addressed by many prominent Union / Political leaders. The house will discuss the retirees' issues and adopt



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memorandum and resolution on retiree problems. Draft of the memorandum and the resolution is enclosed.

FUTURE ORGANISATIONAL PROGRAMME OF AIBRF

AIBRF strongly believe in solution of retirees issues through its own efforts and struggle besides seeking support from unions and well wishers. We shall intensify our organisational action programmes in coming months till our issues are satisfactorily addressed. Some of our organisational to be carried are given below

(1) Meeting in delegation to political leaders and submit the resolution and memorandum adopted in Dharna programme. We propose to meet about 100 political leaders.

(2) Mass demonstration at IBA offices

(3) Mass dharna programmes at 82 centres in the country

(4) Relay hunger strike.

We shall keep on intensifying our organisational action programmes in the coming months on the basis of developments taking place.

MEDIA SUPPORT

We make humble appeal to our esteemed colleagues in Media to highlight our issues which are just and reasonable in their channels/news papers. We are senior citizens and we have also right to survive with respect and dignity.

We convey our sincere thanks for showing interest in the affairs of retirees.

Yours faithfully,

(S.C. JAIN)
GENERAL SECRETARY