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Dear Comrades,

**VALIDATION OF CENTRAL CIVIL SERVICES (PENSION) RULES PASSED
IN LOK SABHA ON 25.03.2025 – ITS IMPLICATION FOR BANK PENSIONERS**

Dear Members,

We draw your attention to a crucial development regarding the validation of Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, which has sparked widespread anxiety among pensioners, including those in the banking sector. The AIBPARC has issued a circular (No. 29/2025, dated March 31, 2025) highlighting the key aspects of this issue and its potential implications for bank pensioners.

As also explained in the circular, the said amendments to the Pension Rules may impact the concept of pension updation, which is a long-standing demand of bank retirees. AIBPARC is closely monitoring the situation and is committed to take all necessary organizational steps to protect the interests of pensioners.

We call upon all members to stay informed and be prepared for any action programme, if the situation warrants. The full text of the AIBPARC circular is attached for your reference.

With warm regards,

Yours comradely,



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For circulation among members of the Governing Council, State Secretaries, Special Invitees, Advisors, Affiliates, Constituents of CBPRO and Members.

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Validation of Central Civil Services

(Pension) Rules passed in the Lok Sabha on 25th March, 2025 causes country wide anxiety among the Pensioners -- AIBPARC notes the developments with caution and pledges to take all possible organisational steps as and when situation warrants.

Our organisation noted the following developments:

The Bill says among other things:

1. The Central Government has the Authority to establish distinctions among pensioners as a general principle and that a distinction may be made or maintained among the Pensioners which may emanate from the accepted recommendations of the Central Pay Commission and in particular the distinction may be made on the basis of the date of retirement.

2. Noting the much publicized and debated issue in the Print and the Electronic media, there has been a large-scale anxiety, tension and restlessness in the minds of not only the Central Government Pensioners of different departments but also the turbulence has been equally perceptible in the minds of the Pensioners of other departments including those of the Banking Sector for very valid reasons. The ground of opposition is that the Pensioners are a homogeneous community and there should not be any artificial classification on the basis of the date of retirement. The Bank Retirees are continuously struggling for a long time to uphold the demand of Pension Updation in line with the system prevailing in the Central Government / RBI Pensioners. If the axe is struck at the root of the concept of upward hike of Pension at the time of implementation of each CPC, there is every reason for the Bank Pensioners to be aggrieved and agitated since The Regulation 56 of the BEPR(1995) has clearly advised all concerned to refer to the Central Civil Service Pension Rules in case of any doubt in regard to the Implementation of the Pension Scheme in the Banks.

3. The Hon'ble Finance Minister, during her reply to the discussion on Finance Bill, 2025 in the Rajya Sabha clarified that the recent amendments to the Pension Rules are only a validation of the existing policies and do not alter the benefits for civil or defence pensioners. She further observed among other things that the upcoming 8th CPC is expected to further revise the salaries and other benefits of the Government Employees and the Pensioners.



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4. The representatives of different organisations of the Pensioners of the Central Government took up the issue with the Secretary (Pension), Department of Pension and Pensioners welfare and expressed their resentment. The Authorities had then reportedly organized a meeting with the Members of the Staff Side of the Standing Committee and also with the representatives of the recognized organisations. As the available papers suggest, the Government officials observed the following:

The apprehension that the parity between pensioners given by the 7th CPC will be taken away is not correct as it is already there and the same will continue to be there with the 8th CPC also and hence there is nothing to worry.

The organisations of various Central Government Pensioners have requested the department to issue a clarification in this regard and also they suggested to include the same in the Terms of Reference of the 8th CPC. The Government officials reportedly agreed to do so.

In the light of what has been told in the above-mentioned paragraphs, the members are assured that AIBPARC is keenly observing the turn of events. We will also study in depth the implications of the "Validation" so told by the Hon'ble Minister on the floor of both the Houses. Should, however, there is any such occasion to believe that things are going to happen in a manner detrimental to the interest of the Pensioners of the Banking Industry, AIBPARC will instantly take note of it and give a call for ventilation of the members' deep disappointment and strong disapproval of any such move diluting the Pension Scheme.

With best wishes and regards,

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