

SYNDICATE BANK PENSIONERS & RETIREES ASSOCIATION (REGD.)

(Affiliated to AIBPARC, a wing of AIBOC)

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ORGANISATIONAL MEETINGS HELD AT VARIOUS CENTRES

As per decision taken at the previous Central Committee meeting to conduct at least one meeting in every region during a half year, SBPRA meetings were held by all zones at various centers covering maximum number of our regions. The meetings held in Delhi, Chennai, Bangalore, Udupi, Hyderabad, Mangalore, Coimbatore, Vijayawada, Bhubaneswar, Baroda, Trivandrum, Kolkatta, Meerut etc. witnessed massive attendance. Com. Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary attended and addressed meetings at Delhi, Chennai, Trivandrum, Coimbatore, Vijayawada and Bangalore. Similarly, Com. R K Sharma, President attended meetings at Baroda, Delhi, Kanpur, Meerut, Bangalore and Com. Dinker Punja Chairman addressed meetings at Hubli, Udupi, Mangalore and Bangalore. Other meetings drawing large attendance were held at Mumbai, Pune, Kurnool, Anantapur, Madurai, Dharwad/Hubli, Kanpur, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Vijayapura, Bellary etc. Apart from the above regular monthly meetings were also held at many places. All our local Central office bearers and CC/ZC members were also involved actively in all the meetings held in their respective zones. By conducting the said organizational meetings we could interact directly with a large number of members, about 4000, during the last half year. We shall continue to interact with our members through such meetings in order to disseminate the latest efforts and developments in pursuit of retirees' demands and also to enroll the remaining retirees into our organisation fold. We request our Zonal Committees to conduct meetings at the uncovered centers also at the earliest.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BENGALURU

The 12th meeting of Central committee of SBPRA was held at Hotel Sri Grand Inn, Bengaluru on 14th April 2018. Com. Dinker S Punja, Chairman SBPRA chaired the meeting. Com. R K Sharma, President was present. SBOA representatives Com. Prakash Karotya, President and Com. Sanjay Manjrekar, General Secretary as SBOA were also present as special invitees. Chairman and President expressed happiness about the progress in membership growth nearing 9000 mark and appreciated the efforts of CC and ZC teams. Chairman Com. Punja recollected about the efforts made during the initial days to get bank recognition to SBPRA and to hold Joint Meetings with the management. He

appreciated that two previous Joint Meetings were held promptly but was critical about the delay in holding next meeting despite clear directions from the Board and guidelines of IBA. President Com. Sharma expressed confidence that SBPRA with its membership increasing day by day and being a strong constituent of AIBPARC and CBPRO, will be able to get retirees issues resolved in the days to come. The General Secretary Com. C Gangadhar Yadav apprised the house about the entire organizational activities at bank as well as industry level interalia -Central Committee visits to CO/HO; Meetings with MD and GMs; Demand for expediting Joint Meeting; Details of Agenda submitted GM (HR); Representation in Customers Service Committee meetings at Regional Offices; organizational meetings held at various centers; membership growth; Activities of AIBPARC and CBPRO; IBA-UFBU Wage talks Vis-à-vis Retirees demands; Court case and recent decisions. During the discussion on these items the house appreciated and thanked the management for conceding our demand for sanctioning Annual Medical Expenses of Rs 3000/- to the VRS retirees. This benefit was hitherto available only to superannuated retirees. Further, sanction of Rs 1000/- pa towards reimbursement of IBA Health Insurance Premium was also well received but the unanimous opinion was to demand for improvement in the quantum. The house was of the opinion that Insurance Cell created at Corporate Office needed to be strengthened and felt that such cells are to be opened at all ROs. While discussing about apex level organisations, the house congratulated Com. Suprito Sarkar on his cooption as General Secretary of AIBPARC and wished him all the best in his endeavors. Efforts of Com. K V Acharya, as President of AIBPARC and Jt Convener of CBPRO, meetings with IBA, Govt DFS officials, CLC and UFBU - were well appreciated. The house discussed about Supreme court decisions of i) granting second pension option to CRS retirees, ii) addition of notional service up to 5 years for pension calculation to retirees who were recruited as Specialists and iii) direction for payment of arrears with interest on DA difference between 1684 and 1616 CPI to those who retired between 1.11.2002 and 30.4.2005 and demanded the management for expeditious implementation. Com. K Suresh Babu, Secretary explained about the central office efforts to support the zones by furnishing all the data and forms for implementation of organizational calls. Com Sanjay Manjrekar, SBOA General Secretary explained about the ongoing wage revision talks between IBA and UFBU; retirees issues; Strike calls; fallout of PNB fraud case; impending retirement of top leaders like Com. Franco GS of AIBOC; reduction of staff perks in PSB under PCA and difficulties in continuing existing benefits; demand for change in provisioning norms, interest on CRR, reimbursement of cost of Govt schemes; and other items under charter of demands. Com. Prakash Karotya, President SBOA explained about the efforts in getting the Staff Welfare Committee to accept the demand of SBPRA for sanction of annual medical expenses to VRS retirees and reimbursement of IBA health insurance premium. All the zones presented reports on their activities. During the deliberations certain other issues were brought up viz. Difficulties faced in Insurance claim settlements; Discrimination of retirees in the matter of notice period for booking holiday homes etc. It was decided to take up the same with management. While discussing organizational activities the request of the zones to permit participation of activists as special invitees in zonal committee meetings. The committee conceded the request by deciding to allow special invitees to Zonal Committee meetings based on organizational needs not exceeding three. The house discussed issue of gross injustice done to many retired sub-

staff in the bank by non-reckoning of temporary service though ranging from 20 to 25 years for Pension fixation. As it must be settled legally, the committee decided to explore all possibilities of filing a court case and authorised Com. A Venkatesan Vice President and Muruganantham Jt. Secretary to take all needed steps to file a case in Chennai. Expenditure items and Accounts and same were accepted. Co-options to fill the vacancies in the Zonal Committees were made. Thereafter the house felicitated Com. Prakash Karotya who will be superannuating from the services of the bank on 30.4.2018.

COOPTIONS

The following co-options recommended by Zones were accepted by the House.

As Regional Secretaries:

1. Com Ardhangshu Kumar Mondal, South 24 Paraganas for Siliguri Region in the existing vacancy
2. Com Smruti Ranjan Mohanty, Bhubaneswar for Bhubaneswar –II Region in the existing vacancy
3. Com Sandeep Kumar Dutta, Jamshedpur for Ranchi Region in the existing vacancy
4. Com D H Laxman Rao, Bengaluru for Bengaluru-II Region in the existing vacancy

As Zonal Council Members:

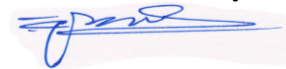
1. Com C G Gavane, Sholapur on resignation of Com N Ganesh
2. Com Subrata Gupta, Kolkata in the existing vacancy
3. Com AgastiJal , Kolkata in the existing vacancy

FELICITATION TO COM. PRAKASH KAROTYA

As you may be aware, Com. Prakash karotya, President of SBOA will be superannuating from the services of the bank on 30.4.2018. He has rendered yeoman services to retirees of the bank. His latest contribution to the retirees was in the matter of extension of Annual Medical Expenses of Rs3000/-to VRS retirees and Reimbursement of Rs 1000/-pa towards IBA Health Insurance Premium to all. He was instrumental in strengthening SBPRA. His contribution to the retirees' movement is unforgettable. He deserves a fitting acknowledge. Hence SBPRA felicitated him at its meetings held at Coimbatore, New Delhi and Bengaluru. The meetings were attended by large number of retirees of the bank. Bank staff including GMs, DyGMs and other senior officers participated. Everybody appreciated the services of Com. Prakash Karotya and greeted him. We place on our record our deep appreciation of his services and support to SBPRA and wish him a happy and healthy retired life.

With greetings

Yours comradely,



C Gangadhar Yadav

GENERAL SECRETARY

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