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(Affiliated to AIBPARC)

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Dear Comrades,

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ONLINE ON 1.6.2020

The 17th meeting of Central committee of SBPRA was held online on in terms of General Secretary's Notice dated 24.05.2020. The online video conference held on digital platform Zoom was hosted by Com C Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary. Com K Suresh Babu coordinated the arrangements and was also the standby host. Com. R K Sharma, President SBPRA chaired the meeting. SBOA was represented by Com. Sanjay Manjrekar, General Secretary as special invitee who joined the meeting during the course of the meeting. The meeting commenced with observance of silence for a couple of minutes to pay homage to all departed souls during the intervening period. Deliberations/Decisions were as follows.

RESTORATION OF CENTRALISED DEDUCTION OF MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION APPRECIATED

President Com R K Sharma in his opening remarks appreciated the efforts made by Com Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary in getting the Standing Instructions implemented by Canara Bank. It was recalled that subsequent to merger Syndicate Bank into Canara Bank the monthly deduction of membership subscription through centralised execution of Standing Instruction of SBPRA members was stopped for the months of April and May. But it was restored after persistent efforts. For convenience of the bank as well as SBPRA and as suggested by HO the arrangement for execution of the Standing Instructions has been shifted to Hyderabad. He also congratulated all those who helped in getting the facility restored.

ONLINE MEETINGS ARE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

The General Secretary recalled that Central Committee meeting proposed to be held on 22.03.2020 in terms of the Notice dated 06.03.2020 could not be held due to Lockdown announced by Govt of India on account of Covid19 which was already informed to the members. The house took note of the fact that due to severe Covid pandemic threat and lockdown conditions movement and assembly of members will not be possible in the near future. As such all the meetings – local/city, Regional, Zonal or Central level will have to be held online through Video conference using suitable digital platforms. He expressed happiness that all the Central Committee has risen to the occasion and made the instant CC meeting possible. Participation of maximum number of the Members in this first online meeting was well appreciated.

SBPRA TEAM VISITS HEAD OFFICE

The General Secretary explained the house about the constraints faced due to Covid19 and effects of Lockdown on our functioning. Formal meetings with the Management of the merged entity i.e. Canara Bank could not take place due to the said situation. There are many restrictions due to Covid pandemic in Bengaluru City for movement of senior citizens and entry into offices. Stay Home Stay Safe is in vogue. However our team of leaders at Bengaluru consisting of Com. S B Sai Prakash, Vice President; Com H Aswarthananarayana Reddy, Jt Secretary, Com K R Ramappa, Zonal Secretary; Com K Krishna Murthy and Com S R Rajasekhar, CC members have daringly visited Canara Bank Head Office several times and called on the top executives of the bank. Thereby our most important task of restoration of monthly deduction of subscription was expedited and a beginning to attend to pending issues one by one was made. The efforts of our Bengaluru team were profusely appreciated.

LIAISON WITH BANK

As per indications given in the correspondence by Canara Bank we are likely to be called to participate in the next Grievances Redressal Committee Meeting where we can take up pending matters. But happening of such Meeting in a near future is uncertain and doubtful due to the present difficult situation. However the General Secretary has been in touch with the executives at Head Office from time to time. Our Bengaluru team will be calling on the officials as soon as Covid conditions improve for follow up of general and individual issues.

SYNDAROGYA MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY DISCONTINUED

Some of our members who have taken SyndArogya group medical insurance policy are facing difficulty and have rather been denied continuation of coverage due to abrupt discontinuation of the policy by UIICo. Though the matter was taken up at the highest level i.e. with the then MD & CEO of Syndicate Bank nothing could be done to do justice to the SyndArogya policy holders whose policies were due for renewal from April 2020. Canara Bank has tied up with Bajaj Allianz as an alternative for further service to the SyndArogya customers with portability and continuity clause on the same terms and conditions as were available under the policy with UIICo. But the main problem is increase in premium charged. SBPRA has engaged a Insurance Consultant to assess the issue and to take up the matter with IRDAI if required. This matter requires further follow up.

COORDINATION WITH CANARA BANK RETIREES

Now that merger of our bank into Canara Bank is a fait accompli we have to deal with not only the management of Canara Bank but also establish working relation or rather a full-fledged coordination with likeminded organisations for effective service to our membership and also to further strengthen retirees' movement. We have been in constant touch with the leadership of our fraternal organisation CBROA. It was decided to hold

next meeting of our Central Committee at the earliest if possible within a month to take stock of the situation and decide future course of action.

COURT CASES

In the matter of our demand for inclusion of Special Allowance for Pensionary benefits, we had earlier planned to file a WP or to join the existing WPs in Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court. All arrangements were made by Com Rakesh Dua, our Jt Secretary. But consequent a favourable judgement already pronounced in the same matter by High Court of Kerala and also at the request on behalf of some of the Petitioners of existing WP it was decided to withhold our case in Lucknow. Amount of Sundry Advance remitted by us for the purpose is still lying in the joint account at our Lucknow Branch. Now after weighing pros and cons it has been decided to implead in the case in Kerala along with other fraternal AIBPARC constituent organisations. The matter has been entrusted to Com. N Rajkumar, our Vice President. All necessary steps will be taken by Com. Vijayan Nair, our Zonal Secretary, who is also a practicing lawyer there. Due to Covid pandemic the matter is getting delayed.

Regarding the other case dealing with the matter of our demand of reckoning TEMPORARY ATTENDERS service for Pension benefit eligibility the house was apprised of developments. Lawyer fee was paid. Vakalatnama, Affidavit and material papers already were submitted. We will be hearing on the developments as and when Covid conditions improve.

CONTRIBUTION TO PM CARES

After approval of the expenditure items and accounts the house discussed about the call given by AIBPARC to collect contributions to PM CARES to fight Covid pandemic. We too had requested all our members to liberally contribute for the cause via our Cir No. 8/2020 dated 17.4.2020. But we could not follow up the same nor keep track of contributions made by SBPRA cadres, as we were bogged down with merger related issues. However in order not to lag behind but to join the national fight against the pandemic and in deference to the call given by the Prime Minister, the house decided to contribute an amount of rupees One Lakh from the general funds of SBPRA. Accordingly the amount has been remitted to the account of AIBPARC.

AMPHAN CYCLONE RELIEF

The devastating cyclone Amphan caused a lot of misery and loss of life and property in the state of West Bengal. AIBPARC has given a call to help the victims by making contributions to the relief fund. The House decided to contribute Rs 10000/- to West Bengal Committee of AIBPARC for undertaking relief works.

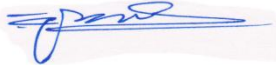
CO-OPTIONS

The following co-options were made unanimously to fill in the vacancies

POSITION	NAME	PLACE
Chairman	Com Dinker Punja	Udupi
Advisor	Com K Krishna Murthy	Bengaluru
-do-	Com Santosh Shetty	Udupi.
Jt Secretary	Com Gopendra Sharma	Delhi
CC member	Com G Dasaradhi Rao	Hyderabad
-do-	Com Rajaram Adige	Coimbatore
-do-	Com S R Rajashekar	Bengaluru
-do-	Com M Mallaiah	Hyderabad
-do-	Com K Mohammed Ali	Anantapuram.
-do-	6. Com S K Vats	Gurgaon
-do-	7. Com V Balaraman	Chennai
Dy. Zonal Secretary	D S Pendse	Mumbai zone
Regional Secretary	R R Nakhole	Pune Region
Zonal Committee Member	R G Inamdar	Mumbai Region

With greetings

Yours comradely,



C Gangadhar Yadav
GENERAL SECRETARY

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