

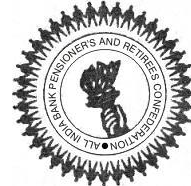


# SYNDICATE BANK PENSIONERS & RETIREES ASSOCIATION(REGD.)

(Affiliated to AIBPARC, a wing of AIBOC)

## CENTRAL OFFICE

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Circular No. 11/2013

(PLEASE CIRCULATE TO ALL MEMBERS)

Date: 21.10.2013.

Dear comrades,

### **FIRST TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE ( 1<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL BODY) - A MEMORABLE EVENT**

The first triennial all India conference and 1<sup>st</sup> General Body Meeting of SBPRA held at Hyderabad on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 will remain in our memory indelibly forever. The magnitude of success was far beyond expectations of our own members and well wishers. It was so because nobody imagined that even the retirees' conference could be held in such a grand manner with meticulousness. It was a revelation to one and all and proof that the retirees too can conduct big events. The proceedings of the conference were replete with unity, camaraderie, joy, enthusiasm and determination. The resolve to achieve the long pending demands and to fulfil the genuine aspirations of the veterans was vividly on display. We have succeeded in attracting the attention of press, public and the people's representatives to the issues involved. Above all, the conference proved to be a source of strength and unity for all the suffering and struggling retirees of banking industry in general and syndicate bank retirees in particular. Mission fulfilled!

### **INAUGURAL SESSION**

The Conference Hall was beautifully decorated with grand banners of SBPRA, AIBPARC, and banners welcoming the Guests of Honour. Celebration began with the members pouring into the conference hall at Hotel Taj Mahal Abids, Hyderabad well before the scheduled time of 10.00 AM. Nearly four hundred members and supporters witnessed the session. The entry of Com. S R Sengupta, General Secretary of AIBPARC was hailed with full throated welcome slogans of "AIBPARC Zindabad", "SBPRA Zindabad" and "Com. Shanti Da Zindabad" by the packed house. Similar rousing reception was extended to Com. Harshavardhan Madabhushi, AIBOC President, Com. Dinkar S Punja and Com. H V Coelho, General Secretary and President of SBOA. Proceedings commenced with Com. Uday Bhaskar, presently working at RO City Hyderabad and his friends rendering devotional songs and keertanas with orchestra and musical instruments to the applause of the receptive audience. The meeting was presided over by Com. D. Rakshit. The dais consisted of Com. S R Sengupta, Com. Harshavardhan, Com. D S Punja, Com. HV Coelho, Com. Satyanarayana, All India President of Andhra Bank Officers Federation; Com. AVV Raghava Rao, Secretary of AP State Unit of AIBPARC, apart from SBPRA office-bearers - Com. C Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary, Com. K. Suresh Babu, Secretary, Com. K Rama Reddy, Joint Secretary and Com. RSR Prasad, Zonal Secretary. The conference was inaugurated by Com. S R Sengupta by lighting a lamp. Com. K Rama Reddy, Chairman of the Reception Committee welcomed one and all to the beautiful city of Hyderabad and offered all help and hospitality to the delegates. He mentioned about various historical struggles and peoples movements for which Hyderabad was well known. He also recollected the past union activities in banking industry at Hyderabad under the leadership of leaders like Com. H Rajeev Shetty and Com. M U Pai. Thereafter, in commemoration of Syndicate Bank' Founders Day, a note on tribute to the Founders of the Bank was read by Com. K. Suresh Babu, secretary. Also a flexi printed huge banner with grand photographs of Late S/Sri Tonse Upendra Anant Pai, Vaman Srinivas Kudva and Tonse Madhav Anat Pai was displayed and garlanded on the occasion.

Com. S R Sengupta in his inaugural address narrated the support extended by AIBOC in launching and sustaining the retirees' movement. He also acknowledged the sympathetic inclusion of retirees' demands in the charter of demands by UFBU constituents. He explained about various steps taken by AIBPARC to convince the Ministers and officials of Govt. of India about the need to provide a suitable platform for negotiating the demands of retirees of the banking industry. He congratulated all the members for the grand success of Dharna staged with mammoth gathering by AIBPARC at Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept. The highlight of the Dharna, he said, was participation by Parliamentarians Com. Tapan Sen, Com. Sitaram Yechuri and Sri Pakash Javadevakar to extend support. He observed that there was a perceptible change in the approach of Govt. consequent to the Dharna and that it was a welcome development in pursuit of solution to the pending issues. He reiterated the need for unity and strengthening the organisation. He congratulated the team of SBPRA for organising such an excellent conference. Com. Harshavardhan Madabhushi, by his speech, engaged the house in rapt attention with humour filled presentation of the present state of affairs in the country under UPA Govt. He assured to continue full support to the retirees movement and assured to give due weightage to their issues during the ongoing wage revision negotiations. Com. Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary, in his keynote address described the background of formation of SBPRA and its growth. He proudly announced that the membership of the organisation crossed three thousand marks to the thunderous applause of the participants. While explaining the pending tasks, he emphasised the urgent need to get the discrimination eliminated between the VRS retirees and superannuation retirees in the benefits extended by the bank. He gave a detailed account of the yeomen services rendered by SBOA leadership by extending all-round support from time to time. He thanked Com. DS Punja and Com. Coelho for the same. He thanked Com. Sanjay A Manjrekar, Secretary and Com. Vilas Nayak for their help in membership mobilisation. He also thanked SBOA for making bank management to agree for centralised deduction of monthly subscription from members through check-off/ Standing Instructions in the latest Joint Meeting. He reaffirmed the commitment of SBPRA for the cause of the retirees' movement in the banking industry, particularly to the retirees of Syndicate Bank. Com. Dinkar Punja, General Secretary, SBOA spoke at length about the developments in the bank and the steps taken by him to safeguard the interest of the staff. He opined that the facility of reimbursement of hospitalisation expenses available to retired CMDs and EDs and their families shall be extended to all the retirees and their families of the bank. He assured to extend fullest support to the organisation and to pursue all the pending issues with the bank. At that stage, to our pleasant surprise, Hon'ble Sri Bandaru Dattatraya, former Union Minister, entered the hall to greet the participants. He was among the prominent personalities belonging to various political parties invited to grace the occasion. He praised the pioneering efforts made by the Founders of Syndicate Bank in the service of the nation. He expressed surprise that the bank pensioners were not given Pension Updation and other genuine benefits as in the case of central government employees. He expressed support and assured to take up the matter with authorities concerned appropriately. We thank him for the nice gesture of visiting and supporting our cause. Thereafter addressing the gathering Com HV Coelho, President, SBOA gave a detailed account of how they were involved in the membership mobilisation of SBPRA by undertaking a gigantic task of addressing letters to all the seventeen thousand retirees of the bank. Being a member already, he assured to actively involve in strengthening the organisation. Com. Satyanarayana, President of Andhra Bank officers Federation informed that they have already formed a unit of AIBPARC for retirees of Andhra Bank drawing inspiration from SBPRA and assured full support to the bank retirees' movement. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks of the President. Lunch followed.

### **DELEGATE SESSION**

The delegate session commenced with the full throated slogans echoing in the hall at about 2.30 PM. After President calling the house to attention and verifying the quorum the proceedings began. At the outset homage and rich tribute was paid to Com. H R Shenoy, the legendary SBOA leader and other prominent

personalities of national and international fame who passed away during the period of review. The house stood up and observed silence for a couple of minutes as a mark of respect to the departed souls. Thereafter agenda was taken up and the business was conducted briskly. Com. C. Gangadhar Yadav, General Secretary, presented the report on the developments during the period under review i.e. from the date of formation of the organisation till date. He informed the house that the Zonal Meetings and General Body Meeting had to be held at a short notice keeping in view various organisational programmes. The house approved the same. The General Secretary's Report was brief but covered comprehensively all the organisational matters and tasks ahead. Along with it the General Secretary also presented before the house a brief financial statement of receipts and payments. Several members deliberated on the report and made some suggestions for future implementation. The participants opined that the monthly subscription of the membership should be increased. General Secretary in his reply gave the clarifications. Both the report of activities and the financial statements were approved by the house unanimously. Thereafter, an amendment for increase of monthly subscription from Rs 10/- to Rs 30/- w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2014 moved by the members was passed unanimously. Another amendment to increase the number of Vice President Posts from 4 to 6 moved by the central committee was passed unanimously. Then the house passed unanimously the policy resolutions on pending issues viz. Pension Updation, Uniform DA, Increase in Family Pension, Pension option to the resignees, CRS and other eligible cases, Reimbursement of Medical and Hospitalisation expenses. The house authorised appointment of Auditor from Hyderabad. The proceedings were summed up by the President. Com. B N Bhat and Com. PSR Sastri were appointed as Returning Officers to conduct the elections. Vote of thanks was proposed by Com. RSR Prasad, Zonal Secretary of Hyderabad Zone. Thereafter elections were held in terms of Constitution and Bye Laws of the Association. All office-bearers for the ensuing triennial term were elected unopposed.

#### **NEW TEAM OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
COM. R K SHARMA	PRESIDENT	DELHI	08171461116
COM. N RAJKUMAR	VICE PRESIDENT	TRIVANDRUM	09846319319
COM. A VENKATESAN	VICE PRESIDENT	CHENNAI	09444271590
COM. P S AGRAWAL	VICE PRESIDENT	AKOLA (M. R.)	09922997095
COM. RAM MOHAN RAO	VICE PRESIDENT	UDIPI	09880071191
COM. K RAMA REDDY	VICE PRESIDENT	HYDERABAD	09848069336
COM. S B SAI PRAKASH	VICE PRESIDENT	BANGALORE	09880289685
COM. C GANGADHAR YADAV	GENERAL SECRETARY	HYDERABAD	09440528806
COM. K SURESH BABU	SECRETARY	HYDERABAD	09885661991
COM. G S R SARMA	TREASURER	HYDERABAD	09642804770
COM. K MURUGANANTHAM	JOINT SECRETARY	CHENNAI	09840839396
COM. P V PAVITHRAN	JOINT SECRETARY	KANNUR	09496187325
COM. H A N REDDY	JOINT SECRETARY	BANGALORE	09449850190
COM. R S R PRASAD	JOINT SECRETARY	HYDERABAD	09010731351

COM. ESWARAN S POTTI	JOINT SECRETARY	DELHI	09013823868
COM. K SEETHARAM TANTRY	JOINT SECRETARY	UDIPI	09740948848
COM. R B DAS	JOINT SECRETARY	BHUVANESHWAR	08763404848
COM. VISWAS B UTEKAR	JOINT SECRETARY	MUMBAI	09821159328
COM. K B DHOK	ZONAL SECRETARY	MUMBAI	08275044857
COM. RSR PRASAD*	ZONAL SECRETARY	HYDERABAD	09010731351
COM. S NAGAVELU	ZONAL SECRETARY	CHENNAI	09444696266
COM. P V PAVITHRAN*	ZONAL SECRETARY	KANNUR	09496187325
COM. MADHAV V KAMATH	ZONAL SECRETARY	MANGALORE	09880358447
COM. SURAJ PRAKASH	ZONAL SECRETARY	MEERUT	09719761107
COM. R B DAS*	ZONAL SECRETARY	BHUVANESHWAR	08763404848
COM. H A N REDDY*	ZONAL SECRETARY	BANGALORE	09449850190
COM. ESWARAN S POTTI*	ZONAL SECRETARY	DELHI	09013823868

\*office bearers who originally got elected as Zonal Secretaries at the Zonal Meetings were elected as Joint Secretaries at the General Body. Co-options will take place to one of the posts vacated by them later.

### **GREETINGS**

Shri Sudhir Kumar Jain, Chairman & Managing Director of Syndicate Bank has conveyed his best wishes for the success of the conference. Greetings were also received from Com. K V Acharya, President, AIBPARC and Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary, AIBOC; many present and former General Managers, senior executives of the bank; present and former office bearers of SBOA and SBEU and several well wishers. We hereby convey our gratitude to all of them.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Comrades, we have made history by conducting the first ever triennial conference of the Association at Hyderabad. We are sure this organisation has made a strong foundation and will go on to conduct many more triennial conferences in future. The preparations and the conduct of the event have already galvanised the activities and generated a lot of confidence among the members. Let us make the organisation so strong as to serve its objective of getting the retirees demands achieved and their aspirations fulfilled. The conference was widely covered by press and the news has appeared in various local editions. We place on record our deep appreciation of the excellent work done by Com/s. RSR Prasad, K Gopi Krishna, R Adishesu Babu, M S Prakash Rao, P Kameswara Rao, K. Padmam, K Radhakrishna, B. Sanjeeva Rao and other office bearers and thank them. We congratulate the newly elected team of office bearers and wish them all the best in their new assignments. We thank one and all responsible for the success of the conference.

With warm greetings.  
Yours comradely,



C Gangadhar Yadav  
GENERAL SECRETARY

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