



SYNDICATE BANK PENSIONERS & RETIREES ASSOCIATION (REGD.)

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SBPRA MEMBERSHIP SURPASSES 6000 MARK

It is a joyous moment for all of us. We have crossed yet another mile stone in our membership mobilisation drive by surpassing 6000 mark well before the targeted date. As on this date the membership of SBPRA is already 6135 and racing towards our next target of 7000 which we are sure will be reached in a couple of months. We shall not rest here, but continue to strive hard to accomplish our next target. We convey our hearty congratulations to all our office-bearers, activists and members on this splendid achievement. On every occasion like this we have to place on record the yeomen service rendered by SBOA. We thank Com. Prakash Karotya, President, Com. Manjrekar, General Secretary and their entire team for continued support not only in membership growth but also for standing by us at every moment in our endeavour to realise demands of retirees of the bank. Comrades, we are fully aware that membership drive and strengthening the organisation is not the end in itself but a beginning and means to fight for justice. While we salute vast community of astute retirees of the bank for reposing faith in us, we assure them that we shall not lose sight of objectives of the organisation and shall strive to fulfil their hope.

IBA MEDICAL INSURANCE SCHEME

Bank has extended time for joining the insurance scheme up to 31.3.2016. Requests for Withdrawal and refund of premium will be permitted up to 20.2.2016. This information we have already communicated to our members through SMS. Efforts for reimbursement of domiciliary treatment expenses are continuing. IBA has assured AIBOC in this regard. Procedure for obtaining E-card (Health Card) and method of availing cashless facility has been given in bank circulars and SBPRA circulars. List of hospitals is available in the website of TPA: <http://www.vidalhealthtpa.com/> (see network providers). Members are still facing difficulty in downloading health cards. For the new entrants into the scheme the data is not yet updated. HO: SWD is making efforts to rectify data inaccuracies. It may take a little more time. Meanwhile we have received reports from some of our members that they have already successfully availed cashless facility for major treatments. Let us hope that the dust settles soon and the scheme works smoothly benefitting the retirees.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISIT CO AND HO

On 3rd Feb 2016 SBPRA team visited Corporate Office, Bangalore. The team consisted of the undersigned and Com. S B Sai Prakash, Vice President, Com. H Aswartha Narayana Reddy, Joint Secretary and Com. K R Ramappa, Zonal Secretary. We firstly called on the MD & CEO for courtesy. The meeting was cordial. Then we met GM (P) for follow-up of our pending issues interalia reimbursement of 50% premium on IBA Medical Scheme which was already cleared by Staff Welfare Committee. It resulted in further movement of the file on the subject. We also broached about the differentiation and discrimination meted out to VRS category of Pensioners/Retirees. The point that the said category ought to be equated with others at least after attaining age of superannuation was well received. On 10th and 11th of Feb 2016 the undersigned visited Udupi and Manipal. A meeting of SBPRA activists was arranged in SBOA office on 10th @6.00pm. Com. Dinker Punja, our Chairman, Com. Rammohan Rao, Vice President and other office-bearers of SBPRA and Com. D M Devaiah, Vice President, SBOA and others were present. Latest developments in retirees' movement, organisational matters, pending issues of retirees and IBA medical insurance scheme were discussed. Com. Punja also threw light on various issues.

On 11th the undersigned visited HO: Manipal. Incidentally GM (P) was present at HO. The undersigned called on him and requested him to speed up our pending issues. After meeting executives in PD and other departments, the undersigned met CM and staff at SWD. Problems faced by our members in dealing with medical insurance scheme were highlighted. It was informed that due to various data entry mistakes at various stages the Updation of records is not completed and that all the problems will be solved sooner. The staff was highly cooperative and offered their unstinted services to the retirees. We thank Com. D M Devaiah for his cooperation during our HO visit.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
LOCAL MEMBERS MEETING AT MANIPAL ON 6TH MARCH**

8th meeting of our Central Committee will be held at Manipal (Udupi) on Sunday 6th March. The main agenda item for discussion will be the status of pending issues/demands of retirees' both at industry and bank level apart from organizational matters. Before the CC meeting a team of SBPRA will be visiting Corporate Office Bengaluru on 4th March and Head office Manipal on 5th March to represent our matters. We will keep our members updated.

On 6th March (Sunday) @ 6.00PM a meeting of local members from Udupi, Manipal and surrounding areas is also arranged separately at Hotel: HOTEL MADHUVAN SERAI near Syndicate Bank HO. Com. R Rammohan Rao, our Vice President, Com. K S Tantry, Joint Secretary and Com. Madhav Kamath, Zonal Secretary are making the arrangements. All our members in the area are requested to participate in the meeting without fail.

FLOOD RELIEF LOANS TO PENSIONERS

We had requested the bank to help the retirees affected in the recent devastating floods in Chennai and adjoining areas by sanctioning loans at concessional rate. We are happy to inform that our request has been considered favourably. A communication has been sent by HO: SWD to Chennai FGMO on 2.2.2016 conveying the decision and the terms and conditions. Loans will be sanctioned by Branch Heads at Pension drawing branches based on self declaration - at Base Rate; Quantum limited to 3 months pension; with 60% cut back; repayable in 36 EMIs; on the guarantee of family member eligible for family pension and in case of loan to family pensioner a third party with sufficient income. The details of the scheme have already been communicated by us to our Chennai team with a request to extend all assistance to the needy in this regard. We thank the management of the bank for their kind gesture in the hour of need.

With warm greetings
Yours comradely,



C Gangadhar Yadav
GENERAL SECRETARY

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