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Circular No. 10/2017

Date : 18.01.2017

To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 09 dated 18.01.2017 issued by General Secretary, All India State Bank Officers' Federation, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Soumya Datta
(General Secretary)

To all our Affiliates / Members:

OUR LONG PENDING DEMAND OF FIVE DAYS' BANKING

We reproduce hereunder the text of AIBOC Circular No.2017/02 dated 17th January, 2017 contents of which are self-explicit.

(Y.SUDARSHAN)
GENERAL SECRETARY

TEXT

QUOTE:

Members are aware that the demand of five days' banking which was taken up by our Organisation very seriously during the 10th Bipartite Settlement was partially met by getting two Saturdays off. This achievement could be clinched with the efforts of AIBOC on the last day of negotiations i.e. on the day of signing of MOU on 23.02.2015, with the intervention of Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya and Smt. V.R.Iyer, Chairpersons of State Bank of India and Bank of India, respectively. An assurance was given by both these compassionate Executives that if the system of two Saturdays off works smoothly and without any trouble, our demand of five days' banking will be supported by them also.

During the period after the Xth Bipartite Settlement also, we continued to pursue this demand of five days' banking through IBA and all possible channels. The latest demonetization drive implementation has put the Bank employees and Officers under lot of stress and need for five days' banking was all the more felt. We, in the banking industry, have proved that nothing is impossible for us including implementation of voluminous and strenuous job like demonetisation. Considering this as the right opportunity, we have decided to revive this demand passionately. In this endeavor, we have written a letter to Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya, the Chairperson of SBI and Senior Vice Chairman of IBA, urging her to support and pursue this very important issue of ours. **We enclose herewith our letter Ref No. 2017/07 dated 17.01.2017 for your perusal and records.** We shall keep you apprised of the developments.

With greetings,

Comradely Yours,
Sd/-

(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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Letter No. 2017/07

Dated: 17.01.2017

Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya,
Chairperson, State Bank of India,
Mumbai.

Respected Madam,

FIVE DAYS' WORKING IN BANKING INDUSTRY

We once again acknowledge with gratitude your contribution and your being instrumental in getting the MOU signed for 10th Bipartite Settlement on 23rd February, 2015. We distinctly remember your contribution jointly with Mrs. V.R. Iyer to bring the negotiations back on track when it was on the verge of break up, by securing two Saturdays' off in the banking industry. We could simply agree to the proposal of IBA for second and fourth Saturdays off after your passionate efforts and intervention towards our demand of five days' a week and also your persuasive remarks that five days' a week can be further taken up by the Organisations after the success of two Saturdays' off is proved.

You will now very kindly agree that lot of additional responsibilities of opening Jan Dhan Yojana accounts, Mudra loans and Demonetisation exercise etc. have ably and efficiently been performed by the Bank Officers and employees. The contribution of the Bank employees has been applauded by none other than the Hon'ble Prime Minister and Finance Minister of India apart from the industrial leaders. All through these process, you have been championing the cause of banking industry and Bank employees, for which we shall always remain indebted to you. We very strongly feel that this is the time when we all, jointly and proudly, can claim that the efficiency of the banking industry has improved much more in direct co-relation of two Saturdays' off. We, therefore, request you in your capacity as leader of the banking industry and also as Senior Vice Chairman of IBA to take necessary steps towards fulfilment of our demand of five days' banking as per international standards.

We are sure that with the opening of more ATMs, expansion of alternate delivery channels and rapid digitalisation, five days' banking will not adversely affect customer service. Implementation of five days' banking will ease the stress on Bank employees and particularly the Officers' fraternity and will help in enhanced strength and efficiency. We assure you that this gesture of goodwill will go a long way in building a conducive atmosphere in the banking industry and would accelerate the better performance of the Banks.

With warm regards,

Sincerely Yours,
Sd/-
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