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### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 96 dated 12.09.2017 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:

### **CHIEF MINISTER OF TRIPURA EXTENDS SUPPORT TO OUR STRUGGLE SHRI.MANIK SARKAR, THE HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER SIGNS THE PETITION TO THE PRIME MINISTER SUPPORTING OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST MERGER**

In a grand gala function where around 850 members of the State Unit of Tripura were present to participate in the State Unit General Body Meeting at Tripura on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The State Unit had made an elaborate arrangement for the General Body and also to campaign for our struggle against the ill-advised moves of the Government in regard to privatization of the Public Sector units and the proposed merger of the Public Sector banks in the name of consolidation etc. The UFBU has already sent a strong message through its successful one day strike on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 all over the country in which more than one million employees and officers have struck work. The strike was a clear and strong sentiment of the entire workforce echoing the people's sentiment for protecting the Public Sector Banks so that the development activity which is being carried out by the Banks continues until the Government retraces its steps.

2. The President of the State Unit Com. Mihir Lal Das, and the Secretary of the State Unit Com. Bishnupada Debnath along with Com.D.T.Franco Rajender Dev, the General Secretary of AIBOC and others welcomed the Chief Guest Shri. Manik Sarkar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State and was extended a warm felicitation on the occasion. The other dignitaries who graced the occasion included Com. Soumya Datta, the General Secretary of SBIOA(Kolkata) and the President of State Unit of AIBOC, Com. S.K.Bhattacharjee, General Secretary AIRRBOF and Adviser AIBOC, Com. S.K.Bansal, State Secretary Delhi, Com. Sanjay Das, State Secretary West Bengal and the leaders of the State Unit from Tripura.

3. Com.Bishnupada Debnath, extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and all the members present on the occasion.

4. The Chief Guest Shri.Manik Sarkar released the book "Banking Sector Reforms – Policies which are Killing the Golden Goose" authored by Com.D.T.Franco Rajender Dev on the occasion.

5. The State Unit also donated Rs.2 lacs to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on the occasion.

6. Com. Soumya Datta addressing the huge gathering explained in detail the game plan of the Government and its policies aimed at handing over the Public Sector Banks to the private sector and the multinational. He explained at length that the anti-people policies of the Government and its pro-capital stance will be opposed tooth and nail as the Public Sector Banks are meant to serve the common man of the people. We are fully prepared to face any eventuality in case the Government fails to step back from its proposal for merger of banks.

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7. The Chief Guest Shri. Manik Sarkar explained at length the house about the present socio political scenario in the country, where the democratic rights are being curtailed and the right to speech is being rampantly attacked. He expressed serious concern about rising inflation, the unemployment, in-equality, continuing farmers suicide, devaluation of rupee etc. He extended his total support for the struggle launched by the Bank Officers and their concern for defending the public sector and wished that the Bank Officers' have a great role to play since they belonging to intellectual sections of the society.

8. Com.D.T.Franco Rajender Dev, the General Secretary of the Confederation addressing the house covered in an elaborate manner the various activities undertaken by the Confederation. He also applauded the Government for the all-round development of the State and for maintenance of peace and harmony amongst the different ethnic groups and making it one of the best States in the country.

9. He also explained at length the progress in the bipartite negotiations and assured the house that all out efforts would be made to resolve some of the core issues that we have raised in the Charter of Demands viz., 5days Banking, Pending retirement benefits, a fair and equitable salary revision comparable with the Central Government employees, Modification in New Pension Scheme, Revision upto Scale VII.

10. As regards the campaign launched by the United Forum of Bank Unions to fight against the moves of the Privatization of Banks, explained at length how the Public Sector Banks' are being denigrated by the Government through its wrong policies towards NPAs and failure to recover the large advances from the Corporate Sector. He also criticized the pressures that are being exerted by RBI for making huge provision towards NPA's rather than initiating speedy measures for recovery of the loans from the corporate sector. He appealed to the members to extend total support and co-operation in the struggle launched by the UFBU against the merger of banks. He desired that the members should take up the campaign amongst the general public and educate them in proper perspective as regards the role of the Public Sector banks and also involve the public in our various organizational activities such as People's Parliament etc.,

11. Com.S.K.Bhattacharjee, General Secretary of AIRRBOF & Adviser, AIBOC, Com.S.K.Bansal, State Secretary, Delhi Unit, Com.Sanjay Das, West Bengal State Secretary extended their felicitation amidst thunderous applause.

12. Com.Sanjay Datta, of State Unit extended a vote of thanks.

13. Comrades, it was yet another grand show of strength and conviction of the members of AIBOC in the State of Tripura and it would go a long way in consolidation of our movement further.

With warm greetings,



(Y.SUDARSHAN)  
GENERAL SECRETARY