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## To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 19 dated 17.02.2017 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:

## **ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF SBIOA BHUBANESWAR**

SBIOA, BHUBANESWAR Celebrated its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (Sunday` at Convention Centre Auditorium, KIIT Campus – 6, Patia, Bhubaneswar with a lot of verve and enthusiasm. The In-house Musical troupe "NINAD" sang "Bande Utkal Janani", a song in praise of mother land. The Circle CGM, Shri B.V.G. Reddy inaugurated the meeting by lighting lamp and offering flowers to the founder leaders of the Circle Association. In his inaugural speech he acknowledged the contributions of the employees and officers of the circle in bettering the record of the circle in many parameters and opined that the most valuable assets of the Bank is Human Resources which is not on the balance sheet. He drew the attention to the challenges that demonetization has brought to the banks in the form of increasing cost of increased volume of deposits, deployment of funds in a stagnating economy, improved and increasing digitalization along with the existing menace of ever increasing pressure on account of NPA. He expressed the hope that the circle will manage the challenges successfully. GM (Network-I) of the Circle expressed his total confidence on the IR mechanism and commitment of the employees to the Bank. Bank and its employees must stand by each other in all challenges for better result to the employee and the organization. There have to be ownership on both the sides.

2. Shri J.B. Mohapatra, the General Secretary of the SBISA, Bhubaneswar congratulated the Association and its members for electing all committees unanimously in a rare show of solidarity. The workers in the Banking Industry always stand by the programmes and policies of the Government and bring success to it at great risk. Yet they are neglected when the times come to take care of their genuine demands. The UFBU has decided to go on agitation and strike on such issues.

**3.** Comrade D.T. Franco Rajendra Dev, General Secretary, SBIOA, Chennai Circle gave the keynote address on the occasion. In his inimitable style linked the contemporary political ambience and the trade union scenario and justified the need to build up a workers' movement to tackle the inequalities and the exploitations of the workplace and the society as they are dependent on each other. He explained the issues of coming agitation call by UFBU and justified the need to fight for retaining the public sector character of the PSBs.

4. The Honourable Minister of State (Independent Charge) (Petroleum and Natural Gas) highlighted the role of SBI in Jan Dhan Yojana and Demonetisation efforts of the Government. Even the retired employees and officers of the Bank worked long hours for its successful implementation. In view of such work it is difficult for any government to think about privatization of the Banks in next fifty years. Banks are economic change agents for the poorer and deprived sections of the society as well as for the economically backward areas. He requested the state bank officers to finance more under the Mudra Scheme to the eligible people for economic prosperity of the state as well as improving employment. As Bankers are professionally equipped in assessing the projects it is expected that finances through Banking channel will bring about better utilization of economic resources. The youth of Odisha has better intellectual ability and it can be honed by providing facility to them for higher education.

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**5.** Earlier Shri Sambit Misra, General Secretary of SBIOA, Bhubaneswar, introduced the guests. He also requested the hon'ble Minister for enhancing the gratuity limit for the Bankers and not to tax the retiring employees in view of the improvement that the economy has made in last thirty years. Com. Shanker Bhai Patel, General Secretary of Ahmedabad Circle, Com. A. Krishnan, President of Chennai Circle, Com. S.P. Behera, President, SBISA, Bhubaneswar Circle, Com. Bansidhar Sethy, Secretary, SCST Welfare Council and Com. Sabyasachi Swain, Secretary, State AIBOC also spoke on the occasion. Shri Krishna Sharma, CDO, Shri Pyarelal, DGM, MCG, Shri G.C. Behera, DGM, Alternate Channel and Shri G.K. Dash, DGM, SAMB attended the meeting. Dr. Mrs. M. Patel, Shri Laxmi Kanta Mishra & Shri Ganesh c. Mishra ex-President and General Secretary of the Association were also present. Shri Bibekananda Das presided over the meeting. More than two thousand members from all corners of the state braved the difficulties and came to the meeting in a show of solidarity.

- 6. The New Team of Office-Bearers for the next triennial period is as follows:
  - > President : Shri Bibekananda Das
  - Vice-President : Shri Arun Kumar Bishoyi
  - > General Secretary : Shri Sambit Misra
  - > Deputy General Secretary : Shri Sabyasachi Swain
  - Organising Secretary : Shri Ramesh Chandra Patra
  - Secretary, Finance : Shri R.J.S. Prasad
  - > Asst. Secretary Finance: Shri Golden Topno
  - > Assistant General Secretary : Shri Rajesh Sahu
  - > Assistant General Secretary : Shri Sadasiba Bisi
  - > Assistant General Secretary : Shri Paresh c. Das
  - > Assistant General Secretary : Sk. Ismail

7. The Federation wishes the General Secretary and the President of the Circle Association for the good work they have done during their tenure. We are sure that the new team of Office-Bearers will take the organization to greater heights in the days to come and become a great source of strength to the Federation and the entire Bhubaneshwar Circle.

With greetings,

(Y.SUDARSHAN) **GENERAL SECRETARY**