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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 90 dated 21.08.2017 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:

CONCILIATION MEETING FAILED STRIKE STANDS ALL ROUND PREPARATION TO MAKE 22ND AUGUST, 2017 STRIKE A GRAND SUCCESS

We understand that roumers and fake messages in the name of leaders are being circulated that the Strike is deferred. Please DO NOT give credence to such roumers. STRIKE STANDS.

- 2. As you are aware the last minute attempt by the <u>Central Labour Commissioner</u>, <u>New Delhi on 18th August</u>, to stall the strike action by the Bank employees and officers <u>failed</u>. The call was given by the United Forum of Bank Unions representing the entire workforce in the Banking Industry in the background of series of ill advised and anti labour initiatives taken by the Government. The strike is also meant to address several issues connected with our service conditions and the casual attitude of the IBA as well as the Government in addressing those issues.
- 3. Com.Bandlish, the Convener of the United Forum of Bank Unions led the representatives from the various constituents of the United Forum of Bank Union in the CLC meeting to discuss the issues threadbare. On behalf of AIBOC, Com.D.T.Franco, participated in the meeting. The representatives of the Government could not give any categorical assurance as regards the various issues, except making an innocuous statement that there are no proposals before the Government for the time being. However, our representatives made a detailed presentation justifying their protest against several initiatives of the Government and insisting for a categorical assurance from the Government that there will be no merger of the banks. As regards several other issues there was no definite solution or initiative on the part of the Government.
- **4.** The leaders of the UFBU thereafter met the press and briefed the press about the failure of the meeting and declared that the strike will be implemented in Toto. The UFBU will meet immediately after the strike action for taking further course of action to pursue all our demands raised in the strike notice.
- **5.** We have been receiving reports from all over the country about the preparations to make the strike a total success. The leaders of the State Units of AIBOC, ably supported by the other constituents of the UFBU through the Local Unit of UFBU have been making all out efforts to implement each and every programme given by the UFBU. The employees and officers in the banking industry are fully prepared to participate in the strike and send a strong message of protest on all the issues raised by the United Forum of Bank Unions.
- **6.** The programmes given by the UFBU including the protest demonstrations, wearing black badges, organizing meetings etc., is taking place in different parts of the country. The leadership of the affiliates of the Federation have been actively involved in those programmes and are providing inspiring leadership to the agitating members.
- 7. Comrades, now let us move forward with firm determination to make our one day protest strike on 22nd August 2017 a grand success by ensuring that the entire banking industry remains closed on that day. We should also be prepared for further course of action to take all our issues to a logical end in due course. We once again appeal to all our comrades, irrespective of scales and grades to participate wholeheartedly and make the strike a success. With revolutionary greetings,

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