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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 91 dated 22.08.2017 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:

COUNTRYWIDE STRIKE ON 22.8.2017 A GRAND SUCCESS – BANKING CAME TO GRINDING HALT A STRONG MESSAGE TO THE POWERS STRUGGLE TO CONTINUE

Congratulations to all our employees and officers working in the banks all over the country. The one day strike call given by the United Forum of Bank Unions on 22.8.2017 against the ill-advised moves of the Government was a thunderous success. The strike extended to all the Public Sector, Private Sector, Regional Rural and Co-operative Banks as the issues were dear to each and every employee and officers working in the banking industry. The strike was conducted in an effective manner throughout the country. The UFBU strike call was implemented in total by all the constituents all over the country.

2. Reports received at the Federation Headquarters indicate that the employees and officer's throughout the country participated in the rallies, demonstrations, processions organized by the local units of the United Forum of Bank Unions. The meetings in the Metro-Cities, State Capital, the District Head Quarters, were attended in large numbers. The members took out procession holding banners and raising slogans against the ill-advised moves of the Government and demanding immediate review of the position in regard to the initiatives taken in the matter of merger of banks, privatization of banks etc. The strikers also raised slogans against the large borrowers who were responsible for creation of huge NPA's in the banks and wanted stringent measures to be taken against them for recovery of the banks' dues. The rallies were addressed by the leaders of the constituents of the United Forum of Bank Unions in all major centers.

3. The affiliates of the Federation and their leaders took active part in the implementation of the strike call given by the United Forum of Bank Unions. The demonstrations and rallies were held in large numbers in front of several Banks throughout the country highlighting the demands of the UFBU and seeking early solution to several of the issues raised by UFBU.

4. Our members are aware that there were efforts on the part of the Indian Banks' Association through conciliatory proceedings before the Regional labor commissioner, Mumbai immediately on receipt of the strike notice by them. However, these proceedings could not produce any result since IBA was not in a position to address the major issues raised by the UFBU namely the stoppage of Merger of banks and privatization of banks. The conciliation failed.

5. A last moment effort was made by the Central Labor Commissioner, Delhi who invited the representatives of the UFBU and the representatives of the banking department under the Ministry of Finance who could not offer any solution to the issues raised by the UFBU and thus the conciliation failed and UFBU decided to go through the strike.

6. The details of the strike and effective conduct of demonstrations, rallies, processions by thousands of employees and officers in all major cities, state capitals and district sectors were widely covered by media both electronic and print media highlighting the issues and also justification for the strike call given by the United Forum of Bank Unions.

7. Comrades, the constituents of United Forum of Bank Unions are meeting shortly to review the situation and take further steps to pursue our long pending demands with the Government and IBA. The success of the strike has sent a strong signal to the Government and the ball is now in the court of the Government. In case, the Government fails to take note of the sentiments of over 10 lac employees and officers who struck work in the banking industry, the UFBU would be forced to escalate the agitation in due course. Our members should be in readiness for further course of action at short notice including strike actions.

With revolutionary greetings,

(Y.SUDARSHAN)
GENERAL SECRETARY