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### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 89 dated 19.07.2016 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 GREETINGS ON BANK NATIONALISATION DAY**

Dear Comrades,

19<sup>th</sup> July is a historic day in the annals of the history of the Indian Banking Scenario. The first round of Bank Nationalisation marked the beginning of an era of Public Sector Banks. It was the beginning of the efforts to take Banking to the nook and corner of the country and to the masses and for upliftment of people above the poverty line. It was the beginning of credit flow to Agriculture, Small Scale, Village and Cottage Industries and for Infrastructure development bringing alive the Gandhian Principles.

2. Let us therefore celebrate this day with patriotism and fervor and take a pledge to protect the Public Sector Character of the Indian Banking Industry which has held its head high in the Global Economic Scenario.

3. We reproduce hereunder the text of AIBOC Circular No.2016/36 dated 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 contents of which are self-explicit and hope that all our state units and affiliates will actively conduct and participate in all the Scheduled activities.

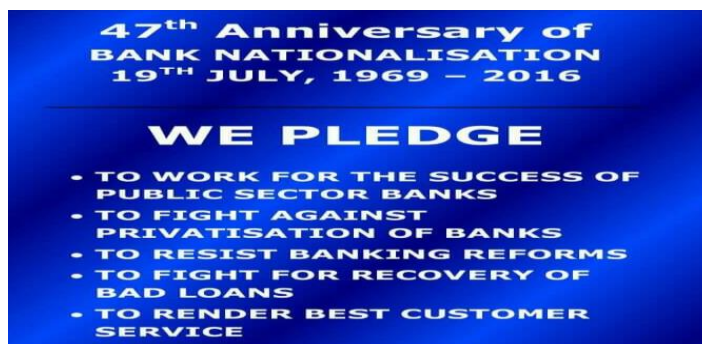
With greetings,

**(Y.SUDARSHAN)**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

### TEXT

#### **QUOTE:**

On behalf of the entire Executive Committee of All India Bank Officers' Confederation and on my personal behalf, I convey my heartiest greetings and good wishes on the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bank Nationalisation to all of you and the entire workforce working in the Banking Industry.



The Bank Employees welcomed the historic move of the Government under the leadership of the then Prime

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Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi with the objective of expanding the Banking services to the common masses for bringing parity in the society, poverty alleviation by uplifting the rural poor and downtrodden. Public Sector Banks and their employees justified the stand of the Government by expansion of Bank branches from 8262 with a total business mix of Rs. 8245 crores in 1969 to more than 1,10,000 branches with a business mix of more than Rs. 1,16,00,000 crores since nationalisation. The performance of the Public Sector Banks has been applauded by all policy makers and Governments of the times. Their contribution to Green, White and Blue revolutions, implementation of Government's policies and recent financial inclusion drive have earned laurels throughout the world. International Economic recession of 2008 during which many strong financial institution collapsed like playing cards did not impact Indian Banking Sector due to its inherent strength.

While the role played by the Public Sector Banks and its employees and its recent performance needs to be highlighted and these institutions required to be strengthened, the steps taken by the present Government of moving ahead with its agenda of privatization and merger is deplorable. All India Bank Officers' Confederation has decided a long drawn agitation programme to Save Public Sector institutions and Public Sector Banks in particular through agitation, rallies, demonstrations, submission of memoranda to politicians and Government authorities. United Forum of Bank Unions has also given a call for All India Strike on 29th July, 2016. We call upon all our comrades to implement all these programmes. Let us once again gear up and highlight the importance of Public Sector Banks by educating our young comrades, customers and masses with the importance of need to Save Public Sectors. Let us organize demonstrations, rallies, gate meetings today as per the programme chalked out by UFBU/AIBOC State Committees and atleast have gate meetings in small towns, semi-urban and urban branches.

Let us protect the Public Sector Banks, the lifeline and saviour of Indian Economy.

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,  
Sd/-  
(HARVINDER SINGH)  
GENERAL SECRETARY

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