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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 35 dated 30.04.2018 issued by the 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:

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPREME COURT VERDICT IN RESPECT OF FIXATION OF PENSION TO RETIREES UNDER THE 7TH BIPARTITE SETTLEMENT

We have today sent a communication to the Management on the above subject. A copy is enclosed. We note to keep our members advised of further developments in due course.

With greetings,

(Y.SUDARSHAN)
GENERAL SECRETARY

No.6724/22/18

DATE: 30.04.2018

To,
The Deputy Managing Director & CDO,
State Bank of India,
Corporate Centre,
Madame Cama Road,
MUMBAI - 400 021.

Dear Sir,

IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPREME COURT VERDICT IN RESPECT OF FIXATION OF PENSION TO RETIREES UNDER THE 7TH BIPARTITE SETTLEMENT

The Supreme Court in a historic judgment, has directed the Banks to rectify the anomaly created in fixing the pension pay for those who retired during the 7th bipartite settlement. During the 7th bipartite, IBA fixed lower Basic Pay for arriving at basic pension with merger of DA at 1616 Index, as against merger of DA at 1684 with Basic Pay, for serving employees. However, during 8th bipartite, the anomaly was rectified, but effective from 1.5.2005. The retirees of 7th bipartite challenged this anomaly with the courts and now the anomaly is set right by re-fixing their Basic Pension with merger of DA at 1684 points as against 1616 points. The Supreme Court has also directed Banks to arrange for payment of arrears of pension with interest at 9% p.a.

2. In respect of SBI employees, at the instance of IBA, 7th bipartite retirees basic pension was fixed by merging 1616 points instead of 1684 and the anomaly was rectified along with industry level 8th bipartite agreement with IBA w.e.f 1.5.2005.

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3. The issue was under protracted correspondence and the Federation along with the Staff as well as the Pensioners' Federations were following up the same. In the meanwhile, the Government of India appointed a committee to go into some of the issues related to the superannuation benefits in SBI and the demands raised by the Pensioners Federation as well as the serving Federations. In respect of above anomaly, the Committee recommended for the rectification of the anomaly and made a reference to the IBA. The IBA informed the Government that the dispensation which was available at the industry level should be adopted and the extension of the benefit of merger of 1684 index in SBI from the date of the revision would raise several issues at the industry level since there are a number of litigations in various courts. The Bank did not question the objection of the IBA and went ahead with the implementation of other recommendations other than rectification the anomaly of merger of DA at 1616 points.

4. The issue is now resolved through the intervention of the Supreme Court. The principles pronounced in the Supreme Court judgment are equally applicable to our retirees as well.

5. We therefore request you to kindly take steps to extend the benefit of the merger of DA index at 1684 from the date of the salary revision i.e., 1.11.97/1.4.98 and pay the arrears of pension along with the interest at the rate of 9% p.a to the affected retirees.

Please treat the matter as urgent.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(Y.SUDARSHAN)
GENERAL SECRETARY