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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 53 dated 02.07.2018 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:

FARM LOANS ACTIONS UNDER IPC

We have today sent a communication to the Hon'ble Governor of Reserve Bank of India, 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.6466/78/18

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Shri Urjit Patel
Hon'ble. Governor
Reserve Bank of India,
MUMBAI.

Dear Sir,

FARM LOANS ACTIONS UNDER IPC

We invite your kind attention to our earlier representations. We understand that FIR's are being filed against our Branch Managers for not meeting targets under Agricultural lending. Despite the Secretary-DFS, clarifying to the Government of Maharashtra that no action can be initiated against Bank Officers under Section 188 of IPC, the Asst. Registrar (Co-operatives) Osmanabad, has filed FIR under section 188 of IPC as per directives of District Collector. A copy of said letter confirming the details of FIR and a copy of FIR is enclosed herewith for ready reference.

2. While these are sample cases, there are number of other such actions being initiated by District Collectors across Maharashtra to terrorize and pressurize the Bank Officers to disburse crop loans. While our officers are doing everything possible to address the grievances of farmers, there are various issues that have emanated due to the faulty implementation Debt Waiver scheme by Government of Maharashtra. Therefore our officers cannot be faulted for not achieving the targets set by the Government of Maharashtra. We also observe that despite our officers working on Sundays/holidays to meet the deadline of debt waiver scheme and disbursement of crop loans, the farmers are reluctant to comply with the terms of Debt Waiver and therefore our Branches are unable to meet the targets set by the District Collectors. Apart from this, there are various local issues beyond the control of our Branches. However, the government Authorities does not appreciate the local issues and humiliate our officers in the meetings.

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3. As result of above unjustified actions of the Government authorities, our officers are under constant fear leading to stress and various health issues? It is unfortunate that our Branch Manager of Murm Branch, who was supposed to attend the meeting convened by the District Collector of Omarabad, died due to massive Heart Attack.

4. We therefore seek your immediate intervention in the matter to stop the threats and the actions under Section 188 of IPC initiated by Government of Maharashtra. It is needless to reiterate that the officers of SBI are governed by the service rules of the Bank. Such attempts by the authorities of State Government to punish/threaten an officer as per their service rules will not be appreciated.

5. We also request you to advise the Chief Minister of Maharashtra to stop the actions initiated by the state authorities against the Bank Officers.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



Y.SUDARSHAN
GENERAL SECRETARY