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### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 56 dated 09.07.2018 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:

#### APPEAL TO ALL AFFILIATES TO REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/HARRASSMENT ON BANK OFFICERS

We reproduce hereunder the text of AIBOC Letter No.2018/39 dated 9th July, 2018 contents of which are self-explicit.

(Y.SUDARSHAN) GENERAL SECRETARY

#### **TEXT**

#### QUOTE:

We are all aware that of late the Government has been targeting the Public Sector Banks and the officers on one issue or the other. In the recent few months, several incidents of arrest of Bank Officers have been reported from various parts of the country. Our Confederation also expressed its strong resentment against the arrest of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, along with five others in connection with the suspected Rs 2,043 crore DS Kulkarni Developers Limited fraud case by the Economic Offences Wing of the Pune Police last month.

Most recently, i.e. on 06.07.2018, the Central Bureau of Investigation arrested a retired General Manager and a Deputy General Manager of Bank of India in its probe related to Rs 2,654 crore bank fraud by Gujarat based Diamond Power Infrastructure Ltd. We have also been given to understand that our Prime Minister very recently called for strict action against bank officials who indulge in corruption, frauds or any criminal conspiracy. We realise the intent behind the statement is to deal strictly on the issue of malpractice and corruption. However, we apprehend that such statement might trigger off a spate of witch-hunting against Bank officers, who could be made scape-goats. We have come across several instances where the

investigative agencies have overstepped and are overpowered in handling the cases of officials of Public Sector Banks. We feel that this could be a conscious attempt on the part of the Government to sully the reputation of <a href="Public Sector Banks">Public Sector Banks</a> and divert the attention of the masses from the core issues which have taken a toll on the health of Public Sector Banks of the country.

In view of the above stated facts, the undersigned, on behalf of the 3, 25,000 members that our Confederation represents, has decided to take up the issue of atrocities on the Bank Officers with the appropriate authority for redressal.

Hence, I request all our affiliates and the State Secretaries to keep vigil and report any case of harassment/atrocities on our Officers with all relevant data, especially on the issue of sanction/disbursement/follow up of loans.

Comradely Yours, Sd/-Soumya Datta General Secretary

UNQUOTE:

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