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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 140 dated 17.11.2018 issued by the General Secretary, All India State Bank Officers' Federation, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

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(General Secretary)

To all our Affiliates / Members:

AN "UNENDING JOURNEY" A UNIQUE DOCUMENTARY ON THE HISTORY OF ALL INDIA STATE BANK OFFICERS' FEDERATION

The LV Prasad Studios was filled with enthusiastic comrades coming from the trade union fraternity in particularly the banking industry while this place is known for the celluloid conglomeration in the city of Hyderabad. It was for the special occasion of the premier show of the documentary produced by the All India State Bank Officers' Federation tracing the movement that has established a name in the trade union fraternity during its journey since 1965 to to-day, titled as "an Unending Journey", a journey beyond the scope of time, beyond the limitations that the workers are capable of struggling in the establishment of their legitimate rights in ensuring a fair and equitable treatment in the society.

2. The AISBOF had launched the production of a full scale documentary in order to place it in the hands of the future generations to come to know the nuances of the movement which they could visualize all they were not a part of this journey and imbibe the best qualities of trade unionism in the supervisory cadre.

3. Com.Ramkumar Sabapathy, the General Secretary of the Federation and the Mumbai Circle Association along with his colleagues was present on the occasion. It was a great occasion for him since the documentary is coming out under his leadership in the Federation which is a mile stone in the history of the Federation. While delivering his opening remarks he appreciated the efforts made by Com.Y.Sudarshan, the former General Secretary of the Federation and also the President of the Confederation for taking all care and pain to ensure the successful completion of the shooting of the documentary. He also placed on record the valuable support and co-operation extended by the affiliates of the Federation as well as the Management at various centres including the Corporate Centre. He hoped that the documentary will provide inspiration and confidence to the future generation of membership in taking the Federation to further heights.

4. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Shri.Janakiraman Swaminathan, the Chief General Manager of Hyderabad Circle. He was present along with his entire team of Management Committee as well as other senior executives from the Circle, most of them would have also taken part in the unending journey during their earlier period of service in various capacities and many of them are still continuing their love and affection towards the great institution known as AISBOF amongst the banking fraternity. It was an happening time for our former General Secretary, AISBOF and former President of AIBOC. Com.Y.Sudarshan, who was part of this wonderful journey for almost 3 decades ever since he entered officer's organization in Bangalore Circle. He had taken a lot of pain during the last 6 months, in essaying this beautiful epic as the Director, the scriptwriter, and above all the creative head of the entire production in order ensure that the quality and the standard of the documentary is such it reaches the gross root level members across the country.

5. Com.B.Sukkaiah, the President the Circle Association and Vice President of AISBOF and Com.G.Subramanyam, the General Secretary of the Circle Association and the Chairman of the AISBOF along with the entire team of the Circle Association was present to take care of each and every minute requirements of the function. They were happy that the historic event of the release of the Documentary produced by the Federation on the historical journey of the organization is taking place in their city a repetition of what happened when there was General Council Meeting of the Federation on the last occasion where the Federation released the documentary prepared in respect of the 1969 historic indefinite strike in the General Council meeting which provided the opportunity to the entire membership of the General Council to witness the wonderful documentary. Com G. Subramanyam, speaking on the occasion complimented the leadership of the Federation for coming out with such a project which will guide the future generation of our membership to understand and draw inspiration from the past history of the Federation and how it has improved a lot of the Officers in the bank and also contributed for the consolidation of the Officers' movement in the country.

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6. Shri.Janakiraman, inaugurated the program and expressed his eagerness to watch the documentary along with his colleagues. Com Y.Sudarshan, while thanking the interest evinced by his colleagues in the Federation as well as the comrades from Hyderabad Circle for organizing this wonderful opportunity to release the documentary meant for the membership across the country on history of the Federation. He explained in detail the efforts which has gone into in the production of the documentary, the support he received from the Federation, the affiliates of the Federation, the Confederation, and all those senior veterans in the production of documentary. He emotionally presented the various aspects of the production of the documentary and how he was ecstatic in ensuring the perfect capturing of the great historical events not only at the Headquarters but at all the major Cities where the historical data and materials were available. He also took pains in getting the documentary professionally perfect and engrossing throughout documentary so that the viewers will be able enjoy the real the journey as if they are passing through the historical events which had taken place for the last 55 years of the Federation.

7. The hall was also jam-packed with the members of the Confederation, the members from the Pensioners' organizations and many from the Circle Associations apart from the leadership of the Federation including the Presidents and General Secretaries of the Circle Associations. Thereafter the declaration of the film being released was made in the presence of all the dignitaries by the Chief Guest on the occasion.

8. The hall was dimmed. The mobiles were silenced. The journey began in a most engrossing manner. The journey was almost for 2 hours depicting all the major events since 1965. It was a journey of struggles and sacrifices by thousands and thousands of our colleagues in the past to build a strong edifice for the future of the Federation. The protest actions, the strike calls including the 17 days indefinite strike, the sacrifice made by our 4 valiant soldiers from Bombay Main Branch, who faced the suspension for their participation in the non-cooperation movement, the subsequent events that developed in shaping the destiny of the Federation, the Federation becoming a real torch bearer not only for their own colleagues but for the entire supervisory cadre with particular reference to the members of the Banking fraternity, the ups and downs the organizations The second historic indefinite strike jointly conducted by both the Officers and Staff Federation for 8 days in the month of April 2006 which saw the revision of the Pension and family Pension which was pending for almost 14 and 20 years respectively etc., The professionalism in the production was visible throughout the presentation of the documentary in regard to the photography, direction, the location selection which not only brought to the fore the current technological revolution but also gave a vivid and touching glimpses of the Imperial Bank culture, the culture of the class, the metamorphic change of the class banking to mass banking and the creative role played by the Federation throughout this period in ensuring the flag of the State Bank of India is also held in high esteem thereby proving that the organization believes in the constructive and creative co-operation in ensuring the implementation of the corporate goals. The role of the Federation as a collective of the Officers' fraternity and the evolution of the industrial relations structure was very beautifully presented in the documentary.

9. The two hour time has lapsed just like that. No one had imagined that the documentary will keep the audience tucked to their seat. When the documentary concluded with the flag of the Federation flying high and fluttering all-round, there was a standing ovation by the entire audience to express their happiness over this wonderful journey. This nostalgic moments passed by our several veterans during the course of the documentary as also to the present generation made their eyes wet and tears rolled down from their eyes from many of our comrades who were part of this journey and felt that they have once again experienced the past and were greatly moved by the efforts of the Federation.

10. The clinical precision with which the editing was done, the background voice, the engrossing photography and the selection of locations including the actual places of happening of several instances of our journey brought an emotional contact between the past of the Federation and the present membership who were thrilled to experience such a wonderful journey of the movement.

11. Comrades, we have been receiving requests from all our affiliates for screening the documentary at their respective Head Quarters for the benefit of their members. We propose to screen the documentary at Bangalore the Head Quarters of the Federation shortly.

12. This is yet another feather in the cap of the organization. We are sure that the documentary will enthuse our membership across the country to participate in all the future activities and to strengthen the Federation all over the country.

With warm greetings,



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