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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING STATE BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (BENGAL CIRCLE) ADMINISTRATIVE ZONAL COMMITTEE, MID CORPORATE/CORPORATE MODULE, KOLKATA HELD ON 4th DECEMBER 2018, AT CANTEEN HALL OF SBI GLOBAL MARKET UNIT JEEVAN SUDHA BUILDING, KOLKATA 11th FLOOR AT 6.00 P.M.

The 4th Annual General Meeting of SBI Officers' Association (Bengal Circle), Administrative Zonal Committee, MidCorporate / Corporate Module was held on 4th December 2018 (Tuesday) at the above venue in the august presence of senior leaders of Central Committee, senior leaders of Midcorporate/Corporate Module, dignitaries from AZC of other Modules, around 300 vibrant members, and Shri Buddhadeb Roy, DGM, GMU Kolkata.

Com Jayeeta Das who anchored the programme, requested the dignitaries present in the meeting to come to the dais. At the outset, Comrade Barun Kumar Das, Chief Regional Secretary, AZC, Midcorporate / Corporate, Kolkata, welcomed Shri Buddhadeb Roy, DGM, GMU Kolkata with flower bouquet. Thereafter, Comrade Das, CRS extended hearty and warm welcome amidst loud slogans to all the dignitaries, senior leaders of Central Committee, all the members of Midcorporate /Corporate Module and all other leaders and members of other Administrative Zonal Committee who graced the Annual General Meeting with their august presence. The ceremonial lamp was lighted by the dignitaries and senior leaders of SBIOA symbolising solidarity and harmony of the Association followed by mesmerising song by Com Jiban Debnath.

Then a pledge for remaining united was taken by all the members present. Thereafter, Com Jayeeta Das requested Com Barun Kumar Das, CRS, to deliver his speech. Com Das in his address extended a hearty welcome to all the dignitaries on and off the dias, senior leaders of the Central Committee along with leaders invited from other Modules, SBIOA SENIORS and all Comrades present in the meeting. Com Das congratulated Com Soumya Datta, for his elevation to the post of General Secretary of AIBOC, President of AISBOF and Secretary General of AIPCOC. He also congratulated Com Sabuj Mistry for his elevation to the post of Vice President of AISBOF, and Senior Vice President of AIBOC (WBSU), Com Mithun Dutta for his elevation to the post of Assistant Secretary of AISBOF and EC member of AIBOC (WBSU), Com Raktima Soren for her elevation as lady representative of AISBOF and Com Prabir Sorkhel for induction to the post of Secretary, AIBOC, Vice President of AIBOC (WBSU) and EC member of AISBOF.

Then one minute silence was observed to pay homage and respect to those who departed during the year 2018. Com Das mentioned in his speech about the noble activities of Medical Team, Cultural Wing, SBIOA Academy, Defence Cell, success in getting issuance of the bank's Circular on quick disposal of Disciplinary Proceedings contemplated cases/promotion under seal cover to smoothen career progression of the members.

Shri Buddhadeb Roy, DGM, in his enchanting speech mentioned about present stress in banking industry, demonetisation, introduction of new NBFCs, Payment Bank and the impact of work life balance.

Com Kusal Chaudhury, DGS, extended happy New Year 2019 greetings in advance and lauded the leaders of the Midcorporate Module for making possible this huge gathering of members. He expressed that this platform would play a vital role for emerging of future leaders.

Business session of the meeting was presided over by Com Dilip Kumar Mondal, President, AZC Midcorporate Module, SBIOA (Bengal Circle). At the outset, he read out the notice of the meeting and the agenda items. He took up the first item in the agenda and requested Com Barun Kumar Das, CRS to present the Chief Regional Secretary's Report for the year 2018 before the House for discussion and adoption. Thereafter, Com Sanjay Basak, Zonal Treasurer, presented the statement of accounts for discussion and adoption.

The following members participated in the discussion on the Chief Regional Secretary's Report and Statement of Accounts.

Com Ramesh Atodi, Assistant General Manager (Law) mentioned about importance of work life balance. He suggested that Association to provide Counsellor like project 'SANJEEVANI' to facilitate members.

Thereafter, Com Roshan Kumar, SAMB, spoke about anomaly in CDS, role clarity of CA & CLO in SAMB and urged for speedy disposal of ICT for Specialist Officers.

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Com Tapan Kumar Das, CCGRO East, requested for inclusion of spouse for executive health check up and message through whatsApp be sent cautiously so that Union's and management image is not tarnished.

Com Sajal Das, Central Stationery Dept, while supporting the statement of accounts and the Secretary's report mentioned that 2 Canteens have been merged and the Medical Unit was withdrawn in their Dept.

Com Gaurav Chatterjee, GMU Kolkata, expressed concern about the incidences of number of suicides of officers due to work pressure, insensitive attitude and misbehaviour of senior functionaries towards subordinates. He also mentioned about shortage of staff in GMU.

Com Agnipratim Halder, IFB Kolkata spoke on the necessity of maintaining work life balance in letter and spirit; members need to get themselves updated in regard to circular instructions issued by the Association and the Bank. He requested for provision of training for promotion to scale I, II, and III.

Then, Com Barun Kumar Das, CRS, responded suitably to the issues/questions raised by the members. He told that some of the issues will be responded by the Central Committee leaders.

Thereafter, the President requested Comrade General Secretary to deliver his speech. General Secretary Com Soumya Datta, at the outset, appreciated for the packed up hall even at late hours which signifies their sense of belongingness with the Association. He briefed that AIBOC is an extended family and AIBOC has called the strike on 21st December 2018 entirely on its own strength for the first time in history. Demand for decent salary revision, 5 day week, salary negotiation upto scale VII, option for plan B in respect of retirees' medical insurance premium are the main reasons for the strike. He also mentioned that the Association had succeeded in speedy disposal of review of contemplated charge sheet as earlier it took several months in this regard for which career of members remained at jeopardy. Central Accounts Office in Kolkata has almost been dismantled. Members should keep a vigil on what is happening thereat.

He reiterated that pursuance of 3rd party products should be stopped. It is making a dent in the bank's core business. It is unfortunate that junior officers are abusing staff and contractual employees. Harmonious relationship is the essence of bank's growth and personal development. General Secretary also mentioned that common members should approach to the local leaders first for appraising their grievances instead of calling the General Secretary direct. Association is the platform wherein the issues of the common members be discussed with leaders for early resolution. He reiterated that we must be optimistic and should have dreams for a better tomorrow. Before concluding his speech, he congratulated the Administrative Zonal Committee, Midcorporate/ Corporate Module for their sterling performance in various aspects under the leadership of Com Barun Kumar Das, CRS.

Circle President Com Sabuj Mistry mentioned in his speech that work life balance be maintained. In the present scenario, both the bank and the bankers have been under stress. Our work has become more challenging as earlier our war was only with the management. But today, we are confronting with the Government on many issues for the cause of the officers and maintaining the very character of Public Sector Banks. Bank nationalisation was undertaken in the year 1969; however, the present Government is trying to privatise the PSBs/PSUs and hand it over to greedy businessmen at the cost of the interest of the country. Privatisation, bank denationalisation, and PCA are causing menace in the economy. Employee Director and Officer Director are yet to be appointed despite our repeated demands. We have already appealed for extending compensation appointment for employee's upto 45 years against the present ceiling of 30 years. Members should follow the guidelines of the bank and the Association in regard to the fake and ingenuine Whats app messages. It is observed that irrelevant messages are being forwarded in the group. This has to be stopped. Association is the watch dog and it looks after interest of the members always. So extend your wholehearted support to make the Association more and stronger so that management does not get any opportunity to have sadistic pleasure by harassing common members.

After the speech of the Comrade President, vote of thanks was given to all present in the meeting by the Regional Secretary Comrade Dibakar Mazumder.

Comrade Dilip Kumar Mondal, President, AZC Midcorporate/Corporate Module declared the end of the meeting.

Soumya Datta (General Secretary)