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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 13 dated 07.02.2019 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:

FORMATION OF CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE TO SCRAP 'NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM (NPS)' MEETING HELD AT NEW DELHI ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2019

We reproduce hereunder the text of AIBOC Circular No. 2019/10 dated 6th February, 2019 contents of which are self-explicit.

(RAMKUMAR SABAPATHY)
GENERAL SECRETARY

TEXT

QUOTE:

We refer our Circular letter No. 2019/05 dated 22.01.2019, wherein we had announced our endeavour to form a co-ordination committee involving all Trade Unions and other organisations to launch a movement for abolition of the National Pension System. Accordingly, we had convened a meeting at Delhi on 5th February, 2019 at the office of SBI Officers' Association, New Delhi from 10-30 am onwards. AIBOC was represented by the undersigned along with Com Sunil Kumar, Chairman; Com Debasis Ghosh, President, Com Ravinder Gupta, Sr Vice- President; Com Rupam Roy, Secretary; Com Tapas Ghosh, Secretary; Com Prabir Sorkhel, Secretary; Com Abraham Shaji John, AGS; and Com Jyothi K P, Representative, Women's wing. Com DT Franco, former General Secretary AIBOC was also invited to attend the meeting to share his views.

02. We are happy to announce that our invitation to all Central Trade Unions and other organisations was well received and many General Secretaries and senior office bearers of different organisations/ associations attended the meet viz. a) Bank Employees Federation of India (BEFI) b) Indian National Bank Employees Federation (INBEF) c) National Confederation of Officers Associations of Central Public Sector Undertakings (NCOA), d) Confederation of Central Government Gazetted Officers' Organizations (CCGGOO) e) All India Association of Pay and Accounts Officers (CIVIL) f) Statistical Service Officers Association (SSOA) g) Central Government Employees and Workers (CCGEW) and h) All India Insurance Employees Associations (AIIEA) among others.

03. A Brief Note on 'National Pension System' prepared by AIBOC was circulated amongst the representatives of various organisations / Trade Unions present in the meeting. The representatives of various organisations/Associations discussed several pertinent issues which, inter alia, included introduction of PFRDA act, various possible fallouts of continuation of the NPS, different variations of social security measures prevailing in different public sector undertakings and the need for building up a sustained movement for replacement of NPS with the conventional pension scheme (Old Pension Scheme).

A proposal was also mooted to urge upon the Government for introducing social security measures such as a guaranteed pension for all – irrespective of organised or unorganised sectors.

Deliberations of various leaders of the Trade Union fraternity indicated that most of the employees under NPS were not conversant with the features of the Scheme and there was an urgent need to create awareness amongst them.

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04. The following decisions were taken in the preliminary meeting.

- i) To collate and publish a document on NPS at the earliest to create awareness amongst employees, who are under NPS
- ii) To organise a massive joint Movement / Campaign comprising of the entire workforce of all the PSUs, Government organisations / departments of the country against the menace of the '**National Pension System**'
- iii) Formation of a Core Committee with the inclusion of employees/ officers of those establishments, who are presently under NPS
- iv) To launch a Twitter campaign # **ScrapNPS**.
- v) More organisations to be brought under fold shortly.

It was also decided that the recent guidelines published by United Nations Organisation (UNO) and International Labour Organisation (ILO) would be forming the basis for the **white paper** on NPS to be brought out by the movement. Further, a study on the legal cases on NPS would be conducted and a co-ordination with the organisations, who are already fighting to abolish NPS to be established.

The next meeting towards this Campaign / Movement against NPS and restoration of the conventional pension scheme shall be convened on **25th March, 2019** at Delhi at the same time and venue.

Comrades, we have indeed made a good beginning in this mission, which was included as one of the principal demands in the strike call given on 21st December, 2018 as well in the Maha Morcha held on 4th February, 2019. We are committed in our mission as we have a responsibility to secure the future of our younger generation.

With revolutionary greetings,

Yours sincerely,

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