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Date : 28.01.2020

To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 18 dated 28.01.2020 issued by the General Secretary, All India State Bank Officers' Federation, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay
(General Secretary)

To all our Affiliates / Members:

REPRESENTATION TO PRIME MINISTER THROUGH GOVERNOR AND DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND PRESS RELEASE

We reproduce hereunder the text of ABOC Circular No.2020/09 dated 28-01-2020 contents of which are self-explanatory for information of the members.

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

REPRESENTATION TO PRIME MINISTER THROUGH GOVERNOR AND DISTRICT COLLECTOR AND PRESS RELEASE

We reproduce hereunder the text of UFBU Circular No.2020/05 dated 26.01.2020 containing the draft representation to be submitted to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India through Governors/ District Collectors of different states/ districts and the draft Press Release to be circulated among the print and electronic media personal. All affiliates/ State Units are requested to act accordingly.

With revolutionary greetings,

Sd/-

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

Text of UFBU Circular No. UFBU/2020/05 dated 26.01.2020

CIRCULAR No.UFBU/2020/05

Date : 26.01.2020

TO ALL CONSTITUENT UNIONS/MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

OUR AGITATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND STRIKE ACTIONS **REPRESENTATION TO PRIME MINISTER** **THROUGH GOVERNORS & DISTRICT COLLECTORS**

We are sure that all our unions and members are implementing the programmes successfully. We have been receiving reports from different centres about the enthusiastic participation of employees and officers in our agitational programmes.

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay

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Delegation to Governor/District Collector: As a part of our programmes, on the strike day that is on 1st February 2020, we have to submit our representation to the Hon'ble Prime Minister through all Governors and District Collectors in the respective State Capitals and District headquarters.

For this purpose, we furnish herein the draft of the representation to be submitted to them on that day. Prior appointment should be taken so that a delegation of our unions in the respective places can meet the Governor/District Collector and submit the Representation with a request to forward the same to the Prime Minister.

Press Release: Similarly, Press meets/Press Release is to be done on 29th or 30th January, 2020.

We provide herein the draft of the Press Release for this purpose.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,

Sd/-

SANJEEV K. BANDLISH
CONVENOR

Encl: Draft of Representation to Prime Minister
And Draft of Press Release

Representation to Hon'ble Prime Minister

To
Shri Narendra Modiji,
Hon. Prime Minister,
Government of India
New Delhi

Through:

Hon. Governor,
Collector,
Govt. of
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District

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State :

Respected Sir/ Madam,

On behalf of **United Forum of Bank Union**, the apex co-ordination body of 9 trade unions of bank employees and officers, we place our compliments to you and wish submit to you as under and seek your kind intervention :

Your would be well aware Sir that wages and service conditions of bank employees and officers are governed by collective bargaining and bilateral agreements. The same are being revised once in 5 years based on the demands submitted by the Unions and arising out of discussions with the Indian Banks' Association on behalf of all the member Banks. Accordingly, the last Settlement was finalized in May 2015 to cover the term from November 2012 to October 2017. Hence wage revision was due from November 2017.

Keeping in mind the past experience of delay in arriving at Settlements, the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, vide their communication dated 12-1-2016 advised all the Bank managements and IBA to expedite and conclude the 11th Bipartite Wage Settlement well before November 2017. Hence Unions also submitted the Charter of Demands well before and the negotiations also commenced in May 2017 with the assurance that the settlement would be arrived at before November 2017.

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Unfortunately, the IBA did not make any offer on wage increase until May, 2018 when their very meager offer of 2 % increase was offered. After series of discussions in the last 30 months, the IBA has improved their offer only to a hike of 12.25% while even in the last settlement, the Government cleared a hike of 15%. During the recent period the prices have gone up steeply and the workload on the banking workforce has also gone up enormously. Bank employees and officers are nowadays handling all the schemes of the Government and there is a lot of pressure on them in handling these schemes and dealing with the multitudes of the people. Hence bank staffs expect a fair and reasonable hike in wages in the current settlement. Hence there is huge disappointment and resentment about the present inadequate offer of IBA and their rigid approach.

Respected Sir, we seek your personal intervention in the matter and request you to advise the Indian Banks' Association to expedite the Settlement and resolve our demands favourably.

Thanking you, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

PRESS RELEASE FROM UFBU

Place..... -1-2020

Wage Revision Settlement for bank employees and officers due from November, 2017 – unwarranted delay by Indian Banks' Association – UFBU to go ahead with the 2 Days Strike on 31st January and 1st February 2020.

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Hence United Forum of Bank Unions which consists of 9 bank unions of employees and officers, viz. AIBEA, AIBOC, NCBE, AIBOA, BEFI, INBEF, INBOC, NOBW and NOBO, has given the call for agitational programmes including strike actions on

- **31st January and 1st February 2020 (2 days)**
- **11th, 12th, and 13th March 2020 (3 days) and**
- **indefinite strike from 1st April 2020**

on the following issues and demands:

- 1. Wage Revision Settlement at 20% hike on Pay slip components with adequate loading thereof**
- 2. 5 Day Banking**
- 3. Merger of Special Allowance with Basic Pay**
- 4. Scrap New Pension Scheme(NPS)**

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5. Updation of Pension
6. Improvement in Family Pension
7. Allocation to Staff Welfare Fund based on Operating Profits
8. Exemption from Income Tax on retiral benefits without ceiling
9. Uniform definition of Business Hours, Lunch Hour, etc. in Branches
10. Introduction of Leave Bank
11. Defined Working Hours for Officers
12. Equal wage for equal work for contract employees/Business Correspondents

Conciliation meeting: Chief Labour Commissioner, Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India intervened and held a conciliation meeting on 27th January at his office in Delhi. During the conciliation, IBA remained adamant and rigid in their attitude and hence there was no improvement in the position.

Strike on 31st January and 1st February: In view of the above, there is no alternative before the Unions and the unions are compelled to highlight their demands through their agitation and accordingly on 31st January 2020 and 1st February 2020.

Public and our banking customer would appreciate that we have patiently negotiated for the past 30 months with a view to settle our demands amicably without creating any industrial relations problems and without affecting banking services, strikes, etc. But IBA's rigid approach has left us with no option than to go on strike. We appeal to the banking customers to bear with us for this disruption in services due to the strike but the same has been forced on us by the bank managements and IBA.

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