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## To All Members (Please Circulate)

## COMRADE UTPAL DUTTA, CHIEF REGIONAL SECRETARY, IN CHARGE SILIGURI MODULE LAYS DOWN OFFICE

Comrade Utpal Dutta, Chief Regional Secretary, Siliguri Module, SBIOA Bengal Circle, is demitting his office today i.e. 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 on his retirement from Bank's service after having an unblemished career in Bank for more than 33 years. Comrade Dutta, throughout his career served the institution and the organization with missionary zeal, dedication and commitment. As a forthright Trade Union leader, he has been an outstanding comrade, whose significant contribution at difficult times of the Association will ever be remembered by the members at large. Comrade Utpal Dutta has also been regarded as a sincere and competent officer having discharged multifarious duties with distinction in various assignments of the Bank.

Since his joining the Bank as a CCT on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1986 at Khagrabari ADB, Comrade Utpal Dutta had associated himself in trade union activities. He was elected Unit Secretary, SBISA Khargrabari Unit and proved his leadership quality in the fight against the oppression of the management. Since his promotion to officer cadre as on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2003, he associated himself with SBIOA (Bengal Circle) and was entrusted with several responsibilities. He became Unit Committee Member of Park Circus Composite Unit in 2005. Afterwards, he was elected as Unit Secretary at NBU Composite Unit and thereafter Regional Committee Member, Region – II, Siliguri in 2009. By dint of his rock-like determination and due diligence, Comrade Dutta was elected as Asstt. Zonal Treasurer of Siliguri Administrative Zonal Committee in 2010 and performed exceedingly well. Later on, he was elected as Chief Regional Secretary of AZC Siliguri in January, 2014 and continued till the date of his retirement. He was widely accepted as a true leader of grass-root level members. Considering his mettle coupled with practical astuteness in leading the organization for the benefit of the members, Comrade Dutta was endowed with the responsibility of President, AIBOC, Darjeeling District Committee in 2008, and Dy. General Secretary, AIBOC, West Bengal State Committee, where he discharged his assigned organizational tasks with indomitable courage and full of sincerity. We wish that his passion for photography, playing tabla and social and cultural activities will continue to keep him occupied during his superannuated life.

Comrade Utpal Dutta, has been a tireless worker, a 24x7 Trade Unionist. He often used to work till wee hours in the morning to compile and collate data. The facts and figures of the entire module was at his fingertips. This fact was widely acknowledged by the Modular management. He had also continuously on the move visiting far flung branches and meeting members. He had devised a branch visit format, which has been adopted by the Circle Association. He had always wanted to something different in every Annual General Meeting of the module and forged bonding with many young activists having involved them in various activities of the association. Every year under his able leadership our Siliguri AZC observed May day with due fervour, celebrated Women's day with new ideas involving women, conducted Bhasa Divas with great enthusiasm and zeal and kept the entire AZC and Regional Committees active throughout the year with some program or other. Some of his social welfare programmes were simply outstanding thereby forging a strong connection with the society and enhancing the image of our institution. He had ably supported various initiative undertaken the former General Secretary of the Association Com Soumya Datta and has been continuously supporting the endeavours undertaken by the undersigned. Such a dedicated comrade is rare to find in the present circumstances. His dedication, commitment and perseverance coupled with the capacity to shoulder enormous workload should be emulated by one and all. He seldom missed out on any Centralised program organised by the Circle Association and had taken part in all national level programmes undertaken by AIBOC.

The Circle Association acknowledges with deep sense of gratitude the significant contribution of Comrade Utpal Dutta in establishing the Association on a solid foundation before laying down his office. The undersigned, on his personal behalf as well as on behalf of the entire Circle Association, wishes Comrade Dutta a very active, hale and hearty, happy and meaningful long superannuated life.

With revolutionary greetings,

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay (General Secretary)