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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 85 dated 27.05.2020 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:

JOIN HANDS TO REBUILD WEST BENGAL

We reproduce hereunder the text of AIBOC Circular No.2020/47 dated 26/05/2020 contents of which are self-explanatory for information of the members.

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

JOIN HANDS TO REBUILD WEST BENGAL

Extremely severe May 2020, the fiercest hours with a peak wind rainfall, leaving a trail of enormous destruction besides Kolkata city. bruised, as the damages to harvest-dwellings as well as there are vast areas in inundated and without



cyclone *Amphan* that hit West Bengal on 20th in recent memory, battered the state for over 9 speed of 165-185 kmph packed with heavy death of many precious human lives and across half a dozen South Bengal districts. The state and its capital were left battered and vehemence of the cyclone caused extensive ready crops and vegetables, livestock, fisheries, environment. At the time of penning the circular, the capital city and the districts, which are still any power and water supply. In the aftermath of

fury of *Amphan*, low lying, coastal and mangrove forest areas of West Bengal are still flooded and in disarray. Potable water and essential materials have become scarce commodities. The grim pictures that are surfacing every day from the ravaged areas of the southern fringes of the state are heart breaking.

2. The people of the state is already under huge misery and hardship on account of increasing cumulative number of Confirmed COVID-19 cases and not decreasing daily infection rate (DIR). *Amphan* has added colossal plight for the common people. Displacement of a vast rural population followed by their rehabilitation at relief camps at this devastating situation has become a further source of fresh additions to Coronavirus contamination.

3. Preliminary estimates done by the state government peg the extent of damage at Rs. 1 lakh crore affecting at least 16 out of 23 districts of the state. The sheer scale of the disaster was immediately recognised by the Central government and on 22nd May 2020, the Hon'ble Prime Minister rushed to the city to conduct an aerial survey to assess the damage caused by cyclone *Amphan* especially across South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas – the worst affected districts in the state along with the Chief Minister and Governor of the state. Hon'ble Prime Minister announced a relief package of \$132 million (approximately Rs 1000 crore) forthwith.

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4. True to the tradition and legacy of AIBOC, our State Unit in West Bengal along with its affiliates is fully geared up to extend all possible help not only to our members but also to the cyclone victims across the length and breadth of the State. AIBOC will be contributing a sum of **Rs 15 lakh** (Rupees Fifteen lakh only) to the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund to be a part of the effort to 'Rebuild West Bengal'.

5. Considering the extent of damages caused by cyclone *Amphan*, as a trade union with a predestined objective of observing social obligations and responsibilities, it is an imperative and humane bounden duty of ours to stand by the people of West Bengal and do the best we can to alleviate their sufferings. We urge upon all our Affiliates to contribute generously for the noble cause. Any such contribution may directly be credited to the West Bengal State Emergency Relief Fund (**A/C No. 628005501339, IFS Code ICIC0006280, ICICI Bank Ltd., Howrah Branch**) or alternatively routed through us by crediting to the account of the AIBOC Central Office bearing no. **36839815776, IFS Code SBIN0014524, SBI SPPB Branch Kolkata**.

Let us pledge to extend all possible assistance to 'Rebuild West Bengal'. We convey our deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives due to the cyclone.

#StandForBengal#

Stay Healthy, Stay Safe

With greetings,

Sd/-

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A virus does not spread itself. It is we, who spread it.

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