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### To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 86 dated 31.05.2020 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:

### **COM. SAMBIT MISRA, PRESIDENT, AISBOF DEMITS OFFICE**

Comrade Sambit Misra, President, All India the Sr. Vice President of All India Bank Officers' Secretary of SBIOA Bhubaneswar Circle laid superannuation from Bank's service and with movement in AISBOF, AIBOC and SBI Officers' end. He has demitted office at a critical juncture following the outbreak of the pandemic and in ahead will be full of challenges as each and have to overcome. His departure in the midway had been playing a definitive role in shaping the negotiation, will be a great loss for the entire fraternity.



State Bank Officers' Federation, who is also Confederation (AIBOC) as well as the General down his office today i.e. on 31.05.2020 on this, his illustrious journey in the trade Union Association, Bhubaneswar Circle comes to an when the entire country is under lockdown the midst of an uncertain future. The road every day throws up new challenges that we of the current bipartite negotiation, where he

2. Com. Sambit Misra was born on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1960 at Banpur, Distt. Khurda, Odisha. His father Late Madan Mohan Mishra was an educationist, a great literary figure in Odisha and was the winner of the most prestigious "Sahitya Academy" award for his novel "Banhi Balaya". Com. Sambit Misra passed his Matriculation Examination from Godabarish Vidyapitha, Banpur and completed his Post Graduation in Analytical and Applied Economics in the year 1981 from Utkal University, one of the most prestigious universities of its kind in the country. Comrade Misra had an excellent academic career. He preferred to join our Bank as a Probationary Officer and started his illustrious career in banking on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1984 in Odisha.

3. Since beginning of his career in Bank, he became the spokesperson of the officers' cause and dignity, raising his voice against injustice, discrimination and favoritism. He showed his dexterity as a trade unionist foregoing the alluring career prospects in the bank. Identifying his prompt maturity in cadre and mettle, Com. Misra was proximately picked up by the then veteran leadership, none other than the legendary Com. N N Das, the founder of SBIOA, Bhubaneswar Circle, to the affairs of the leadership of SBI Officers' Association in the state. Starting his trade union career as Secretary of Bhubaneswar Main Branch unit, he was subsequently elected to the Zonal Committee, Bhubaneswar and was the unanimous choice for the Vice President of the Zonal Committee. In the year 2002, he was elected as a member to the Circle Executive Committee of SBIOA, Bhubaneswar Circle and from then there was no looking back. Thereafter, he was elevated to the post of the Organising Secretary of SBIOA, Bhubaneswar Circle in 2005. By virtue of his popularity and by dint of his calibre, he became the Dy. General Secretary of the BBSR Circle Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 and just four months later he succeeded Com. Ganesh Chandra Mishra, the then legendary leader of SBIOA, Bhubaneswar Circle and became the General Secretary of State Bank of India Officers' Association, Bhubaneswar Circle. Com. Sambit Misra took over the baton at the most turbulent and blustery period in the history of the Federation. He was charge sheeted by the bank for taking part in a lunch time demonstration on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 at the call of the Federation along with all the Presidents and General Secretaries of all circles. Ironically, he neither was the General

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Secretary nor the President of the Circle Association at the material point of time. Through his patience, astute leadership qualities and dexterous stewardship, he was able to steer the Association through that turbulent span of time braving all constraints and challenges. His positive and strategic thinking, vibrant leadership, respect for colleagues was a source of inspiration to all. He even accepted the 'punishment' inflicted upon him with grace and attributed the same as a just reward for a Trade Unionist. He commanded respect from one and all for his inherent qualities of straightforwardness, compassion for colleagues, who never compromised on ethics and principle and for his indomitable fighting spirit. As a mark of recognition and to honour his excellent leadership qualities, he was elevated as the Sr. Vice President and again unanimously elected as the President of the mighty All India State Bank of India Officers' Federation (AISBOF) on 01.05.2019. We are incredibly honoured and extremely privileged to have Com. Misra at the helm of affairs of the Federation. His uncompromising stand on matters of principles, unwavering stand against unreasonable and unjust policies of the Management was admired and appreciated by both the management functionaries as well as the comrades all over the country. With his innate ability and vision, he always endeavoured to keep SBIOA Bhubaneswar Circle, Federation and Confederation vibrant and spirited so as to combat any challenge.

4. He has put in great efforts in instilling values such as determination, tolerance, equity, patience, honesty and professional stewardship. His monumental contribution towards forward march of AISBOF is unparalleled. He is an embodiment of optimism and hard work. He is not only a brilliant and completely dedicated and committed leader, but he is an outstanding human being. He has brought inspirational leadership to AISBOF.

5. Com. Sambit Misra is gifted with excellent oratory skills and is an articulate speaker. A voracious reader, he is capable of speaking on any subject from Literature to History with élan. With his outstanding negotiation skill, command over data and facts and through logical articulation he was able to turn the table many a time to the advantage of the association bringing benefits and relief to thousands of officers in the banking industry. He also showed his professionalism of a true trade unionist, collective bargaining and superb negotiation skills, which helped to unlock difficult situations. He is a thorough gentleman and a great human being. A simple and humble person, endowed with all the rare qualities of an effective and efficient leader, and a caring personality devoted to the cause of officers endeared him to all.

6. Words can neither qualify nor quantify how helpful his guidance and advice has been effective in resolving many critical situations during his tenure in different assignments in his long journey in the trade union horizon. We salute him for his vision, unmatched leadership, work ethic and especially his sense of humour and goodwill. We have and will continue to value his leadership and tireless commitment to our trade union movement, his advice and his unending support.

7. We take this opportunity to place on record our deepest appreciation for all the contribution made by Comrade Misra for building the edifice of a strong movement of officers in the state of Odisha which is worthy of emulation by one and all. We place on record his contribution and the values espoused by him while discharging his role as a trade union leader. Retirement marks the start of another chapter in one's life. We convey our best wishes on his retirement. May every moment of his life be fulfilling and full of joy. He will be missed, remembered and revered. His humility and graciousness have won our hearts. The legacy he has left will be remembered in the years to come. His perceptiveness as a trade union leader transcended all boundaries. The undersigned has been immensely benefited and received tremendous emotional support at difficult times. His towering presence at various meetings and his crisp and incisive deliberation has always been a morale booster. The guidance and his valued opinion on critical issues have helped tiding over many a crisis. The bonding and camaraderie have only grown stronger with each passing day.

8. Com. Misra was given an emotional and befitting farewell in a function held at Bhubaneswar on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Although the congregation was kept limited due to the lockdown and social distancing to contain COVID-19 pandemic but all the officers of the Circle, irrespective of cadre, have sent passionate messages on the retirement of Com. Misra who remained in their hearts for the past so many years and will remain for ever. Our Federation would have definitely felt honoured to give a befitting farewell to Com. Misra in a grand manner had this pandemic not there. However, a unique 'meeting' was arranged on virtual platform on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, where the entire EC of the Federation joined to offer felicitations. Trade Union leaders from the entire banking fraternity from across the country who could not reach him in person have sent their messages for Com. Misra. We salute Com. Misra and extend our heartfelt tribute to one of the most respected trade union leaders in the Banking Trade Union movement of the country. We also convey our deep sense of gratitude to his wife Smt. Sanhita Rath presently serving as Chief Manager at Bank of India Zonal Office, Bhubaneswar for the sacrifice she made to enable Com. Misra to fight for the cause of bank officers' fraternity as a foremost leader of AIBOC, the apex body of bank officers in the country.

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9. We sincerely believe that Comrade Misra is just retiring from bank's service on superannuation and he is not quitting the battle field for the cause of the society in general and the members in particular. We will feel extremely privileged to have his guidance in the forward march of AISBOF. The undersigned, in his individual capacity and on behalf of all the members of AISBOF, conveys sincere appreciation for his colossal contribution and urge upon him to continue his fight against injustice, for the cause of the common people and the members and extend his valuable guidance to the banking trade union movement.

We wish Comrade Sambit Misra, a very happy, healthy, contented, active and serene retired life.

With greetings,

**Stay Healthy, Stay Safe**

Comradely yours,



**(Soumya Datta)**  
**General Secretary**



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