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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 93 dated 02.12.2021 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)

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(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

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Dear Comrades,

At the call of AIBOC, over two thousand members and other stake holders' from nooks and corners of the country traversing from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, from Ahmedabad to Aizwal, assembled to voice their protest against the proposed Banking amendment bill listed as an agenda during the winter session of the parliament.

The rally was the culmination of the Bharat Yatra, the first ever such initiative in the history of the banking trade union movement which originated from Kolkata and Mumbai on 24th& 25th November 2021 respectively. Our comrades from all affiliates and other stakeholders of the bank had joined the yatra. While the Mumbai leg was led by Com Manoj Wadnerkar, Sr Vice President and Com Manohar Devrukhkar DGS, the undersigned accompanied the team that traveled Kolkata leg. Similar yatras were conducted from Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Hissar, Meerut, Jammu, which also converged at the capital on 30th November 2021.



It was a gratifying experience for all of us as we undertook the arduous journey on road to touch as many centres as possible. At every centre that we halted, [public meetings were held where members and other stakeholders joined in

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large numbers. The sheer enthusiasm and frenzy that was witnessed cannot be described in words. Large crowds waited for hours on roadside in wintry conditions to greet our bus. At every centre of night halt, "Prabhat Feris" were organised where we were joined by various stakeholders wearing our branded masks and T shirts displaying the Bank Bachao Desh Bachao" logo and " We oppose Bank Privatisation". It evoked tremendous response from public and all our programs received wide coverage not only on local print and electronic media, it was covered by NDTV and Aaj Tak.

Yesterday, more than two thousand officers and a significant number of retirees, students, farmers and other stakeholders joined the protest demonstration at Jantar Mantar march to raise voice against the proposed banking law amendment bill and also to take the challenge head on in the event of the bill being tabled passed, the country would witness an agitation never seen before.

The meeting was presided over by Com Murali Soundarajan T.

Political and Central Trade Union leaders across the spectrum addressed the rally which included Shri Saptagari Ulaka, MP, Prof. Gourav Ballabh and Shri Kanhaiya Kumar from Indian National Congress, trade union leaders Shri Tapan Sen, General Secretary, CITU and Ms Amarjeet Kaur, eminent economist Dr Prasenjit Bose, who incidentally accompanied us in the Yatra, Shri JP Sharma, AIBEA, social activists Shri Vijay bandhu of ATEWA & NMOPS, Dr Ritu Singh of Tribal army, Shri Anupam of Yuva Halla Bol, student leader Shri Saket Moon . This added an extra dimension to the protest programme. The undersigned and Com Sunil Kumar, Advisor AIBOC also briefly addressed the gathering on behalf of the Confederation, while Com Sanjay Das, Sr Vice President proposed the vote of thanks.



We acknowledge with gratitude their support to our cause. We place on record our deepest appreciation to AIBOC Delhi State Unit , who under the leadership of Com Sunil Kumar Bansal, Secretary and Comrade Sushil Ahuja, President, shouldered onerous responsibility to organize the programme in a befitting manner. We place on record to all our State Units and affiliates of adjacent states, who also put in their earnest effort to mobilise members, who braved climatic hazards and attended our program.

We also acknowledge with gratitude to all our affiliates and state units who pitched in with their all out support for making the historic Bharat Yatra a grand success, The undersigned also place on record our gratitude to all the participants of the various affiliates and other stakeholders who had joined the Yatra. Our social media team also deserves sincere appreciation for the tremendous work shouldered during the rally to provide live coverage of events. Together, we have scripted a new chapter in the glorious history of our mighty Confederation. The patience, cooperation, perseverance and camaraderie displayed will be etched in our memory.



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The multitude of participants brimming with such tumultuous enthusiasm and fervour has ignited the pent-up angst, frustration and unbridled passion of the entire fraternity, which would provide further fillip and fuel our movement to its logical conclusion and thwart the evil designs of the government. The tremor generated by the bold presence and the thunderous slogans that resonated across the National capital has definitely served a wake-up call to the government.

The remarkable and resounding show of solidarity, dedication, grit, gumption and determination displayed by the participants was a clarion call to the powers to wake up from slumber and realise the magnitude of the challenge posed by AIBOC and the mass movement "Bank Bachao Desh Bachao" and its possible impact on the poll bound states like Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab and Uttarakhand.



Let us also plunge into organizational action to make the strike call given by UFBU on 16th& 17th December 2021 an overwhelming success involving all our members and stakeholders.

Comrades, March On.

Victory shall be ours.

With revolutionary greetings,

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