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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 2024/18 dated 16.08.2024 issued by the General Secretary, AIBOC and also endorsed by AISBOF vide their Circular No. 44 dated 17.08.2024 & AIBOC (WBSU) vide their Circular No. 27/2024 dated 17.08.2024, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay
(General Secretary)

Text of Letter No. AIBOC/2024/16 dated 16.08.2024

The General Secretary
All India Bank Employees' Association
Chennai

Dear Comrade,

ONE DAY NATIONWIDE BANK STRIKE ON 28.08.2024 FRATERNAL SUPPORT FROM AIBOC

This has the reference to your letter dated 12.08.2024 on the captioned subject. We are surprised to know that the Bank of India Management has blown a trivial issue out of proportion and issued charge sheet to 13 office bearers of your affiliates on an alleged ground of so called gross misconduct and protesting which AIBEA has given a call of Nationwide Bank Strike on 28.08.2024.

The events surrounding the 23rd Biennial Conference of the Bank of India Staff Union, Kerala, held on 27th July, 2024, as described in your communication, are indeed troubling. The management's decision to intervene in the internal affairs of a trade union not only violates the principles of trade union democracy but also sets a dangerous precedence. Equally concerning is the malicious narrative being propagated by NOBO and NOBW, two constituents of the UFBU, labeling AIBEA as anti-national. This is a grave and unwarranted accusation against a fellow constituent of the UFBU.

The issuance of charge sheets to the 13 office bearers of the Union under the guise of gross misconduct is not only a clear case of highhandedness but also a blatant act of political vindictiveness aimed at undermining the democratic functioning of a Union.

We view this entire episode as part of a broader agenda to weaken the trade union movement within the banking sector, potentially paving the way for the implementation of controversial reforms, including the privatisation of public sector banks. The actions taken against your affiliate in the Bank of India may be a calculated attempt to destabilise organised labour in the banking industry, under the guise of national security concerns.

In the above backdrop, AIBOC extends its full fraternal support to the strike call given by AIBEA on 28.08.2024 and call upon the Bank of India Management to immediately reverse all the punitive measures that they have initiated. AIBOC assures that its members will not accept the keys and perform any clerical job on the day of the strike.

Comradely Yours,

Sd/-
(Rupam Roy)
General Secretary

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