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To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Joint Letter No. 1/2026 dated 16.07.2026 addressed to The Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Kolkata, the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay
(General Secretary)

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The Chief General Manager,
State Bank of India,
Local Head Office,
Kolkata.

Dear Sir,

NON-AVAILABILITY OF BANK MEDICAL OFFICERS AT AO DURGAPUR AND AO SILIGURI

We wish to invite your kind attention to an issue of considerable importance affecting a large number of serving employees, officers and pensioners of our Circle, namely the prolonged non-availability of Bank Medical Officers at Administrative Office, Durgapur and Administrative Office, Siliguri.

As Your goodself is aware, the Bank Medical Officer performs a vital role in the administration of the Bank's medical facilities. Apart from providing medical consultation and guidance to employees, officers and pensioners, the Bank Medical Officer is entrusted with examination and vetting of medical reimbursement claims, recommending cases under the Post Treatment Payment (PTP) Scheme, furnishing medical opinions wherever required, and rendering assistance in various matters connected with implementation of the Bank's medical policies.

The continued absence of Bank Medical Officers at AO Durgapur and AO Siliguri for a considerable period has resulted in significant inconvenience to the employees, officers and pensioners attached to these Administrative Offices. Besides the obvious difficulty in obtaining timely medical guidance and administrative support, the disposal of medical reimbursement claims pertaining to Durgapur and Siliguri Modules has also been taking an unduly long time. The consequential delay in settlement of legitimate medical claims has caused avoidable hardship, uncertainty and growing concern amongst employees and pensioners, many of whom are compelled to incur substantial medical expenditure while awaiting reimbursement.

The matter has been raised by us on several occasions before the HR Department of the Circle as well as during various discussions and consultative forums. We have consistently been informed that the Circle has already forwarded the necessary requisition to the Corporate Centre for recruitment of Bank Medical Officers for these locations.

It is, therefore, a matter of concern that the recent recruitment notification issued by the Bank for appointment of Bank Medical Officers under the Specialist Cadre Officers recruitment process does not reflect any vacancy for Kolkata Circle, notwithstanding the long-standing vacancies existing at AO Durgapur and AO Siliguri. This has naturally caused disappointment amongst the employees, officers and pensioners of the Circle, who were expecting that these long-pending vacancies would finally be addressed through the ongoing recruitment exercise.

Since the recruitment process is presently underway, we earnestly request that the matter may kindly be examined at the highest level and, if administratively feasible, necessary amendments to the ongoing recruitment notification may be carried out by incorporating the existing vacancies of Bank Medical Officers for Kolkata Circle, particularly for AO Durgapur and AO Siliguri. Such a course of action would enable the Bank to address the long-pending deficiency without waiting for an entirely fresh recruitment process, thereby substantially reducing the hardship presently being faced by a large section of employees, officers and pensioners.

We are confident that Your goodself will appreciate the importance of ensuring timely medical support and expeditious disposal of medical claims, which constitute an integral component of employee welfare. We, therefore, request your kind intervention so that the existing vacancies are filled at the earliest and normal medical administration in Durgapur and Siliguri Modules is restored without further delay.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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