## (For circulation among all the members of the Governing Council of AIBPARC, All affiliates and Secretaries of different State Committees)

## Sub : United Bank Retired Officers' Association (UBROA), holds its 6<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conference in Kolkata on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 <u>in the midst of tremendous enthusiasm.</u>

Dear Comrade,

Yuba Kendra at Moulali, Kolkata witnessed a massive gathering of Retirees of United Bank of India on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2014. Both the floors of the hall were packed to capacity and about a hundred persons had to stand outside.

1) The colourful inaugural function had the privilege of listening to the scholastic deliberations of Hon'ble former Chief Justice of Kolkata and Bombay high courts Shri Chittotosh Mukherjee and Com. S. R. Sengupta, the General Secretary of AIBPARC. Welcome address was offered by Shri Subrata Dasgupta, General Secretary, UBROA and the thanks giving was done by Shri N.G. Saha, Advisor of the organisation. Shri Mukherjee, in his deliberations, observed that happiness is a state of mind. Life after retirement should be enjoyed in all possible manner by keeping good health, by socializing with others and by doing some amount of social service. He lamented for the erosion of the value system in certain segments of life and observed that "money" alone should not be the yardstick for judging the worth of a man's life. At least the heritage of Bengal does not say so. Though not a banker, he observed that he was feeling himself totally identified with every retiree of the Bank and was enjoying the joyful company. He also recounted the history of the bank and narrated how the amalgamation of 4 erstwhile constituents in the decade of fifties saved the institution in the post-war situation. Com. S.R. Sengupta observed that all the senior citizen of the country present in the hall did their best to offer banking services to the farthest corner of the country and made lot of sacrifice to implement povertyamelioration programmes. In the twilight years of their lives, they expected a civilised reciprocity from the society and the Government. He lamented that the response so far is not at all encouraging. As a result of this, the retirees to focus their demands before the society and the Government have no other alternative than to demonstrate in the form of Dharna in the capital. Shri Sengupta observed that each affiliate, keeping in tune with the spirit of AIBPARC's constitution, should open its door for all cadres of employees because "number" is important and everyone irrespective of cadre is guided by the same Pension Regulation.

2) The business session was disciplined as well as participative. The welcome address was offered by Shri Samar Sengupta, Chairman, Reception Committee. Shri Subrata Dasgupta, General Secretary, placed his written report, resolutions and proposal to amendment of constitution. The Treasurer placed

accounts for last 3 years. All the papers placed before the house were made open for deliberations. Several members participated in this discussion. All the queries were answered by the General Secretary. The report, accounts, and all resolution were unanimously passed. Shri Amiya Kumar Chatterjee, President of the Association presided over both the inaugural session and the business session. All the Vice-Presidents shared the dais and helped the president in transacting the affairs of the organisation. The most colourful phases of the business session was the felicitation of members who attained 75 years of age. Super-senior members came on the dais at the call of the organisation. They were greeted with "Uttariya" and a metallic memento. The elections were held in a smooth and disciplined manner. A complete panel of names for different posts of office-bearers was submitted before the House. No other names/panels came. The house unanimously gave their concent and the office-bearers got unanimously elected. Shri Subrata Dasgupta has been elected as President and Shri Suprita Sarkar as the General Secretary. We congratulate both of them and also the team of office-bearers. We wish them all success. The successful holding of the conference will further consolidate the Retirees of the Bank and add to the strength of AIB PARC.

With best wishes,

## (S. R. SEN GUPTA)

## **GENERAL SECRETARY**