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Shri Rajib Takru,
Secretary, Department of Financial Services,
Ministry of Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Re: Our meeting with you on 1st October, 2013 and subsequent developments.

Kindly spare a few minutes from your busy schedule to recall the developments on the aforesaid subject.

1. You had been kind enough to meet a delegation of AIBPARC on 1st October, 2013. We apprised you in detail about the areas of deprivation and discrimination to the pensioners of the Banking Sector. The issues included, inter alia, non-revision/non-updation of pension, removal of discrimination in regard to payment of DA to Retirees of pre-01.11.2002, uniform and improved medical/hospitalization scheme, improvement of family pension in line with RBI and the most important of all is the creation of forum of dialogue where the views of the Retirees would be heard. As far as your gestures are concerned, we felt highly encouraged at your assurance that the Retirees should be heard by IBA and whatever is permissible under law, Rules & statute be extended to the Retirees. We were also given to understand that necessary guidelines would go to IBA within a few days.
2. Since then, we have been waiting and waiting to get a reciprocal response from IBA. We have written to Chairman, IBA, on several occasions calling for an official hearing and we apprised IBA also about the gist of dialogue that we had with your goodself. In the third week of October, 2013 we wrote another letter to you informing that there was no response from IBA and we expected that some message from Government would go to the Body of Bankers that would put an end to the impasse. We are sorry to tell you that nothing has happened like that.

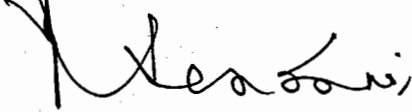
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3. Meanwhile, IBA under instructions from CLC (Central) have resumed dialogue with United Forum of Bank Unions (a body comprising of nine trade unions in the industry) on wage revision talks of the serving employees/officers of the Banking Sector. Both sides have expressed eagerness to resolve the issues within a time-bound programme. In this backdrop, the Retirees should be given an opportunity to tell their views before the Authorities as it is customary in Central Government to hear the body of Pensioners & Retirees for ventilation of their aspirations. We, the elder citizens of the financially sensitive sector, are feeling humiliated as we are being deprived of the most legitimate and civilized demand of being heard.

We are sure that we have been able to refurbish your chain of thoughts on our issues and we have a high hope that you would take certain tangible steps to redress our grievances.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY
