

Subject: historic development towards united struggles coordination committee formed.

16th April 2014 marked an important day for the bank pensioners and the retirees as the longstanding wish of all of them culminated in the formation of coordination committee of the bank pensioners and retirees federations. The meeting took place in New Delhi among the principal functionaries of the three major organisations, Federation of SBI pensioners' association, All India Bank pensioners and retirees' confederation and All India Bank Retirees' federation.

A detailed memorandum in respect of the most desired and deserving issues like Pension updation, Improvement in family pension, 100% neutralisation of dearness relief to pre-01/11/2002 pensioners of bank, payment of pension at 50% of the last drawn average pay to pensioners of SBI retired as officers in scale II and above, comprehensive medical/hospitalisation scheme of the retirees, ensuring equities to the retirees of private sector banks, pension to resigned retirees who have put in pensionable years of service and those retired compulsorily, parity to RRB employees in respect of super annuation benefits, substantial increase of ex-gratia to pre- 1986 retirees. The memorandum urges the authorities to make available bilateral forums for the retirees organisations.

This is a great move forward in realising the above long pending issues at a time when we have made enough groundwork with the political authorities, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Personnel public grievances and pension and with Indian Bank's Association. The memorandum is addressed to the secretary of Financial services, Govt. of India, Indian Bank's Association and United Forum Of Bank Unions and signed by Com.S.R.Sengupta, our General Secretary along with Com.PPS Murthy, General Secretary, Federation of SBI Pensioners' Association and Com.S.C.Jain, General secretary, All India Bank Retirees Federation. It is worth noting that our General Secretary Com.S.R.Sengupta was also the founder convenor of UFBU, when he was the General Secretary of AIBOC and successfully paved the way for the much required united struggle by the bank employees and officers. The meeting appreciated the initiation taken by Com. PPS Murthy and we earnestly hope that this development will bring larger unity among the retirees and pensioners and eventually result in the accomplishment of our mission. Your organisation was represented by Com.K.V.Acharya, President, Com.S.R.Sengupta, General Secretary and Com.Suprito Sarcar, Joint General Secretary. Comrades let us march on with redoubled vigour and confidence and achieve success in attaining and accomplishing our mission and goals.

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