

## **CHANDIGARH MEETING ON 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015:**

Attached herewith please find photographs of General Body Meeting of Arise, Chandigarh Region, held on 28th Nov. at Hotel Park Grand, Chandigarh.

The meeting was attended by around 40 members including veterans like Mr. H S. Chadha, Mr.Y.D.Paul and many retired executives.

The news of ex-iobian, Mr. Joginder Singh having reached the undersigned just before the start of the meeting, one minute silence was observed for praying to Almighty for blessing the departed soul to rest in peace.

The members were made aware that keeping in view the anxiety of members to know as to whether their 'options' to join new Medical Insurance Scheme were received at Central Office or not, the organization took up the matter with the Bank and could convince the management to work out a scheme for including the names of all REMAS optees as well as family pensioners of deceased retirees in the new Medical Insurance Scheme. Accordingly, the bank agreed to debit the insurance premium from members' account by crediting pension in advance on 27th instant itself, so that neither any debit is 'dishonored' due to insufficient balance in their accounts nor any member is left out before the closing date. The members were all praise for association's timely intervention to secure members' interest.

The undersigned explained to the members in detail the proceedings which took place in AIBPARC's Conference held at Kolkata on 15th & 16th Nov. in which Mr. K.V. Acharya was again elected President of AIBPARC unanimously along-with other Office Bearers from Arise They were informed that as to how the the issue of unilateral withdrawal of cover to retirees for 'domiciliary treatment' and other critical diseases etc., by United India Insurance Co. was discussed at length and finally it was unanimously decided for taking up the matter with IBA strongly as the scheme was part and parcel of 10th Bipartite Settlement signed by IBA with AIBOC, AIBOA, AIBEA & UFBU etc. The letter written by AIBPARC to IBA on the subject was also read out to members for their information. Since, neither the IBA has written to member banks to withdraw such cover nor our bank has issued any circular to this affect, the scheme stands as it is, as on date. The AIBOC's decision to go on strike on 11th December, to coincide with our Dharna for pursuing the pending issues including those of retirees included in the 'record note' was also shared with them. They were exhorted to come forward to join Dharna to make it a grand success. Immediately, thereafter 19 members gave their consent to attend the Dharna.

Some members were of the view that cover of Rs1.50 lacs provided by Universal Sompo under REMAS may also be continued along-with NMIS. It was clarified that the bank passing through a very difficult phase of time at present may not be in a position to bear the insurance premium of both the insurance policies. Moreover, the number of optees under REMAS coming down, the insurance company is also not ready to extend the cover to a smaller group of members at the same rate, keeping in view the heavy medical claims already settled by them.

Mr. M.R. Cherwal, Mr. Rajinder Arora and Mr Sushil Kumar, SCA gave cheques of Rs.6000/- each for becoming Life Members of the association.

The date for next meeting was fixed as 26th Dec.15 unanimously.

The meeting was concluded with Vote of Thanks extended by Mr. Mahender Kumar, CM (Retd.)

With regards,

P.S.Bhinder  
(Ex-AGM)  
Organizing Secretary