

COORDINATION OF BANK PENSIONERS' AND RETIREES ORGANISATIONS

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Respected Sir,

Sub: CBPRO DELGATION TO MEET IBA

A meeting of the Constituents of **CBPRO** was held at Delhi on 27.04.2016. Principal Office Bearers of **SBI Pensioners' Federation, AIBPARC, RBONC and Forum of Retired Bank Employees** were present in the meeting and discussed about the developments in regard to the issues as per the replies received by the Constituents of the CBPRO from IBA and also the information received from UFBU sources. The CBPRO welcomed the initiatives taken by IBA in regard to the issues but at the same time expressed its anxiety as to the vagueness shown by IBA in respect of the consideration of their highly justified issues. It was strongly felt that the issues are getting procrastinated with one reason or the other and the required urgency is not shown though the matters are relating to Bank Retirees' especially when quite a good number of them are at the advanced age of 80 and above.

The leaders of CBPRO seeing the undue delay and also vagueness reflected in IBA's response to Bank Pensioners' and Retirees issues also thought that a Delegation of CBPRO Leaders should meet the Hon'ble Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitely at Delhi during the meeting of CBPRO. **A Delegation consisting of five representatives of Constituents of CBPRO led by Shri R.N. Banerjee, President of SBI Pensioners' Federation met Hon'ble Finance Minister in the Parliament House and submitted a Memorandum on behalf of CBPRO.** The Hon'ble Finance Minister was kind enough to give the audience in spite of very busy Parliament Session. The delegation had the privilege of the presence of Shri Prakash Javadekar, Hon'ble Union Minister with Shri Jaitelyji while submitting the memorandum. This further helped the CBPRO delegation to place the issues before the Hon'ble Finance Minister with very valuable inputs from Hon'ble Javadekarji in regard to Bank Pensioners and Retirees issues as he was already approached and apprised by some of us in the past seeking his good offices in resolving our issues.

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The Bank Retirees are highly frustrated because of the delay being caused in sorting out any of the issues concerning them and whatever relief they got so far was only due to Judicial interventions. We feel terribly upset when we are forced to seek justice through Courts only rather than through representations, discussions and negotiations with IBA. Because of the anxiety on the part of the aging Retirees we are made to run from pillar to post, which at times is mistaken as if we are bringing pressure from other power centres. **We are indeed worried and wondering about one aspect and request your goodself also to ponder over that. Is it really that the stand taken by the IBA in regard to (a) Uniform 100% DA neutralization to pre Nov 2002 retirees (b) Improvement in Family Pension in line with Central Government and RBI Pension Scheme (c) Updation of Pension as per Regulation 35(1) of Bank Employees Pension Regulations (d) Pension for resigned/compulsorily Retired persons in spite of verdicts by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is humanitarian and rational?**

Deeply agonised and anguished over the prevailing situation in respect of our issues, we have decided in the CBPRO meeting to personally meet your goodself with a larger delegation consisting of Principal Office Bearers of the various Constituents of CBPRO and make a fervent appeal to you to consider the above pending issues of the Retirees immediately. **So we request your goodself to give us an audience any day convenient to you between from 24th May to 27th May, 2016.** A message of confirmation may kindly be given to us immediately so as to enable us to make travel arrangements since we require sufficient advance information for the simple reason that we are not only quite old but also logistically not comfortable.

We are eagerly waiting for communication from your side.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



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