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For circulation among members of the Governing Council, State Secretaries, Special Invitees, Advisors, Affiliates, Constituents of CBPRO and Members.

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Heart-warming speech of the Hon'ble Prime Minister glorifying the role of Bank employees.

We reproduce hereunder the text of our letter written on date to The Hon'ble Prime Minister of the country on the referred subject.

This is for information of members.

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely Yours,

Suprita Sarkar,
General Secretary

Quote

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Date: July 23, 2023.

Shri Narendra Modi Ji,
Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Respected Sir,

Sub: Your Heart-warming speech glorifying the role of Bank employees.

We, the Senior Citizens of the Banking Industry, note with profound pride and delight the heaps of praise bestowed upon our younger colleagues by Your Good Self while addressing the gathering of recruits at the Rozgar Mela on 22nd July in Patna. Very correctly, they deserve it. It is really heartening for us to hear that you have kindly acknowledged the heroic labour and dedicated involvement of our brothers and sisters in the successful implementation of the Mission and Vision of the Government in regard to the Jan Dhan Yojna, Mudra Yojna, Self-help group for women, Direct finance to agriculture sector, MSME sector and extension of credit to thousands of road vendors and small traders. We gratefully take note of the praise made by you for the courageous



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role played by our colleagues during the catastrophic phase of the pandemic Corona. The wholesome praise from the Prime Minister of India who with a great sense of pride refers to himself as the Pradhan Sevak of this Great Nation has not only motivated the Bank Employees all over but also would have certainly enthused the gathering of the New Recruits who are largely going to serve the Banking Industry, the most important Wheel of the National Economy. This would propel everyone in the Banking Industry to further carry on the Mission and Vision of yours with added Vigour and Fervour in making Banking as a very revolutionary tool in carrying out all the Socio-Economic Programs of our Beloved Government.

While cherishing the pleasure of the moment, we are happy to remember with a sense of fulfilment that the foundation of this great Legacy and Glorious tradition had been laid down by us, the Senior and Super Senior Citizens of the industry in the age group of 60 years and 90 years and others who are no more now. During their service period they carried on the message of "Banking at Door Step" to the farthest corner of the country and to poorest, played an important role in the sectors of Financial Inclusion and Credit Delivery to the Neglected Sections of the Society. Even after retirement from service, we continue to remain the most faithful ambassadors of the Indian Banking Industry. Bank Senior Citizens roles at the time of Demonetization and the mobilization of the Path Breaking Jan Dhan Accounts was also acknowledged by you.

We like to encroach upon your valuable time in conveying the not too happy tale of the Former Bankers who in the evening years of their life are unhappy and uncomfortable with the turn of events. The Hon'ble Finance Minister of the country is kind and affectionate to the issues of the Retirees and at her intervention, the problem of Family Pensioners has been mitigated to a great extent but other issues of the Pensioners like Non-Update of Pension for several decades in spite of its remaining codified in the policy itself and enshrined in the Statutory Pension Regulations, Discrimination of serious nature in regard to payment of Dearness Allowance to Super Senior Citizens, Health Insurance at an unaffordable pricing, aberration in the calculation of gratuity and Pension for a section of Retirees and above all the Denial of Consultative Status to the Apex Level Retiree organisations by IBA are still lying pending crying for immediate resolution. The time at the disposal of Retirees is short as they are already in their advanced age and require an attention on a priority basis. We had the opportunity to meet the Hon'ble Union Finance Minister recently who had shown her deep Sympathy to our issues and we are hopeful of her kind help in resolving the issues.

In view of the above, we shall consider it to be a great favour if an opportunity is allowed to us to see the Hon'ble Prime Minister despite your very busy schedule for a couple of minutes in course of which we can express our deep gratitude to your Good Self. At the same time also explain our agony in brief and submit a written memorandum for the kind consideration of the Government.

Respected Sir, We once again profusely thank you for the nice words spoken about the Workforce of the entire Banking Community, indeed one of the most motivational addresses to all of us from the Tallest Leader of Our Beloved Nation.

With kind regards,

Yours Faithfully,

K V Acharya
President, AIBPARC
& Joint Convener, CBPRO

Suprita Sarkar
General secretary