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To All Members of our Unit.

Dear Comrades,

Sub: Cordination Committee of Bank Pensioner's and Retirees Organisations
Ref: Action Programme-Candle Light Vigil at Town Hall, Bangalore

Please find the letter No0 4 giving details of the action programme of CBRO by holding a candle light vigil in front of Town Hall, Bangalore, on 25th of February 2016. More action is to follow by the CBRO. We request members to participate in the action programme in large numbers to express the resentment of pensioners in the banking Industry.

Yours faithfully,
Ravindra Krishna

Honorary Secretary

CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE OF BANK PENSIONERS' & RETIREES' ORGANISATIONS (KARNATAKA STATE UNIT)

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To

All the Members,
CBPRO (KARNATAKA)

Dear Comrades,

**CANDLE LIGHT PROTEST IN FRONT OF THE HISTORIC TOWN HALL, BANGALORE ON
25th FEBRUARY, 2016: A BIG SUCCESS.**

As part of our action programmes to protest against the IBA's lackadaisical approach to the issues of the pensioners and retirees of banking industry, we had organized a mammoth candle light protest in front of the historic Town Hall on J C Road, Bangalore on 25th February, 2016 at 6.30 pm. More than 1000 pensioners and retirees thronged the venue in droves, indicating to the world that they are retired and not tired, exuding confidence and enthusiasm all around and it was a sea of humanity in front of the sprawling steps of the majestic Town Hall. The pensioners and retirees of all ages, including a few octogenarians and a nonagenarian took part in the protest candle light rally which depicted the frustration, anguish, agony and anger of the pensioners against non-resolution of the burning issues of the pensioners in the Banking industry.

The protest was held under the leadership of Com. Shantharaju, Chairman, CBPRO(K). The protest programme was attended by Co.A N Krishna Murthy, State Secretary, AIBOC (K), Com. M R Gopinatha Rao, ARISE (IOB), Com.B T Reddy, Dena Bank Retirees' Association, Com. Deshpande, General Secretary, RBONC, Com.S Nagaraj, BOI Retirees Association, Com.G Shivaram Alwa, VBROA, Com Venkataraju of Indian Bank Retirees' Association(K). Com. Sarat Kumar, Central Bank Retired Officers' Association and host of senior comrades from various organizations. Slogans were raised in chorus, demanding 100% DA neutralization for the pre-01.11.2002 retirees, improvement in family pension, updation of pension, pension to the left over category of retirees such as those imposed with punishments like compulsory retirement and resigned employees who have completed pensionable service, decent ex-gratia for the pre-01.1.1986



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retirees, extending the benefit of 50% of the last drawn basic pay as pension to the SBI employees etc. The slogans hit the skylines of Bangalore, conveying in emphatic tone the anger and frustration of the retirees against the heartless IBA who have dodged the issues of pensioners without any justification or plausible reasons.

Addressing the gathering Com. Shantharaju, Chairman, CBPRO, stressed the need to keep the campaign on till such time the hopes and aspirations of the pensioners and retirees are achieved. Deliberating on the latest developments, he informed the gathering that in the Meeting of 10th February, 2016 with the CEO IBA, Com. K V Acharya and Com. Ramesh Babu, Co-conveners of CBPRO, who were in Mumbai to participate in the Dharna organized by AIBRF, presented the issues of the pensioners and retirees before the CEO of IBA, Mr. M V Tanakasale in a very effective manner and submitted memorandum to him, where in the issues of pensioners have been highlighted. After hearing the leaders, the CEO of IBA informed the leaders that IBA is having an open mind on the issues, especially 100% DA neutralization to the pre-01.11.2002 retirees and improvement in the family pension. He informed the team that the necessary data from all the Banks has been collected and the actuarial experts are studying the data and after the Committee submits a report on the issues the same will be submitted to the Government for their consideration. He condemned the baseless arguments put forth by IBA that the issues are to be settled keeping in view the affordability. He expressed the hope IBA will come its senses and settle all the just and right demands of the pensioners and retirees at an early date.

Speaking on the occasion, Com A N Krishna Murthy, Secretary, AIBOC(K), declared AIBOC's unequivocal support to the cause of the pensioners and retirees in the Banking Industry. AIBOC leadership is seized of the issues and has been mounting pressure on IBA to resolve all the long pending legitimate demands and aspirations of the bank retirees at the earliest. He congratulated all the comrades who were present in such a large number and gave a call to continue the fight till all the legitimate demands are met and conceded by IBA.

The gathering was also addressed by Com. M R Gopinatha Rao, Com. Deshpande, Com. B T R Reddy, who highlighted the various demands of the pensioners and how it is feasible to meet all the demands raised by the pensioners in the banking industry. With the huge corpus of Pension funds with the Banking industry, there is absolutely no impediment in considering the demands and the bogey of IBA that the demands involve huge outlay of funds and the banking industry, at present, is not in a position to afford the burden, was condemned in very strong words. What the pensioners and retirees have been asking is not something beyond the realms of Bank Employees' Pension Regulations, 1995. The IBA has not implemented the provisions of pension Regulations, thereby has violated the legal provisions in the pension regulations. This needs to be corrected. They gave a clarion call to continue the campaign in an unabated manner, mount pressure on the unconscientious IBA as well as the Government. All of them expressed the hope that IBA as well as the Government will realize the gravity of the situation and accede to the demands of the pensioners, who are languishing on account of various discriminations perpetrated on them. They expressed confidence that with continuous struggle, we will be able to achieve our dreams, hopes and aspirations. They congratulated all the participants in making the candle light protest a big success.

Com. K B Ballur, Secretary, CBPRO(K), proposing vote of thanks, explained the significance of holding the Candle Light protest, praying for enlightenment on part of IBA to realize the gravity of the injustices perpetrated on the bank pensioners and retirees. "Lead kindly light, lead IBA on to the path of considering the right and just demands of the pensioners and retirees in the Banking industry." Is the spirit behind holding the candle light protest. He warned the IBA that they should not test the fury of the pensioners who have tolerated all the injustices, discriminations, disparities, silently and patiently all these years. He struggle will continue by submitting memorandum to the Parliament Members in the State of Karnataka and thereafter to the Ministers in the Union Government. He solicited the whole hearted support of the members present to make further actions programmes to be launched by CBPRO (K), a big success.

Comrades, the pensioners and retirees of the Banking Industry in the Bangalore Metro gave an emphatic call to the IBA and Government that they are in no mood to tolerate any kind of injustice perpetrated on them by the powers that be and they are prepared to agitate to any length. Age will not deter them from walking any distance to realize their hopes and aspirations, age will not dim their vision to move in the right direction to reach their destination. Yes, Comrades, the destiny is beckoning us to march forward to realize our dreams.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(K B Ballur)
Secretary, CBPRO (K)