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To all members of our unit.

Dear Comrades,

Sub: AIBOC Communication.

We are informed that Nationwide General Strike on 8th January, 2020 called by Central Trade Unions. AIBOC is extending fraternal support to the strike. AIBOC circular no.2019/80 dt.31.12.2019 issued in this regard is appended below.

AIBOC has informed that in their EC meeting held at New Delhi on 26th & 27th December 2019 Comrade Sunil Kumar, Chairman and General Secretary of FBOIOA was unanimously co-opted as President of the Confederation following superannuation of Com Debasis Ghosh. Their circular no. 2020/02 dt.01.01.2020 issued in this regard is also appended below for the information of all members.

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Hon.Secretary.

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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

Fraternal Support to Nationwide General Strike on 8th January, 2020 called by Central Trade Unions

The National Open Mass Convention of Workers comprising of various Central Trade Unions

of the country viz. INTUC, AITUC, HMS, CITU, AIUTUC, TUCC, AICCTU, SEWA, LPFUTUC and so on, convened on 30th September, 2019, chalked out a series of agitation programmes culminating in a nationwide general strike on 8th January, 2020. The Joint National Forum of Peasants Organisations has also come in support of this general strike, based on their 12 point charter of demands. Five constituents of UFBU have separately given a call for a one day all India bank strike on the same date in support of the charter of demands adopted by the National Convention of Workers and against banking reforms and unwarranted merger of banks.

02. You are aware that the country has been experiencing a continuous and all-pervading economic slowdown as has been reflected in the official statistics published by RBI, continuing job losses, skyrocketing unemployment, deepening impoverishment and steep decline in average level of earnings. On the other hand, the nation has been witnessing aggressive and reckless move for privatisation of strategic CPSUs / SPSUs and government sector including defence production, public sector banks, state sector insurers, railways, public road transport, ports, coal, power, steel and so on, through different routes such as disinvestment, strategic sale / outsourcing in favour of private sector, replacement of indigenous capabilities by allowing multinationals to have control of strategic national productive assets, 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in vital areas such as railways, coal, defence *et al* and abnormal widening of economic inequalities. Even RBI was compelled to transfer Rs 1.76 lakh crore of 'surplus' reserves to contain the budget deficit caused by tax concession unduly extended to the corporates.

03. Now, introduction of Acts like Wage Code Bill, Code on Occupational Health, Safety and Working Condition and Reform of Labour Laws have all set in motion a process which has a highly destructive impact on the livelihoods and democratic rights of the entire working class. The government has also announced its intention to introduce two more codes: Code on Social Security and Code on Industrial Relation, which together with the bills / codes already introduced by the Union Government, are effectively aiming at imposing condition of extreme exploitation on the working mass of the country.

04. The government has announced mega merger of 10 public sector banks into 4 ignoring the strong protest lodged by AIBOC singlehandedly and jointly under the banner of UFBU ignoring the negative impact of previous round of mergers on banking services. The interest rate on deposit rates is being lowered continuously for giving more and more concessions to the corporates. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 legitimises syphoning of the bank money by the crony corporate defaulters, while the genuine demands of the bank employees / officers as well as of the bank retirees are being systematically neglected under the plea of scrawny financials of the bank and 'lack of paying capacity'.

05. The task before the trade union movement today is to further intensify the surging struggles in various sectors through a concerted united agitation and mobilisation for action. We, at AIBOC, strongly support the just and legitimate demands raised by the National Open Mass Convention of Workers. AIBOC also notes with gratitude that the Convention has extended its full support to the on-going struggle of the bank employees and officers against the arbitrary and ill-conceived decision of one more round of mega merger of banks despite utter failure of the earlier series of unfortunate bank mergers / amalgamations that have caused huge plight to the common man, demanding scrapping of National Pension Scheme and replacement of the same by Old Pension Scheme, stringent measures to recover defaulted loans from corporate borrowers, adequate recruitments in banks and expeditious wage revision of bankmen.

06. Some of the constituents of UFBU, have also called a Bank strike on 8th January, 2020, in support of the Central Trade Union strike call. Meanwhile, on 10th December, 2019, AIBOC along with other Constituents of UFBU, have organised a Maha Dharna before Parliament against the proposed mega merger of 10 PSU banks into 4 and retrograde banking reforms being pursued by the government, and in support of demands for decreasing abnormal service charges being charged on bank customers, initiating stringent action against defaulter borrowers, increasing interest rate on bank deposits and adequate recruitments in all banks among others. Leaders from

different Central Trade Unions and lawmakers addressed the Dharna and greeted all success to it.

07. Needless to emphasise that there are huge commonalities between the demands on which the Dharna was organised on 10th December, 2019 and those which form the grounds of the Nationwide General Strike at the call given by various trade unions / organisations. In other words, the issues of general strike are very close to our heart and in consonance with our demands. The mounting challenge on the life and existence of the working class and organised trade union movement has to be combated with renewed focus, determination and militancy.

08. Against the above backdrop, the National Executive Committee of AIBOC, the largest apex Trade Union of bank officers, which had met at Delhi on 26th & 27th December, decided to extend its total fraternal support to the Nationwide strike call given by Central Trade Unions, independent Federations and Associations and Joint National Forum of Peasants Organisations and also the coordinated call for Nationwide bank strike given separately by some constituents of UFBU and request our affiliates and state units to act accordingly for the cause. We request our State and District Units and all affiliates to be present and address Dharnas / Demonstrations / gatherings convened in support of the strike, if invited, so as to convey our whole-hearted fraternal support to the cause.

09. We also advise our affiliates that our members **shall not demand or accept any keys** and **shall not perform any clerical duties** on the day of the strike.

With vibrant

greetings,

Yours

sincerely,



(Soumya Datta) General
Secretary

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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

COMRADE SUNIL KUMAR TAKES OVER AS PRESIDENT OF

AIBOC

We are delighted to inform you that in the 92nd Executive Committee Meeting of All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC) held in Delhi on 26th and 27th December 2019, Comrade Sunil Kumar, Chairman and General Secretary of



FBOIOA was unanimously co-opted as President of the Confederation following superannuation of Com Debasis Ghosh.

Comrade Sunil Kumar, a Masters in Geology, joined Bank of India as a DRO on 16.01.1984. He is also a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers. He was drawn to the mighty Federation of Bank of India Officers' Association ever since he joined the Bank and was co-opted as Executive Committee Member of erstwhile Muzaffarpur Regional Council of the Association in the year 1987. He served the organisation as an Executive Committee Member for 14 long years before assuming the charge of Regional Secretary of Muzaffarpur Region on 18.01.2001.

After the amalgamation of Regional Offices, following organisational restructuring in Bank of India, he got elected as Deputy General Secretary of the Bihar Unit of FBOIOA in 2002 and its General Secretary from 01.02.2004. In recognition of his contribution to the Trade Union movement and unparalleled organisational skill, he was elected as Deputy General Secretary of the Federation in 2004. His vision, acumen, deep understanding of the issues and compassion for the membership ensured his election as Joint General Secretary of FBOIOA in 2007, Vice President in 2010 and President in 2012. He became the General Secretary of FBOIOA after laying down of office by Comrade Harvinder Singh and has been leading the mighty Federation which has such a glorious and unmatched legacy of contribution in the movement of the Bank Officers' in the country. He has achieved significant benefits for the officers' fraternity in Bank of India through his exceptional negotiating skills. His oratory skills has made him one of the most sought after speakers in any meeting and seminar in the country.

Comrade Sunil Kumar was elected in the Executive Committee of AIBOC in June 2004 and was elevated to Deputy General Secretary in January 2011, Vice President in 2012 and Sr. Vice President from the Jaipur Conference in March 2017 and Chairman from 28th November 2018. He was also the President of AIBOC Bihar State Unit from 2004 to 2012.

Comrade Sunil Kumar's co-option as President of the Confederation will definitely strengthen our resolute determination to carry on our ongoing struggle against merger, wage revision talks, ensuring proper work-life balance and meeting the challenges to continue the legacy of the movement. He played his role as Chairman of this premier organisation AIBOC with perfection and coordinated with both President and the undersigned to form a formidable team that strengthened the Confederation. He will definitely be playing a significant role in the ongoing wage revision talks.

The undersigned is confident that AIBOC will emerge more militant, cohesive, and determined to serve the membership drawing from the rich repository of experience of Comrade Sunil Kumar.

With vibrant greetings,

Comradely yours,



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