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Dear Comrades,

FATERNAL SUPPORT TO THE GENERAL STRIKE CALL OF CENTRAL TRADE UNIONS

The Central Trade Unions have given a call for a day's strike on 28th February, 2012 against price rise, disinvestment of Public Sector Equity, Contract Employment, Outsourcing and for demanding Rs.10,000/- minimum wages, Job Security, compulsory registration of unions within 45 days, enforcement of labour laws etc.

The Executive Committee of AIBOC, at its 66th meeting held on 17th & 18th January, 2012 at Kolkata, after due deliberations, has decided not to participate in the strike but to extend fraternal support to the Strike. It was also decided to communicate to the IBA/Govt., our displeasure in not resolving issues pending with them for a long time. It was further decided to demand discussion on Khandelwal Committee recommendations. Decision was also taken to observe a day's protest strike during the 3rd or 4th week of March, 2012, if the issues remain unresolved. The leadership of AIBOC will decide the date of the strike.

Comrades, many constituents of U.F.B.U. are participating in the General Strike on 28th February, 2012. We convey our moral support to the call of Central Trade Unions and extend fraternal support to the striking comrades of Banking Industry. We request you to follow the guidelines issued by AIBOC/Federation with regard to extending moral/fraternal support. Our members may join lunch time demonstrations and rallies, if any, organised by Central Trade Unions/UFBU constituents. For the sake of clarity, we wish to advise that our officers should neither perform clerical jobs nor should handle cash in any case.

COM. ANIL PONKSHE-PRESIDENT OF OUR PUNE UNIT LAYS DOWN OFFICE ON SUPERANNUATION ON 29/02/2012

Com. Anil K. Ponkshe, President of our Pune unit and Executive Committee member of our Federation is superannuating on 29th February, 2012 after putting in 40 years of active service in the Bank. He is a loyal, dedicated and committed

officer of the Bank with simultaneous urge to help and serve his fellow colleagues and members of the society. During his long career in the Bank, he worked in all the four zones under the unit and headed various branches for 30 years. His urge for serving members of the society in general and his fellow colleagues in particular, helped him in actively joining the trade union movement of officers in our Pune unit. He adorned various posts in our Pune Unit before he took over as President of the unit after retirement of Com. Mujhwar, 20 month ago. He used his expertise in Banking for helping his colleagues in performance of their official responsibilities and also in defending them in departmental enquiries, the area in which he is considered as authority now. His sense of responsibility, clear vision, practical approach, loving and respectful behaviour endeared him to one and all. A Special edition of Souvenir was released in recognition of his sacrifice, dedication and commitment in the General Body meeting of our Pune Unit held on 26th February, 2012.

A special farewell function was also organised by our Pune unit in the honour of Com. Anil K. Pongshe which could not be held due to unforeseen circumstances. On behalf of our Federation and on my personal behalf, we convey our deep sense of gratitude and respect to Com. Anil K. Pongshe for his exemplary services. We wish a very long, happy, healthy and active retired life to Com. Anil Pongshe.

OUR THREE COLLEAGUES KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENT

It is really shocking to inform that our three colleagues who were travelling from Pandharpur in Solapur zone to Pune for attending 30th Annual General Body Meeting of our Pune unit, died in a major road accident on 26th February, 2012, when the vehicle in which seven of them were travelling met with an accident. As soon as the news of the accident reached the venue of the AGM at Vivekanand Hall, Maharashtra Institute of Technology, shock wave engulfed each and every one present there. The statutory requirements of agenda were undertaken in a grief ridden atmosphere curtailing all welcome and pleasantries and felicitation function of com. Anil Pongshe was cancelled. Other two officers who also suffered injuries are out of danger. We share the unbearable grief of the incident with our Pune unit and families of our deceased colleagues and convey our heart felt condolences to all close relatives of our late comrades. May the departed souls rest in eternal peace and may God grant the strength to bereaved family members to bear the loss.

Yours faithfully,



(HARVINDER SINGH)
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