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TO ALL MEMBERS:

Dear Comrades,

We reproduce hereunder Circular No. 2013/05 of date issued by Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary of AINBOF for your information and reproduction.

QUOTE:

CONGRATULATIONS COMRADES !
ANOTHER HISTORY CREATED !!
TWO DAYS COUNTRYWIDE STRIKE- A GRAND SUCCESS.

This is the first time in the history of this country that workers' unions of all hues have come together on common demands and participated in country wide two days general strike. The call of the strike was given by all the eleven Central Trade Unions in the National Conference of workers held on 4th September, 2012 at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. This conference was attended by representatives of many independent Federations of officers/employees and workers of NGOs like Anganwadi. AIBOC also participated in the conference and was represented by your General Secretary in his capacity as Sr. Vice President of AIBOC and Com. Ameetaa Sharma, State Secretary of women's wing of AIBOC, Delhi State.

All organised and unorganised workers from various industries, services, voluntary & social organisations participated in unprecedented and unexpectedly successful strike on 20th & 21st February 2013. Many independent unions of India and several international federations and unions of Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Japan, Portugal, Italy etc. also extended their support. Banking services were totally paralysed. All other key services including postal & transport were severely affected on both the days. While states such as Kerala, Bihar, Tripura and West Bengal came to complete stand still, the response from all other states was also very encouraging, with peaceful rallies, demonstrations, Dharnas and meetings organised at all major centres.

AINBOF & AIBOC decided to support the move of participation in the strike at the platform of UFBU. UFBU took a unanimous decision to participate in the strike, in its meeting held on 31st January, 2013 in support of the 10 point agenda of Central Trade Unions and some demands of bank employees. The entire major issues were flagged in UFBU Circular No. 01.

Banking Industry across the country came to a grinding halt during these two days. As per the reports received from our affiliates and state units, the strike was peaceful and complete. With shutters of the branches and offices of Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Co-operative Banks down, nearly 10 lakh bank officers and employees observed a complete strike, despite indirect threats from Government and Managements of various Banks. Rallies and demonstrations at all the centers were

addressed by all the representatives of constituents of UFBU as well as leaders of other sectors at various places.

A massive demonstration was held in the heart of capital city of Delhi at Allahabad Bank building, Parliament Street. On arrival of Com. Gurudas Dasgupta the CPI leader and AITUC General Secretary, the gathering was converted into a rally led by him and leaders of constituents of UFBU. The rally marched through Parliament Street and assembled at historic Jantar Mantar and was addressed by all the leaders including your General Secretary and Com. K.V. Acharya, President of AIBPARC who expressed solidarity of Pensioners and Retirees behind the movement of serving employees.

Com. Gurudas Dasgupta claimed that the response to the strike was "unprecedented" and clarified that it was not a bandh. Referring to the Government's claim that it had tried to reach out to the unions, he informed that it was just a "made-up-show". He told that it was shameful that four Ministers were directed by the Prime Minister to meet unions only on Feb.13, 2013 whereas the notice of strike was served in September, 2012 and besides, on the day of talks, the most important Finance Minister P. Chidambaram was "Conspicuously absent".

Comrades, no positive response have been received from the Government on the issues of Strike. While we complement our entire membership for the exemplary unity exhibited by them during this two days strike, we wish to caution that this was beginning of the long drawn struggle to save the working class and common masses of this country.

LONG LIVE WORKING CLASS UNITY ! AINBOF ZINDABAD ! AIBOC ZINDABAD !

With comradely greetings,

Yours Comradely,

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(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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Comrades, we take this opportunity to convey of heartiest Congratulations and sincere thank for making the two days strike a grand success. We convey our special thanks to the leadership of all our units who made special efforts this time to ensure 100% participation of entire membership, including those who are in scale IV. This show of unity and strength will go a long way in our efforts to fulfill the desires and aspirations of our membership at large.

With revolutionary greetings,

Yours comradely,



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