

THE FEDERATION OF BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS' ASSOCIATIONS

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Dated: 26.12.2013

Dear Comrades,

We reproduce, hereunder, contents of Circular No. 2013/67 issued by General Secretary, AIBOC for your information.

QUOTE

MARCH ON TO 48 HOURS ALL INDIA BANK STRIKE ON 20TH JANUARY 2014 & 21ST JANUARY 2014

Further to our Circular No.13 dated 24-12-2013, we give below the draft of the memorandum, to be signed by all employees and officers, addressed to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Government of India and the Chairman, Indian Banks' Association. The memorandum has to be sent separately to each one of them on or before 10th January 2014 with a copy to the Convenor, UFBU.

We also furnish hereunder the details of the preparatory programmes to be followed by all the constituent unions/affiliates/members:

06-01-2014	Mass Demonstrations in all State capitals and other major centres
10/11-01-2014	Centralised rallies, processions at all centres
17-01-2014	Mass Demonstrations, rallies, processions at all centres
17-01-2014 onwards	Badge Wearing
20-01-2014 – 6.00 A.M. TO 22-01-2014 – 6.00 A.M.	48 HOURS' ALL INDIA BANK STRIKE – Demonstrations and Rallies

Specimen of the Badge (Badge Wearing - 17-01-2014 onwards) / Poster to be displayed at branches is also furnished hereunder. It should be ensured by constituent unions/units that Badges are supplied to branch units in time and posters are displayed before all branches.

SPECIMEN FOR POSTER/BADGE:

<u>10 LACS EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS TO OBSERVE 48 HOURS' ALL INDIA BANK STRIKE FROM 6.00 A.M. ON 20.01.2014 TO 6.00 A.M. ON 22.01.2014</u>
<u>DEMANDS</u> <u>IMMEDIATE WAGE REVISION</u> <u>STOP BANKING SECTOR REFORMS</u>
<u>UNITED FORUM OF BANK UNIONS</u> <u>(AIBEA-AIBOC-NCBE-AIBOA-BEFI-INBEF-INBOC-NOBW-NOBO)</u>

UNQUOTE

We request all General Secretaries to ensure that THREE memoranda (as per proforma below), addressed separately to three authorities as mentioned above, are signed by all members of their units are submitted to us, for onward submission, latest by 5th January, 2014.

BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION



UNIT

(REGD. NO. _____)

Address:



Ref. No:

Date:

To
Dr. Manmohan Singh,
Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

To
Shri P. Chidambaram,
Hon'ble Minister of Finance,
Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

To
The Chairman,
Indian Banks' Association,
World Trade Centre Complex,
Centre-1, 6th Floor,
Cuffe Parade, MUMBAI.

Respected Sir,

MEMORANDUM

We, the employees and officers working in _____
(Name of the Branch)
of _____ submit as under:
(Name of the Bank)

Our wages are due for revision from 01.11.2012 as the previous wage settlement signed between the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and the Workmen Unions & Officers' Associations has expired on 31-10-2012. In order to negotiate the revision of the wages and service conditions of bank employees and officers, all the Unions under the banner of United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) have submitted common charter of demands in October, 2012. The formal negotiations have started in February, 2013 and till now only 5 rounds of discussions have taken place with IBA. Except agreeing to the date of effect of wage revision and merger of Dearness Allowance with Basic Pay at 4440 CPI, no significant improvement is made in the wage negotiations. Despite the repeated requests of UFBU, IBA has not come out with their offer of increase on the demands raised by the Unions.

Further, on receipt of strike notice from UFBU, IBA came with a very meager offer of 5% increase in the pay slip components which was not at all acceptable to unions. Every effort was made by UFBU with IBA for substantial increase in the offer of increase. But, no improvement in the offer was made by IBA. In the situation, the one day All India Strike on the 18th December 2013 became inevitable.

It will be appreciated that the alarming and unabated price rise seriously eroded the income of the employees and hence the wage revision has become more important. The Consumer Price Index has gone up by almost 2400 points under (1960=100) Index series since November, 2007. Hence wage revision to catch up with the high inflation and price rise has become an urgent necessity.

Similarly, the workload in the bank branches has gone up substantially due to increase in total volume of business and also due to non-provision of adequate staff and officers in the branches. Though we hail and welcome the decision of Government for financial inclusion, disbursement of financial assistance/subsidies of the Government through Banks linking Aadhar Cards and implementation of schemes under financial inclusion have tremendously increased the work load. Employees and officers are working under a lot of stress and strain. The job profile of the staff has also undergone a change and all these require to be properly remunerated with adequate increase in wages.

Hence, we seek your kind intervention towards early settlement of wage revision and shall be glad if you please arrange to expedite the negotiations between IBA and UFBU in a time-bound manner and conclude the settlement at the earliest.


Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Sl.No.	Name	Designation	Signature

We also urge upon all our Units and members to make the strike call a grand success by participating in all agitation programmes.

With **NEW YEAR GREETINGS,**

Comradely yours,

(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY