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Dear Comrades,

CANDLE LIGHT MARCH – A STUPENDOUS SUCCESS

We reproduce hereunder the contents of Circular No. 2014/93 of date on the captioned subject issued by Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary, AIBOC for your information & circulation.

QUOTE:

"Kudos to all our Comrades ! We once again proved our dedication, determination and solidarity !! The joint call of four Officers' Organisations brought an unprecedented response on 16th December, 2014. Candle Light March of Officers of Banking Industry conducted under the joint banner of four Officers' Organisations was hugely successful and imparted a new light to our agitational movement. Thousands of members got together to vent out their anguish with candles in their hands with the renewed hope that the adamant IBA and the Government would come out of the darkness of their rigidity and would see the light of justified demands. The Candle Light March was a grand success at all capitals including National Capital Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Thiruvananthapuram, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Patna, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Lucknow, Ranchi, Guwahati and capitals of other North Eastern states etc. and major city centers including Nagpur, Pune, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Agra, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Kozhikode, Kottayam, Alappuzha, Durgapur and Burdwan etc..

We appreciate the efforts made by various State Committees in getting the news covered by press and media. Let us all pledge to make a call of other two programmes viz. Human Chain on 10th January, 2015 and **Women Rally on 17th January, 2015**, a huge success. We wish to clarify that in our Circular no. 2014/91 dated 11.12.2014, the date for Women March was inadvertently mentioned as 19th January, 2015 instead of 17th January, 2015. We request all our members to amend their schedule as per this rectification.

Let us all come together to make IBA understand the dignity of working force of Banking Industry and also awaken the Government from its slumber of apathy. We once again appeal to all comrades that our call of 'Withdrawal of Extra Co-operation' must be implemented in right earnest to attain our common goals not only till an amicable settlement is reached but to make it our work culture.

We wish to advise two incidents that need special mention and appreciation. In one such incident, Dindgul District Collector had called the bankers for a Business Review Meeting on Saturday, 20th December, 2014 at 4 p.m. As soon as this came to notice of Central Office, a

communication was sent to the State Unit and Senior Leaders to contact the District Collector. They lost no time and contacted him and informed him about the agitation programme of the Organisation going on to express their anguish over delayed Wage Negotiation process. While apprising about the call of 'Withdrawal of Extra Co-operation', he was requested to prepone or postpone the meeting during the working hours. We are happy and thankful to the Distt. Collector who was kind enough to consider the genuinity of our call and responded by preponing the Business Review Meeting to 11 a.m. on the same date. We congratulate and appreciate the Tamil Nadu State Unit leaders for immediately responding to the call of Central Office and taking up the issue with full earnestness.

In another incident, initiative taken by our Comrades in Ahmedabad also deserves huge appreciation. The Comrades of Central Bank of India came to know about Ahmedabad visit of Rajiv Rishi, Chairman, IBA Negotiating Committee on 14th December, 2014 and his scheduled visit to Hotel Patang. At a very short notice, the comrades mostly from CBI and BOI immediately organized a flash Candle Light demonstration in front of the Hotel at 9 p.m. to lodge our protest in a peaceful manner.

We request all other State Committees and all our comrades also to continue our endeavour for a decent wage revision not only by responding to our joint calls but also by utilizing any opportunity that arises for making our programme a huge success".

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With revolutionary greetings,

Yours comradely,



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