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Dear Comrades,

## **DBOO STRUGGLE CONTINUES**

We reproduce, hereunder, the contents of the Circular No. 2015/43 of date, on the captioned subject issued by Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary, AIBOC for your information and circulation among the members.

### **QUOTE:**

“The valiant struggle of our DBOO comrades is perfect example of endurance, grit and fight for just rights of Trade Union. The support to the striking comrades is getting stronger with each passing day. We take pride in reporting the gutsy, enthusiastic and more than equal participation of our lady comrades in this trade union movement.

Subsequent to our issuance of circular no. 2015/42 on 04.07.2015, on the latest developments regarding DBOO struggle, we received more reports from other centres, which are very encouraging and speak volumes about the support being extended from more corners and the increasing participation by people cutting across all walks of life. The relay hunger strike starting in front of DLB Regional Office, Vazhuthacaud on 3.07.15 was inaugurated by Com. A Sampath, MP. without mincing words he condemned the highly provocative and unlawful act of Dhanlaxmi Bank (DLB) Management in terminating Com. Mohanan. He warned the Management that the general public of Kerala should not be made to rethink about the patronage that they were extending to DLB so far. Com. Ashok Kumar GS of Central Govt. Employees Confederation, Com. Jacob Thomas, NFPE, Com. Vijayamma State Committee Member AITUC, Com. P. V. Jose State President BEFI, Com. Chandrasenan and Com. N Rajkumar, State Secretary and Vice President, respectively, of AIBPARC, Com. N. Jayakrishnan, National DGS, Com. V. R. Jayakrishnan, General Secretary, ABOA, SBT Unit and Com. Abraham Shaji John, State Secretary Kerala State Committee, AIBOC addressed the huge gathering. Six Comrades of DBOO started the relay hunger strike, which is being continued.

Strike Coordination committees (Samara Sahaya Samtis) are being formed at Malappuram and Kozhikode also with total support of Central Trade Unions and other Service Sector organizations.

Demonstration was held in front of Dhanlaxmi Bank Velachery Branch. Sizable number of comrades from many Banks participated. Com. Franco, President of AIPSB OF, Com. Vijayasen, State Secretary Tamilnadu State Committee, Com. Padmanabhan (IOBOA) addressed. At Palakkad, Sri Sudhakaran leader of BMS inaugurated the Demonstration at Palakkad, apart from several other Trade Union leaders.



Nothing could match the enthusiasm and spirit of the 23rd day of the strike and the indefinite hunger strike by Com. Sandhya and Com Emil entered 3rd day. Trissur witnessed an unprecedented surge of trade union spirit in the Public rally and meeting held at Thrissur under the auspices of Struggle Coordination Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. A huge mass of nearly 2000 comrades gathered at 2.00 pm in front of Corporate Office of DLB and marched around the Thekkinkad maidan to the Samara Pandal. By 3.00 pm the venue turned into a sea of humanity listening to Com. Kodeyeri Balakrishnan, the Deputy Opposition Leader in Kerala Legislative Assembly and Polit Bureau Member of CPM. In his speech he stated in unequivocal terms that the highhandedness of Management of the Bank will not be tolerated, and in case Com. Mohanan is not reinstated soon, there will be strict retaliation from the CPM, including forced closure of branches of Dhanlaxmi Bank. Sh. T. N. Pratapan MLA conveyed the unconditional support that the KPCC President V M Sudheeran has promised to the struggle. Com Balachandran the noted CPI leader expressed his solidarity to the movement and stated that even an aggressive movement is not alien to Thrissur town and if necessary the same could be repeated. The meeting was presided over by Sri Sundaran Kunnathully, District President of INTUC, who is also the Convener of the Struggle Coordination Committee. Sri Sunil Lalur, Youth Congress leader and Sri Valsan, Congress (S) leader who spoke on the occasion pledged their total support to the DBOO comrades and wished them every success. Com. Mohanan in his inimitable style, proposed the vote of thanks. In the forenoon, Sri V. T. Balram, the vibrant MLA of Thrithala gave a brilliant speech at the Samara Pandal. Kerala Govt. Teachers Association came to the venue and offered their solidarity to the striking comrades.

### **“JANAKEEYA KOOTTAYMA” AT THIRUVANATHAPURAM**



The Samara Sahaya Samiti (Strike Aid Committee) of Trivandrum organized a “Janakeeya Koottayma” Convention (Peoples Congregation) on 4.7.2015 at Bank Employees Hall. It was inaugurated by Sri V.M. Sudheeran, President Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee. While delivering his address he emphasized that the type of aggression of DLB Management exhibited in the unlawful termination of Com. Mohanan has to be nipped in the bud and if not revoked will be met with serious consequences. He assured all support of KPCC in getting Com. P. V. Mohanan reinstated. Com. Kadakampally Surendran, Dist Secretary CPI (M) and Com. K. P.

Sankardas, State Secretary AITUC were the two other prominent speakers. Both extended all support for the ongoing struggle of DBOO and AIBOC.

Com. Sundar Raj, State Secretary NGO Union, Com. Kamalasanan, Secretary Confederation of Central Govt Employees, Com. Suresh Vellimangalam Dist. Secretary, Kerala Union of Working Journalists, Com. Suresh Kumar, Dist. Secretary AIBEA, Com. Chandra Senan State Secretary AIBPARC, Com. T. Sasikumar Former State President of NCBE and Ex General Secretary of SIBEU, Com. P.V. Jose, State President BEFI and Com. C. Gopinathan Nair, State President AIRBEA addressed the meeting. Com. Abraham Shaji John State Secretary presided and Com. Ashok Kumar, Dist. President proposed vote of thanks. Nearly 500 Comrades attended.

Dr Thomas Issac, former finance minister was really moved when he saw lady comrades and even the family members accompanying their fasting friends at 7.30 pm on Sunday, i.e on 5.07.15 and acknowledged with deep appreciation that it a rare sight to see such kind of spirit on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of such an epic battle. He assured stronger intervention of his party henceforth.

BEFI (K) has given a call to all District committees to hold full day "Upavasa Dharnas" on 9th July, 2015, near Dhanlaxmi Bank Main branch in every district in support of ongoing agitation by DBOO. Com. S.S.Anil, BEFI has assured participation in the Dharna. This is a clear manifestation of Working class unity.


The agitation of DBOO has generated immense public support with people from all walks of life turning up at the Strike Venue offering their support to the cause. It has also generated serious thinking on the matter of pink slips and Corporates' high handedness. Comrades, it is once again an assertion that DBOO is on the right path and success is definitely ours.

There has been massive support not only through participation in the agitational programmes but also both in cash and kind by various Affiliates / State Committees and General Members. FBOA has contributed Rs. 5 lakhs, ABOA SBT Unit Rs. 2.5 Lakhs, IOBOA - Kerala Comrades Rs. 3 lakhs, SIBOA Rs. 50,000/- to DBOO. Individual contributions are also started pouring in. We make a fervent appeal to others also to extend full support in all forms to our agitating DBOO comrades."

**UNQUOTE**

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,



(HARVINDER SINGH)  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

**OUR UNITY... LONG LIVE!**