

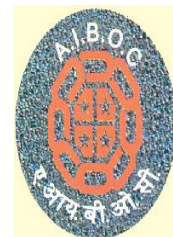
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Dear Comrades,

CONDEMNABLE ATTACK ON BANK OFFICER **EXEMPLARY HANDLING BY COIMBTORE DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

We reproduce, hereunder, the contents of the Circular No. 2015/58 of date, on the captioned subject issued by Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary, AIBOC for your information and circulation among the members.

QUOTE:There has been an alarming increase in misbehavior/ manhandling/ assaults on Bank officers throughout the country at the hands of local people having political connections (Chuttbhaiyas) on various pretexts like refusal of loan despite their ineligibility to meet set guidelines, due to orders from quasi judicial authorities at local level, provocations by Govt. Functionaries etc.

In one of the recent condemnable incident, an Officer of Canara Bank, working in Somanthrai Branch in Coimbatore District was assaulted by two persons on 11.08.15. As per the report, one of the accused developed a minor altercation with the Officer Sh. Ramanathan while enquiring about loading of cash in ATM. After some time, the accused along with another accomplice barged into the branch and hit the officer brutally. On receiving the information, Com. J. Vanangamudi, the District Secretary and ECM of AIBOC, reported the matter immediately to Com. G.V. Manimaran, Senior Vice President of AIBOC and General Secretary of CBOA and on his advice, led a group of officers from all banks to rural SP office of Coimbatore. Within one hour of the incident, strong gathering of more than one hundred and fifty officers including more than twenty lady comrades from all the banks of the area gathered at Rural SP Office. At 7.30 pm, a petition was submitted to ADSP requesting him to take quick action against the culprits. The Dist. Committee leaders of AIBOC also addressed the gathering in the presence of media personnel, who also have gathered there. Though a counter complaint was filed by the culprits, but the video clippings of the incident proved the culprits' barbaric act prima facie. The District Unit of the Confederation warned the authorities that in the absence of immediate action the protest would be escalated by closing down the branches in the District. Due to the pressure built up by our Unit, the police had to act immediately to arrest the culprits in 24 hours time irrespective of their political affiliations.

We thank Com. G. V. Manimaran, the Senior Vice President for giving immediate guidance and appreciate the swift and prompt action taken by the District Unit of Coimbatore under the leadership of Com. J. Vanangamudi and the unity reflected by members of all other Affiliates in joining the protest to protect its members. We expect such immediate actions are taken by all Affiliates/ State Committees etc. also, in case of any such untoward incidents and followed till the conclusive end. **UNQUOTE**

With comradely greetings,

Yours comradely,

(HARVINDER SINGH)
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