

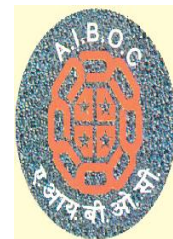
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Dear Comrades,

## **CALLOUS APPROACH OF THE DHANLAXMI BANK MANAGEMENT AIBOC LAUNCHES ANOTHER ROUND OF AGITATION IN KERALA**

We reproduce, hereunder, the contents of the Circular No. 2015/69 of date, on the captioned subject issued by Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary, AIBOC for your information and circulation among the members.

**QUOTE:** "As per the decision of the National Executive Committee which met at Ahmedabad on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, AIBOC has restarted the agitation against the Dhanalakshmi Bank Management which failed to honour the settlement reached in the presence of the Hon'ble Home Minister of Kerala. As our efforts failed to bring the Management for an amicable settlement on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 AIBOC organised a press conference at the Press Club at Trissur i.e. the day the board meeting of DLB was taking place at Trissur. It was made clear to the press that if the settlement arrived at in the presence of the Home Minister was not implemented by the Managing Director and the Board, we will be compelled to start an agitation under the banner of AIBOC. The Press Conference was addressed by Com. D.T. Franco, Senior Vice President of AIBOC, Com. V. Chidambara Kumar, Jt. General Secretary of AIBOC and President, Private Sector Officers Association, Com. Abraham Shaji John, Secretary AIBOC Kerala State Unit, Com. Paul Mundadan, General Secretary-Private Sector Officers Association and General Secretary Federal Bank Officers Federation and Com. Prasad, President AIBOC Trissur Dist Unit. All the Malayalam News Papers gave a wide coverage on 29<sup>th</sup> Sep 2015. These leaders also met Com. V.S. Achuthananthan, Leader of the opposition in Kerala Assembly after seeking his appointment. He was reminded that during the tripartite negotiation the Home Minister informed the participants that the negotiation was ordered by the Chief Minister as the issue was raised in the Assembly by the leader of the opposition. But unfortunately the decisions have not been implemented by the Management of Dhanlaxmi Bank though the Association has followed all the terms of the agreement on its part. We requested him to once again take up the matter with the Bank Management and with the Home Minister. He assured to take up the issue by writing a letter to the Home minister immediately. A demonstration was also organised on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in front of the venue for the General Body meeting of the Share Holders meeting of Dhanalakshmi Bank at Trissur. Large

number of members from various affiliates participated in the demonstration. The Management called the police to force the demonstrators to vacate the venue. Large number of police along with a commando force arrived at the Venue and requested that as there is no police permission we should vacate. But the huge Police force could not deter our comrades who continued with the demonstration. After half an hour of the demonstration the Police Inspector snatched away the mike and the mobile speaker. Despite that the demonstration continued. In order to avoid any direct conflict and at the request of police authorities the venue of the demonstration was shifted. The demonstrators reassembled and continued the demonstration in front of the head office of Dhanalakshmi Bank in the same vicinity. The demonstration was inaugurated by Com. D.T. Franco and addressed by Com. Abraham Shaji, Com. Chidambara Kumar Com. Paul Mandadan, Com. Jayakrishnan, General Secretary, SBT Officers Association (ABOA), Com. Gopikrishnan, President South Indian Bank Officers Association and many other leaders. The lady comrades were led by Com. Maymol Mathew, President, Catholic Syrian Bank Officers Association.

Management was not at rest inside the meeting hall also. We understand that many share holders on their own raised the issues of fraud in Dhanlaxmi Bank and Industrial Relations in the Bank in the share holders meeting. Management did not find comfortable in replying to the questions of the Share holders. Pamphlets were also distributed to the share holders and the public.

The State Committee of AIBOC Kerala met at South Indian Bank Officers Association office after that. Meeting was attended by Com. D.T. Franco and Com. V. Chidambara Kumar also apart from representatives of all affiliates. The participants thanked the AIBOC National Committee for its continued support and also appreciated the struggle of Dhanalakshmi Bank Officers Association which lasted for 33 days. After detailed deliberation the following decisions were taken.

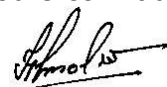
1. Immediately follow up with the Home Minister and the Central Trade Unions from Kerala to implement the understanding and bring a final settlement.
2. If the issue is not sorted out within 15 days the AIBOC should give a strike notice for two days in Kerala for which the notice has to be issued by AIBOC National Committee.
3. AIBOC should also announce one day nationwide strike
4. Immediately start correspondence with the Management, IBA, Human Rights Commission and UFBU for their intervention.

State Committee also decided a detailed programme for its implementation which will be separately circulated by them in due course."

**UNQUOTE**

With comradely greetings,

Yours comradely,



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