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To All Comrades

Sub: Our Organisation

In our Circular No. 06/2020 dated 24.03.2020, we dealt the situation prevailing in our country due to outbreak of Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19). Since midnight of 24th March itself, the whole country has been put into National Lockdown, initially till 14th April 2020 which subsequently extended upto 3rd May 2020 with an understanding that in some areas relaxation will be given from 20th April 2020 to be decided by respective State Governments. But it is for certain that the public transport will remain suspended till 3rd May 2020. Hence, there is no scope of restoring complete normalcy till the transport system starts operating.

Till today morning, in our country, 21403 people have been identified with Covid-19 positive out of which 681 died. With all factories and establishments; shops and restaurants closed; mining and construction job stopped, the workers particularly almost 10 crore migrant workers have been subjected to immeasurable misery with no food to eat; no money to pay rent; no shelter to stay. Lakhs of such migrant workers, out of frustration, started to trek hundreds of kilometers to their home only for survival. A lot many of them were intercepted by police; some could reach their homes even after walking more than thousand kilometers; some of these hapless workers died of starvation; heat and exhaustion on their way home. With closure of all activities through the length and breadth of the country; already fragile Indian economy, along with the entire world, is going to face a slow down with impact much bigger than demonetization and global financial crisis.

The bank employees of the country are performing their jobs in a precarious condition with risking their lives and that too without any acknowledgment from the Government. In this situation, when the entire nation was locked and spending days with great uncertainty, the Government of India obstinately pushed through their agenda of mega merger of 10 banks into 4. The economy of the country, we are certain, will be damaged further with this move of the Govt. which has been taken only with an ultimate aim of privatizing the PSBs. It is a pity that the bank employees' movement of the country as a whole could not put any resistance to the sinister move. Our beloved institution officially ceased to exist from 1st April 2020 as a result of merger.

We are having a vibrant organization with history of glorious achievements. With active participation of the members during its 40 years' of existence, UBIEU has proved itself to be a union with a difference. Though we did not have majority status in our Bank, but we remained a decisive force in any movement in the bank since our formation. We maintained internal democracy and freedom of speech within the organization. Present leadership of UBIEU is a wonderful admixture of young and experienced comrades, capable to cope with any situation.

As per our tradition, 2020 should have been the year of Conference of our 3-tier organization. Given the announcement on 30th Aug 2019 of mega merger, we did not take any decision for holding Conferences from our Representative Council Meeting held at Midnapore in Nov last. The meeting entrusted the CEC to take decision at appropriate time. After the merger, the CEC will meet to decide our course of action at earliest possible time once the pandemic is over.

Recently, we have gone through the merger of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda effected from 1st April 2019. There were organizations, affiliated to BEFI, in all three Banks. All India Conference of BEFI affiliated organization in the merged entity was held in Dec 2019. BEFI leadership is guiding the unions of the banks listed in mega merger for organization assimilation. Accordingly, a meeting of all India leadership of BEFI affiliated units of United Bank of India (UBIEU) and Punjab National Bank (PNBEFI, Punjab National Bank Employees Federation of India) was held. In line with experiences we had in Bank of Baroda, a preparatory committee of 10 members has been formed with 5 comrades each from both the unions. The committee will function with Joint Conveners; Com Sukhamay Sarkar (Working President, UBIEU) and Com Anupam Mitra (General Secretary, PNBEFI).

We are all aware that due to spreading of Covid-19 and National Lockdown, the administrative restructuring in the merged entity has been put on hold by the PNB management. It has been decided that the elected Committees of UBIEU will function normally. In case of meeting the bank managements, leaders/representatives of appropriate tiers of both UBIEU and PNBEFI will be present. Rest of the decisions will be implemented after restoration of normalcy. In the mean time, we request all to maintain contact with each other and extend all sort of cooperation to anybody in need.

With warm greetings,

Yours comradely,



(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)
General Secretary

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