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To All Members

Dear Comrades,

Reproduced hereunder the full text of Circular No. 21/2015 dated 26.06.2015, issued by BEFI, for your information.

With warm greetings,

Yours comradely,

(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)
General Secretary

Text of BEFI's Circular No. 21/2015 Dated 26.06.2015

Dear Comrades,

Central Committee Meeting

The newly elected Central Committee (CC) of our Federation had its first meeting in Guwahati on 21st and 22nd June 2015. The meeting was preceded by a **General Body** meeting organized by our unit in North East Region (NER). More than 600 members from different centres of NER participated in the meeting that commenced at 11-00 A.M. on Sunday, 21st June 2015. Such a big mobilization on Sunday forenoon reflects the preparatory work undertaken by the host unit as also the support they enjoy from the general bank employees, our members in particular.

Introductory address in the General Body was given by Com. Dinesh Kakati, General Secretary of our NER unit. Speakers on the occasion were Com. Satanjib Das, Joint Convenor, Joint Council of Trade Unions (Assam), Com.A. Sayeed Khan, Secretary General, AIRRBEA and the undersigned. All the speakers highlighted the background under which the call for **All India General Strike on 2nd September 2015** has been given from National Convention of Central Trade Unions held on 26th May 2015 in New Delhi and the campaign that has to be unleashed with all vigour for success of the General Strike. Various aspects of the recently concluded 10th BP settlement and the developments in the RRB sector were also reported in the meeting.

The CC discussed various aspects of the 10th BP settlement and appreciated the role played by our Federation in concluding the settlement which, certain shortcomings notwithstanding, bears several positive features. CC decided that all our affiliates at every level should take initiative to explain to our members all these aspects as discussed in our CC, mentioned in our circulars as also referred in our booklet on 10th BP, to word off any confusion amongst our members and with conviction. CC strongly expressed that the issues of the retirees have to be vigorously followed up at appropriate levels for early redressal.

During the course of discussion on **developments in the banking sector**, CC expressed concern at the alarming growth of NPAs, looming danger of privatisation and merger of public sector banks, increase in outsourcing and contractualisation of normal banking work. CC took note of the growing strength of informal workers in the industry and emphasised on our task to organise them. The meeting congratulated our Kerala Unit for accomplishing this task recently. CC expressed anguish over discrimination by Central Government in the matter of capital infusion to public sector banks as also on the changes made by IBPS in the method of holding exams that will keep away the educated unemployed from rural areas from the recruitment process.

Developments in the RRB sector were also discussed in the CC meeting. CC extended full support to the strike call given by United Forum of RRB Unions to be observed in RRB Sector on 30th June 2015 against amendment of RRB Act.

CC also took stock of the situation prevailing in the Cooperative Banking Sector. CC expressed serious concern at the contemplated dismantling of 93000 PACS which, in turn, is likely to make more than 2 lacs workforce in the sector redundant. CC expressed agony over the closing down of some Urban Cooperative banks in the State of West Bengal.

In the backdrop of the discussions, as aforesaid, the CC decided to launch country-wide campaign against the banking sector reforms by holding extensive meetings of different forums of organization at bank and state level during the month of July 2015 and to observe the following programme.

All India Day to be observed on **20th / 21st July 2015** demanding **Save Public Sector Banks** commemorating 47th Bank Nationalization Day by holding seminars, rallies, demonstrations and press meets in all major centres. CC also decided to publish a booklet on the banking sector reforms on this occasion.

On **21st August 2015** demonstration/processions in all State capitals (date may be suitably adjusted depending upon joint programme with Central Trade Unions in respective arrears).

Our campaign against banking reforms has to be intertwined with preparations for success of **All India General Strike on 2nd September 2015**. Our campaign against the reforms will continue even thereafter details of which will be intimated later separately.

On holding of **Conference of State Units**, CC noted that Conferences of some State Units have become overdue and advised the Units concerned to hold their Conferences within September 2015.

CC requested all State Units that collection for **Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund** should be completed immediately. Incidentally, we have already remitted Rs.10,00,000/- from our central fund to our fraternal organization in Nepal who are deeply involved in relief work amongst Earthquake victims.

CC ratified the decision of our Office Bearers for collection of **levy @4%** on net arrears (after deduction for contribution to PF/NPS, income tax and professional tax, if there be any) received by a member. CC has advised all State Units and bank-wise unions to take effective initiative for collection of the levy without any further delay as payment of arrears has already commenced in some banks.

CC has reconstituted the **BEFI-News Sub-Committee** with Com. Jayanta Ray as Convenor; other members of the Sub-Committee are Com. Pranab Chaudhury, Com. Chiranjit Ghosh, Com. Alok Das, Com. Tridib Ghosh, Com. Somnath Dasgupta, Com. Panchu Gopal Mondal, Com. Rana Mitra, one from Gramin Bank and Com. Joydeb Dasgupta, Ex-officio.


CC also decided to reconstitute the **Cooperative Banking Sector Sub-Committee**. State units are requested to intimate the names of the Comrades, based on their existing strength of representatives in the sub-committee, at the earliest.

CC decided to co-opt Com. Kalyani Chakrabarti, Convenor, Women Sub-Committee as its members.

Reporting on the CC meeting will be incomplete without an appreciative mention about the beautiful arrangement made by BEF-NER, host unit, for successful conduct of the CC meeting. CC extended thanks to all the members and activists of BEF NER for the encouraging response demonstrated by them in holding the General Body meeting preceding our CC meeting.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,


(PRADIP BISWAS)
GENERAL SECRETARY