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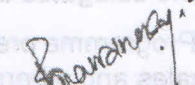
To All Members

Dear Comrades,

Reproduced hereunder the full text of two (2) Circulars, No.34/2017 dated 21.12.2017 & 35/2017 dated 22.12.2017 respectively, issued by Bank Employees Federation of India, for your information.

With warm greetings,

Yours comradely,


(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)

General Secretary

Text of Circular No.34/2017 dt. 21.12.2017

Dear Comrade

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION OF WOMEN BANK EMPLOYEES ENDS WITH STUPENDOUS SUCCESS

3rd National Convention of Women Bank Employees successfully held in Chennai on 17th and 18th of December, 2017 under the auspices of our Federation. The venue of the convention was named as Com. Sukomal Sen Nagar and the auditorium was dedicated to the memory of Com. Naresh Paul, the pioneer of bank employees movement of the country on the occasion of his birth centenary year.

Delegates numbering around three hundred assembled near the statue of Baba Saheb Ambedkar at around 9-00 A.M on 17th and after garlanding the statue all the delegate took oath to fight for gender equality, protection for rights at work place, eradication of all sorts of atrocities on women, defending public sectors banks et.al. Then a colourful procession winded its way through several streets in the area and reached the venue where Red Flag of BEFI was hoisted by Com. J. Guria, Vice President of BEFI and floral tributes were offered to martyrs column by leaders of BEFI and other fraternal organisations.

The Inaugural Session was presided over by Com. J. Guria, Vice President of our Federation. Welcome address was delivered by Com. P. Suganthi, Chairperson of The Reception Committee and General Secretary of AIDWA-TN. Com. MSN Rao, Com. V. R. Nair, both former Vice Presidents of our Federation and Com. A. Rengarajan, former General Secretary

of our Tamilnadu Unit were felicitated on behalf of the Reception Committee.

Convention was inaugurated by Com. Mariam Dhawale, General Secretary, AIDWA. In her attractive inaugural address, Mariam expressed anguish over the growing incidents of atrocities on women in various parts of the country. She called upon the women bank employees to come forward and play effective role against the anti-people policies of the BJP government at the centre. The inaugural session was also addressed by Com. C. J. Nandakumar, President, BEFI, Ms. Rohini, Film Artist and Social Activist, Prof. Kalpana Karunakaran of IIT Chennai. The Session was also greeted by Com. B. Vijayal, AIBEA, Com. S. Santhi, AIBOC and representatives from other fraternal organisations. Vote of thanks was extended by Com. S. Premalatha, Secretary, Reception Committee.

The Delegate Session commenced at 3-00 P.M. on the same day after formation of the Presidium with members of outgoing Sub-Committee headed by Com. J. Guria, General Report and Works Report on activities of affiliated units of BEFI was presented by Com. Kalyani Chakrabarti, outgoing Convenor. Com. K. Krishnan, Secretary of our Federation, greeted the delegates and highlighted on how women become victims of superstitions.

Cultural Programme presented at the close of 1st day's session was highly appreciated by all Delegates and others present.

41 delegates, majority of whom were new entrants in the industry, spoke on the reports. Com. C. P. Krishnan, Joint Secretary of our Federation and General Secretary of our Tamilnadu State Unit made a power point presentation on FRDI Bill. The Reports and Resolutions (1) Demanding 33% Reservation for Women in Parliament and State Assembly, (2) Against atrocities of Women, (3) Against Anti-people Banking Reforms, (4) Against Anti-people policies of the Government, (5) On demands of women bank employees were adopted unanimously. After completion of discussions, Com. Pradip Biswas, General Secretary, BEFI, addressed the Convention and highlighted the situation the banking industry is passing through and the role to be played by the women employees whose number has considerably increased in recent period after a gap of more than two decades when there was no recruitment in the industry.

Most encouraging feature of the Convention was participation of young women who were almost 50% of the total strength of Delegates. Now the onus is on the leadership of state Federations particularly the bank wise Unions to nurse them persistently to bring them up to the leadership level.

A 27 member new Sub-Committee has been elected with Com. Nupur Roy as new Convenor. Convention ended with slogans expressing vow to carry forward the struggle for gender equality, protection of women's rights at work place and continue to remain part of country's working class movement.

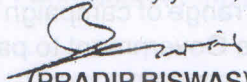
Comrades, the Reception Committee for 3rd National Convention of Women bank employees have done a commendable job in all fields to make the Convention a memorable one. Right from receiving of delegates on their arrival at railway station and airport, taking them to respective places of accommodation, food arrangement and again dropping them at airport/

railway station for departures, was all neatly done in a planned manner. We will be failing in our responsibility if we do not mention the tireless work for past several months done by all the members of the Reception Committee and its volunteers. Our sincere thanks to them all.

The message of the Convention is to move forward with determination for gender equality, protection of women's rights at all work places and to rouse the voice of all bank employees and common men against the impending danger of FRDI Bill.

With greetings,

Comradely yours,


(PRADIP BISWAS)
GENERAL SECRETARY

Text of Circular No.35/2017 dt. 22.12.2017

Dear Comrade

Office Bearers Meeting

Our Office Bearers met in Chennai on 17.12.2017. The meeting was presided over by Com. C. J. Nandakuamar, our President.

The Office Bearers took stock of the prevailing situation of the offensives being perpetrated by the present regime at the Centre, latest manifestation of which has been the presentation of Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill (FRDI) 2017 in the Parliament. The bill is now under consideration of the Joint Parliamentary Committee and the Committee's request seeking time for submission of the report by last day of the ensuing Budget Session of the Parliament has been approved in the ongoing Session of Lok Sabha.

The bill, if passed, will have disastrous effect on the basic structure of public sector banking of our country and will pose serious threat to the safety and security of people's hard earned savings kept as deposit, major portion of which is under the custody of public sector banks (PSBs).

The Office Bearers while discussing on **campaign against privatisation and merger of PSBs**, decided that all our state units have to take the initiative for holding state level meetings of UFBU, if not held already, and move for collecting signatures of all sections of bank employees as also from common people on the format prepared by UFBU (already sent to units). While organising signature campaign among the common people, state units should chalk out plan to hold street camps during the first fortnight of January next, which should culminate in state level central programme in all **state capitals** by holding **day long Dharna on 24th January 2018 at the call of BEFI.**

The Office Bearers took note of the reactions and agony expressed by common depositors over the safety of their hard earned savings kept in the banks. In order to ward off such sense of anxiety among the common depositors, the Office Bearers decided that we have to be **on the streets** to reach all sections of the depositors and other clientele of banks and to propagate amongst them the role played by the united movement of bank employees in defense of PSBs under the banner of UFBU and to seek their support to strengthen bank employees movement and raise voice against FRDI Bill that will ensure the safety of their bank deposits.

Comrades, Lok Sabha has allowed extension of time for the Joint Parliamentary Committee to submit its report and during this period we have to mount our pressure by unleashing wide range of campaign through collection of signatures in a massive way so that the move of the Government to pass the pernicious FRDI Bill can be defeated.

On **Naresh Paul Birth Centenary Celebration**, the meeting decided that all state Federations and bank-wise affiliates have to complete all their programmes in celebration of Com. Naresh Paul Birth Centenary within March 2018.

Office Bearers decided that next **Trade Union Workshop** for Southern and Western States covering Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telengana, Maharashtra and Gujarat will be held in **Bengaluru on 10-11th February 2018**.

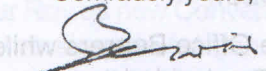
Workshop for Hindi speaking states will be held in Patna, Bihar in the month of **March 2018**. Exact time schedule will be communicated later in consultation with our concerned host units.

The meeting was appraised of encouraging experience of the first such workshop held in Kolkata in the month of August this year for Eastern India States as informed earlier. These workshops are being organised as part of our central programme commemorating the Birth Centenary of Com. Naresh Paul and exclusively for the new entrants in the industry during last one decade.

The meeting requested all state Federations/bank-wise Units to immediately clear their dues for **BEFI-News**.

With greetings,

Comradely yours,



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GENERAL SECRETARY

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