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To:

ALL UNITS / STATE COMMITTEES



**COM SURESH DATTARAYA DHOPEHWARKAR
A LIVING LINK BETWEEN THE PAST AND THE PRESENT
LEFT US FOR EVER**

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Com. S. D. Dhopeswarkar, affectionately called as “**Com. Dhope**” by the workforce in our Industry in the State of Maharashtra breathed his last on **8th April, 2023** at **11.45 AM** at **Dadar Mumbai**. He was hailing from a humble family and learnt to earn at the early youthful years.

2. **Com. Dhope**, joined the **MAHABANK** in the year **1962** and continued as an award staff till his retirement from the bank. His contributions to the general trade union movement in general and bank trade union movement in particular were significant and also noteworthy. He was the first workmen director appointed by the Government of India in the 1972 along with the stalwarts of the AIBEA. He won the appreciation of the Executives of the Bank during his tenure and also after superannuating from the Bank for

his telescopic approach of whole system revolving around the economics coupled with Finance. He rose step by step in the trade union representing the workforce in the **Bank**, in the **State** and in the **ALL INDIA LEVEL**. His in depth analysis of the impact of the technology along with late Com. D.P. Chadha made the introduction of computerization in the Industry very much balanced one. Standing to share the responsibilities along with leaders of the Industry at the time of **signing the MOU** with a fractured hand on **20th May 1993** for introduction of Pension in lieu of Provident Fund was unique and remarkable.

3. Com. Dhope, was the one, who had tremendous patience in facing the crisis- ridden situation in MAHABANK and the initiatives taken to present the collective submission of constructive and workable solution before TAMBE Committee was too worth-mentioning thereby pushing back the proposal of merger of the Bank alongwith the New Bank of India in the 1993. **TODAY MAHABANK WORKFORCE IS INDEBTED TO HIM FOR THE TIMELY INTERVENTION MADE THREE DECADES BACK AND SECURED THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE BANK.**

4. Com. Dhope, was known for nurturing the **Gen-Next** in the **Maha-bank** and also in the **MSBEF** developed the leadership to shoulder the responsibilities in the trade unions. He was firm in his approach and demonstrated to all co-workers that **he was absolutely a common man** in the **uncommon atmosphere** prevailing in the **social and trade union environment**. He was a game changer in his conduct and approach. He was a unifier of all sections of the society, that is why he adorned the position of the President of Annapurna Mahila Mandal Mumbai and Annapurna Parivar Pune. He was a teacher for many of the bank men.

AIBOA has lost a friend, guide and a philosopher. Com.Dhope, has left behind two fine daughters in his family and scores of followers and admirers.

**AIBOA dips its banner in the memory of Com. S.D.Dhopeswarkar,
the noble son of Mother India.**


Yours in grief,



**S. NAGARAJAN
GENERAL SECRETARY**

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**(Suresha Hegde S.)
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