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Sir,

Reg: Retracing of the statement made in Electronic Media on 07.03.2020

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We send herewith our refutal pertaining to the statement made by your news reader on 07/03/2020 pertaining to the Private Sector Banks and its existence.

2. Our press statement may please be given due weightage and urge upon you to retrace the expressions already made by your representative in the electronic media.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours comradely,

S. NAGARAJAN
GENERAL SECRETARY

PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY COM.S.NAGARAJAN,
GENERAL SECRETARY, ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION:
AIBOA'S STRONG RESENTMENT ABOUT THE INCORRECT ASSESSMENT
IN ELECTRONIC MEDIA
REJECT THE BIASED INFORMATION ABOUT
THE OLD GENERATION PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS:

Our attention has been drawn to a News appeared in the Electronic Media (INDIA TODAY) on 07.03.2020 about the health of the Private Sector Banks in our Country. As the coverage suffers from serious flaws from the ground realities, AIBOA, deem fit to place it on records the history and also the origin leading to the present crisis of confidence in the New Generation Private Sector Banks.

2. The new generation private sector Banks are: **1. ICICI. 2. Global Trust Bank, 3. Axis Bank, 4. HDFC, and 5. Yes Bank.** In our considered opinion, the Institutional Leaders

of the Banks are directly responsible for the present health conditions. The individuals have used, abused and misused their powers in dealing with the Institutions. As on date Ms.ChandaKochar's involvement in doling out money to bail out Shri Venugopal Dhoot, a businessman and peoples representative in the Rajya Sabha was a well known fact. Mr. Ramesh Galli, a PADMA Awardee, founder of **Global Trust Bank**, virtually killed that Bank and the bad debts of the bank was adjusted through a merger with Oriental Bank of Commerce,a Bank headquartered at Delhi. Now, Yes Bank founder Mr.Rana Kapoor involved in murky deals bringing down the reputation of the Banking Fraternity.


3. On the contrary, the old generation Private Sector Banks have conducted themselves with care and cautious approach. **Catholic Syrian Bank**, a kerala based bank, foreign investor have evidenced their interest to take control of the management through their capital contribution. **J&K bank**, though claimed to be private sector bank, a misnomer, still to develop the J&K state its contribution is immense and timely. Attempts were repeatedly made to cobble up **Karnataka Bank** by the New Generation Private Bank, but they could not succeed because of the number of small shareholders in maintaining the present Status in the old generation group of Banks.

4. History reveals that all the Public Sector Banks when they were Nationalised, were in private hands. Regional Developments were linked to the small and tiny steps taken by individuals having the nationalist fervour. Banks were/are the living links with the growth of the development of a region and also the respective community.

5. With heavy capital adequacy ratio too, Asian tigers failed to float. Too Big to fail theory also got punctured. Global meltdown in 2008 due to 158 years old financial Institution collapse is a lesson to learn. On the otherwise old generation private sector Banks in our Country are careful in trading activities more that it is direct connect with People.

6. Controller of the Banking System as well as the Chief Economic Advisor to Government of India have correctly disqualified the electronic media coverage and extended total support to the time tested old generation Private Sector Banks in full measure. Our sincere thanks to the Authorities for their timely intervention.

AIBOA demands INDIA TODAY TV to make retracing the statement made by their representatives immediately


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