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TO

ALL UNITS / STATE COMMITTEES

Comrades,

**SAVE GEN - NEXT FROM THE JOB LOSSES.
RESIST AND REPULSE BACK ON GOVERNMENT'S MOVES ON
DENATIONALISATION OF PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS.**

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The Government at the Centre had earlier moved the Bill on Privatisation of Insurance Sector as a whole, though mentioned in the budget Speech that there were to do **only one insurance Company**. The protest was made on the floor of the Parliament and the result was suspension of twelve elected representatives in the last session. The print media carried the message, recently, that the **United India may be first up for sell off in the general Insurance Space**.

2. In the new economic policy pronouncements, it was made clear that the owner would like to retain four banks in Public Sector and rest them would be merged or closed or privatized. Accordingly, right from 2016, we had witnessed merger of 5 Associate Banks with Global Bank-SBI. In 2019, Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank were merged with Bank of Baroda bypassing the provisions Banking Regulation Act 1972/1980 as well as the temple of democracy having elected peoples' representatives. We had experienced further merger of 6 more banks with four banks. **Thus, as on date, we have 11 Public Sector Banks besides the Global Bank-SBI.**

3. On the forced merger of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda with effect from 1.04.2019, it was only our Organisation which has sought the Judicial intervention from Apex Court of our Nation. **The Apex Court direction to the Government to file the reply 11th March 2019 is yet to be complied with.**

4. In the first week of **June 2022**, the promoter of Catholic Syrian Bank, who refused to give wage revision on the lines of the industry level agreements, in spite of observing 13 days strike by the workforce, offered to take over the IDBI Bank stipulating certain conditions like LIC should remain with IDBI for five years period etc. The road shows in abroad are already underway to sell IDBI.

5. The promoter of Catholic Syrian Bank, was the one who gave call openly the Government of India should come out of the Public Sector Banks within six months and handover the Banks to the private owners.

6. Though there was a budget pronouncement that in addition to IDBI Bank privatization, two public sector Banks will also be privatized. The banking workforce observed two days strike in December 2021, expecting the said bill would be placed for adoption. The Government remained non-committal and **GEN - NEXT** performed their role in a fine manner. Hats off to them.

7. Now, the environment, after the five States election, is providing sufficient relief to the owner of the Financial System. The recent development in the Financial Capital of the Country is emboldening to carry forward the process of reforms, which are directly affecting the common masses of the Country.

8. Launching the 75 Digital Banking Units in the banking sector covering all Scheduled Commercial Banks except RRBs, Local Area and Payments Banks shall directly affect the employment generation and also retention of the existing workforce in our Industry. **The recent announcement by the Global Bank (SBI) of establishing / delinking the operational banking from the main banking activities is another twist in promoting contract employment culture in our industry.**

9. The current session which is expected to commence the business from third week of July 2022 is expected to witness a new twist in the matter of retention of ownership in the Public Sector Banks. The names of the two banks already shortlisted by NITIAAYOG may be the privatization candidates in the Banking Sector to begin with and ultimately the rest of the four may too follow suit either in one go or in stages before 2024.

10. Comrades, with the present initiatives of Digital India, delinking operational banking from the main banking activities and initiation of privatization/denationalization of public sector Banks will certainly endanger the job retentions and untimely exist of GEN NEXT from the Financial Industry is the stark reality.

11. **GEN- NEXT, Comrades, get ready for the struggles, prolonged struggles to resist and repulse the moves of the Government in dismantling the Public Sector Banks.**

UNITY, STRUGGLE AND PROGRESS OUR WATCHWORD

Yours comradely,



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