



Circular Letter No. 07/2017

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Kodialbail, Mangalore -3

Date : 16.08.2017

Dear Members,

**MARCH FORWARD - ALL INDIA BANK STRIKE - 22.08.2017
- MAKE IT A GRAND SUCCESS!!**

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Members were informed about the All India strike call given by the UFBU on the 22nd August, 2017 through various circulars issued by our apex associations – AIBEA and AIBOA. The Central Committee of our apex organisations, which met on 8th and 9th and 12th and 13th August, 2017 at Delhi and Bengaluru respectively further reiterated and reinforced its resolve to implement the strike call with full strength and vigor.

Comrades are aware of the attacks unleashed by the Central Govt. by way of mergers and consolidation and under the pretext of so called banking sector reforms. Emboldened after the merger of five Associate Banks with the SBI, the Government is pushing through its anti-people agenda of banking reforms very aggressively unmindful of the opposition and protests of bank employees and officers under the banner of UFBU. Therefore, it is high time to plunge into direct action to repulse and reverse these pernicious policies and to save the Banking industry. Moreover the Government is now making an attempt to push through so called Labour reforms which is utterly anti-worker in nature. The NPA menace is continuing unabated and the measures to arrest and contain it are only half-hearted and betray its lack of will to pursue the matter strongly.

The issues of strike have been already circulated. However, we once again furnish here below the main demands for the information and guidance of our members:

1. Stop plans of mergers and consolidation of Banks.
2. Do not write off corporate Non-Performing Assets (NPAs).
3. Declare willful default of Bank loans as criminal offence.
4. Ensure accountability of Top Management/Executives for bad loans and put in place stringent measures to recover bad loans.

5. Settle issues of employees' and officers connected to demonetization scheme.
6. Removal of Gratuity ceiling under payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and total exemption of Income Tax on Gratuity and Leave Encashment on retirement.
7. Pension related issues of improvement in Pension Scheme similar to RBI/Central Government including for past retirees – extension of erstwhile Pension Scheme in banks in lieu of NPS.

Comrades, posters containing the strike issues have been already dispatched. **Please go through the demands thoroughly and participate in the All India Strike Programme on the 22nd August, 2017 in full strength and make it a resounding success!!** Let us join the 10 lakhs strong bank employees and officers on that day as a proud contingent of AIKBEA and KBOO.

With fighting greetings,

Yours comrdely,

Sd/-
(P.R. Karanth)
GENERAL SECRETARY, AIKBEA

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(K.Raghava)
GENERAL SECRETARY, KBOO

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