

# ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' CONFEDERATION

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State Bank Buildings, St. Mark's Road, Bangalore – 560 001

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**CIRCULAR NO.71**

**16<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

**TO ALL AFFILIATES/MEMBERS:**

**MAKE THUNDEROUS SUCCESS OF  
2 DAYS' STRIKE ON 22<sup>ND</sup> AND 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2012  
RANK AND FILE ACROSS THE COUNTRY GETTING READY IN FULL SWING  
WORKING COMMITTEE EXHORTS ALL OUR AFFILIATES AND STATE UNITS  
TO GEAR UP**

Comrades, the Working Committee which met on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 at Mumbai had an occasion to deliberate on the 2 days' strike on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2012; the preparation all over the country by our State Units and the affiliates. The members were enthusiastic about the preparations and confirmed that the rank and file across the country are very much in readiness to put through the strike in total. The issues that are listed for the strike are dear to each and every one and in particular, in protecting the interest of the Public Sector Banks and also the Old Generation Private Sector banks for the service of the common man in the country. The Government has not bothered to respond to our appeal to withdraw the amendments proposed to the Banking Regulation Act with a view to open up the industry to the private sector. The meetings which took place both with the CLC as well as the Indian Banks' Association subsequently with a view to workout a solution have failed to resolve the issues raised by us and declared that they would refer our view points to the Government for their consideration to avert the strike.

**2.** Even after a considerable time since the meeting took place between the representatives of the United Forum of Bank Unions and the officials of the Indian Banks' Association, we have not heard any decision of withdrawing the proposed amendments by the Government. It is in this background, the members were of the unanimous view that the strike should be put through and we must make it a thunderous success all over the country. The affiliates have already kept their members apprised of these developments and the preparations have been made in full swing.

**3.** The Working Committee after detailed deliberations has unanimously decided as under:-

- **IBA Remains Unresponsive – Continue the Struggle.**

- **All India Strike on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2012.**
- **Be Ready for Instant Strike Against Banking Law Amendment Bill**

**4.** The leadership of the State Units under the guidance of the senior leaders of the affiliates should ensure implementation of all the programmes including 2 days strike on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012. The details are as follows:-

1. Demonstrations, Rallies, Processions in all centres/stations / branches all over the country on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2012.
2. Two days' strike on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2012.
3. To print and distribute the posters to be displayed by the branches and the District Head Quarters etc., (Enclosed)

**5.** All our State Units also should send us a detail report of the strike performance and keep the head quarters advised from time to time.

**6.** In the meanwhile, the Central Labour Commissioner has invited the leaders of UFBU for a Conciliation Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2012 at 11:00 a.m at Delhi. The call of the Labour Commissioner appears to have been given with an intention to scuttle the strike action. There is no positive response either from the IBA or the Government. No fruitful outcome is expected from the Conciliation Meeting. Hence, the UFBU has decided to go ahead with full steam to put through the strike action slated for 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2012.

**7.** Comrades, the issues that have been raised in connection with the strike action are dear to all of us. We have a responsibility to protect and defend the present banking industry to continue our service to the millions and millions of the people who are still in need of banking services in every nook and corner of the country. Please rally round the organization and be prepared for a greater sacrifice in the days to come.

With revolutionary greetings,

**(D.S.RISHABADAS)**

**GENERAL SECRETARY**

