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All Affiliates/State units/Members,

Dear Comrades,

GOOD GOVERNANCE –MERE WORDS ! REPRESENTATION TO PMO-PROVES FUTILE

Our members are aware that there has been an inordinate delay in appointment of Officer Nominee Directors on the boards of various public sector banks. The matter has continuously been pursued by us through various fora. The matter being of utmost importance for the effective governance of the Bank Boards had been included in our Strike calls dated 11.12.2015 and in subsequent strike calls. Despite various assurances given in the conciliation meetings, there seemed no change in the status. We, therefore, represented to the highest authority, the Hon'ble Prime Minister vide our letter No. 2016/123 dated 03.10.2016. The representation was sent through mail as well as was delivered by hand to the PMO office and was duly acknowledged and were given the grievance registration number DEABD/E/2016/13576. On enquiring the status on Centralised Public Grievance Redress Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal maintained by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances on 8th November, 2016, we were totally dismayed to find that the case has been CLOSED, quoting the detail as **"The proposals for Officer Employee Directors received from respective Public Sector Banks have already been sent to DoPT for obtaining the approval of Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. However, the same are still awaited."**

Surprised by such a lukewarm response, we immediately sent our feedback as follows:

"We are really shocked to know the status of our Representation No. PMOPG/E/2016/036627 has been closed. Our grievances addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister vide our letter No. 2016/123 dated 03.10.2016 regarding DEFICIENCY IN GOVERNANCE OF PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS – A SERIOUS THREAT, UNDUE DELAY IN APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR ON THE BOARDS OF NATIONALIZED BANKS. If more than one month is taken in getting the status of the issue, it is highly unsatisfactory on the part of such a high office. However, for your information, we have always been informed by Officials of DFS and DOPT (unofficially) that the files are pending at PM office only. We, therefore, request you to re-open our grievance for an early resolution."

We were once again advised that the case has been closed on 25.11.16. The status advised was a mere repetition of the earlier advice as **"The proposals for appointment of Officer Employee Directors received from respective Public Sector Banks have already been sent to DoPT for obtaining the approval of Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. However, the same are still awaited."**

It is really astonishing, disappointing and unexpected on the part of the Government which boasts of its efficiency and maximum governance. We immediately sent the feedback as follows: **"It is really surprising that instead of resolving the issue of substance and relating to Governance of the Banks, only Status is being told. Is DOPT supposed to take more than one year for obtaining the approval of Appointments Committee of Cabinet !Sorry to say that it reflect very badly on the functioning of the Government."**

We really wish that some lessons may be learnt from us - the Bank officials, who in Prime Minister's own words have accomplished a task equivalent of one year in a short time of 10-15 days at the call of Government for the demonetization drive. And we feel proud that this is not the first instance that we have proved our mettle in achieving big targets in implementing various Government polices like Prime Minister Jan DhanYojana or Mudra Loan etc. in record time. In sharp contrast, the system followed in PMO raises many questions about its effectiveness. Is this the efficiency of the highest political office for which many tall claims are being made! The question is not only of appointment of few individuals but is also the issue of good governance for which the 'Banks Board Bureau' was specially formed. It's a matter of maintaining sanctity of Banking Regulation Act, a subordinate law of our constitution. It is also a matter of importance of representation of the most trusted and admired workforce of the Banking industry, which is known for its positive approach and contribution in decision making of the Banks.

We really hope that the 'Good Governance' does not remain to be juglary of words only but translate into real actions !

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely Yours,



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