

ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' CONFEDERATION

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All Affiliates/State committees/Members

Dear Comrades,

PUNJAB STATE COMMITTEE (AIBOC) ORGANISES STATE CONFERENCE AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

A State level conference of members was organized on 13th October 2016 at Patiala, under the banner of All India Bank Officers' Confederation (Punjab State) in which more than 700 Bank Officers from different Banks from all over the State participated. Your General Secretary was the Chief Guest. The State Conference was organized at such a large level within one year of the formation of the State Unit.

The meeting was attended by leaders from Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh from various Banks. Prominent among those present included Com Deepak Sharma, President SBIOA, Chandigarh Circle & Secretary AIBOC Chandigarh, Com.(Dr.) Rakesh Sood, President AIBOC Chandigarh & General Secretary Bank of India Officers' Association, North West Unit, Com Jagjit Singh from PNB, President AIBOC, Punjab, Com Vijender Thargatia, DGS, SBIOA Chandigarh Circle, Com Sanjay Sharma, Com Harinder Gupta, Com Harshvinder Singh, Com S. P. Singh from Canara Bank, Com J. P. Gupta, Com. G. S. Dhillon, Com Lajpat Goyal, Com. S. K. Malik, Com. Harvinder Singh, Com. Binay Sinha, Com. Rakesh Garg, Com. Amrik Singh, Com. Sandeep Bhardwaj, Com. Naval Mahajan, Com. Brij Lal, Com. Tarun Kumar, Com. Harbagh Singh and Com. Arun Sikka, Com. Davinder Gupta, Com. Varinder Takyar, Com. Nirpal Singh, Com. Rakesh Kumar, Com. Ankur Mittal, Com J. S. Mangat, Com. S. Bhalla and Com. Gurmukh Singh.

The Conference started with lighting of lamp by leaders present on the Dias. Thereafter, two veteran Trade Union Leaders and Former Secretaries of AIBOC (Punjab) Shri B.C. Bassi and Shri Amar Singh were honoured by the undersigned.

Com. Rajiv Sirhindi while welcoming the distinguished guests, members from various Affiliates and other dignitaries, elaborated the work done by the State Unit of AIBOC (Punjab) since its reconstitution in December, 2015 including completion of formation of four District Committees and formation in remaining districts being under process apart from successfully implementing all the programmes advised by AIBOC (Central).

Com. Chaman Lal Singla, Joint General Secretary of AIBOC, in his address said that though AIBOC is not in favour of merger/acquisition of Public Sector Banks but the impending merger of State Bank of India with its Associates is just a family reunion. He demanded creation of Local Head Office at Patiala in addition to Chandigarh post merger to cater the specific need of the people of Punjab. While applauding the work done by the State unit of AIBOC for organizing meetings of Bank Officers from time to time, he stressed the need for pension updation, preparation of charter of demands for XIth Bipartite Settlement (BPS) based on 7th Pay Commission, reckoning of special allowance given in the Xth BPS for retiral benefits and need for a 'Protection Policy' for officers being deputed for recovery of Banks' dues

The undersigned in his keynote address, gave a brief account of the unacceptable designs of the Government in the formation of Banks Board Bureau, the intended BIC and the hyper publicized Indradhanush – all with ulterior motive – to invite private players into Public Sector Banks' Boards as Chairmen, to suffocate the PSBs for capital; drive them to market for capital and ultimately reduce Government equity to less than 51%. It was advised that to stall these ill-designs, AIBOC has launched "Save Public Sector" campaign. The crucial role played by the Public Sector Banks in taking care of the needy section of the country, development of its infrastructure through credit dispensation thus contributing to growth of the country was highlighted. While elaborating the role of AIBOC for the past many decades in the service and welfare of the society, it was assured that AIBOC will continue to fight for the welfare of Bank Officers also, who are working under tremendous stress due to changed scenario of Public Sector Banks. It was reiterated that AIBOC resolves to fight for a respectable increase in the wages of Bank Officers and the Charter of demands will take heed of the sentiments of members. The following points were elaborated to the satisfaction of members present in the meet:

- a) 11th Bipartite Settlement- Charter of demands
- b) Wage Revision vis a vis 7th Pay Commission
- c) Updation of Pension on each settlement- D.A. Neutralization for pre 2002 Retirees
- d) Merger & Consolidation of Public Sector Banks
- e) Local Head Office at Patiala post merger of Associate Banks with SBI
- f) Increase in NPA of Public Sector Banks
- g) Need to form Stringent Laws for recovery of Bank's Dues by Government of India
- h) Medical Insurance Scheme to be implemented in true spirit
- i) No Officer is required to work beyond specified working hours
- j) Residual Issues of Xth Bipartite Settlement
- k) Recent Developments in the Banking Industry
- l) March to Parliament on 9th August, 2016- Save Public Sector Campaign
- m) Strike call given for 2nd Sept., 16 - withdrawal by AIBOC in view of agreement reached before CLC and assurance of amicable solution of demands of Bank officers

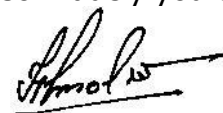
Com D.P.S. Chhabra, General Secretary, State Bank of India Officers' Association, Chandigarh Circle assured to extend a warm welcome to their colleagues working in Associate Banks after merger which is only a technical merger. He supported the demand of a separate Local Head Office for Punjab along with existing Chandigarh Circle.

Comrades, this was the first of its kind "Officers' Meet" in which the queries of Officers present were replied directly. A press conference was also held well before the start of Meet wherein various issues of Bank Officers and activities of AIBOC were highlighted. The event was very well covered by print & electronic media of Punjab. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Com. Charanjit Singh, President ABOA, Unit SBP."

We convey our heartiest congratulation to the Punjab State Committee for conducting such a wonderful meeting as well as the Press Meet with remarkable discipline and for the zeal and energy of the participating members in making the conference a memorable one.

With warm greetings,

Comradely yours,



(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY