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Dear Comrades,

## **AGITATIONAL PROGRAMME** **DHARNAS/RALLIES/DEMONSTRATIONS ON 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014** **ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE STRUGGLE PROGRAMME**

Comrades, once again we convey our salutation for successful completion of another milestone of the struggle programme in an unprecedented manner. Our fraternity has once again proved their militancy, solidarity and commitment to the common cause. We have received reports from all corners of the country and the zeal and enthusiasm reflected are very encouraging and heartwarming. Reports have been received from following cities/ centres, which need special mention for your information.

The historical place and hub of dharnas, **Jantar Mantar** right in the heart of the capital of the country, **Delhi**, witnessed our massive show of strength exhibited by Employees and Officers of Banking Industry. It was a colourful mixture of young and senior, male and female, officers and workers of small and big banks, having gathered to vent out their disappointment, anguish and frustration due to unjustifiably cold responses and undue delay of IBA and Government on the long pending issues of Wage negotiation process. Apart from speakers of AIBOA, NCBE and AIBEA, the main speaker was Com. Harvinder Singh, the General Secretary of the Confederation. In his short address, he conveyed the salient and significant factors justifying our demands. He very vociferously elucidated the justification of our demands by highlighting the disparity in pay scales vis-à-vis our counterparts in Government jobs. Amongst more than 1500 members, largest proportion was that of our Confederation, including hundreds of lady comrades. The event was covered by the prominent news agencies like PTI and UNI.

The Commercial Capital of our Country, **Mumbai** city was another important centre, which saw passionate activities of Trade Union Movement. The Dharna organized by UFBU at Azad Maidan near CST Railway Station was a resounding success. It was another excellent show of unity and solidarity by constituents of UFBU. AIBOC leaders Com. Dilip Saha, Senior Vice President, Com. Sanjay A Manjrekar and Com. Ramkumar Sabhapathy along with 300 more members of AIBOC out of one thousand participants, sat for Dharna from 11 am to 5 pm.

In another important cosmopolitan city, **Bangalore**, the protest / demonstration was held at Sate Bank of Mysore, Head Office, which was participated by more than 700 comrades. Prior to this, on 28.10.2014, more than 300 officers and award staff participated in Dharna organized at Vijaya Bank, Head Office, at Bangalore and was widely covered by local news channels.

The militant State for Trade Union activities, West Bengal arranged a demonstration at Dalhousie, Traffic Island, **Kolkata**, where more than 500 members were present. The whole event was widely covered in almost all the local media. UFBU had also organized a Press Conference on 29.10.2014 at Press Club, Kolkata which was addressed by Com. Sanjay Das, Secretary of WBSU of AIBOC. The demonstration was conspicuous with the hallmark of Trade Unions i.e. carrying of red flags by the demonstrators.

Demonstration at **Chennai**, another city known for its militant trade union activities, was equally massive and successful and more than 2000 members gathered at Syndicate Bank, Annasalai, near VGP Square to mark their protest.

The State of Gujrat, which has off late gained an increased national importance for being the State of our present Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, was nowhere behind in marking the presence with the strong protest organised. A massive demonstration was held by UFBU at Vijaya Bank premises, Navrangpura, **Ahmedabad** in which more than 1000 members were present. After ranting of forceful slogans, leaders from UFBU addressed the gathering including Com. P.S. Jadeja representing AIBOC. He decided to hold the next demonstration on the strike date of 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014, at OBC Bank, Ashram Road which is the heart of the city, Ahmedabad.

At **Thiruvananthapuram**, the Mecca of Trade Union in India, a huge rally was organized and despite bad climate, more than 1000 comrades from various constituents of UFBU participated in the rally, which started from Pallayam to SBT main branch near Secretariat. The meeting was addressed by the prominent leaders including Com. C. Rajkumar, Vice President, AIBOC and Com. Abraham Shahji John, the State Secretary, AIBOC.

We are happy to share reports received from other important cities of the country which are equally encouraging:

**Jaipur**, another heritage city was also reflection of dynamism of members of various constituents of UFBU. The demonstration was held at Allahabad Bank Zonal Office, Ambedkar Circle, Jaipur, wherein more than 500 members participate. The demonstration was distinct because of participation of RBI and LIC young leaders as well.

The another bordering city of Rajasthan i.e. **Ganganagar** situated at the border of Pakistan, Punjab and Haryana had a unique way of lodging protest by organizing the candle light march participated by more than 200 members.

The only planned city of India, **Chandigarh** organized demonstration in front of Bank of India, Main Branch, Bank Square, Chandigarh, where hundreds of officers and award staff were present apart from AIBOC State Secretary, State President of State Bank of India and AIBEA State Vice President.

**Goa**, a city of international tourist attraction, hundreds of comrades assembled at Azad Maidan opposite Bank of India, Panaji Branch, Goa to lodge their protest.

In **Jharkhand**, demonstration was held at all Zonal Offices of Bank of India after a mammoth rally of UFBU at Firayalal Chowk. There were more than 500 participants in the demonstration and although 30 minutes of time was given by administration, the main roads remained captured for more than 1.30 hours by the bankers to express their agony

and solidarity. The gathering was addressed by all prominent leaders of UFBU. The common press release of UFBU was given in prominent newspapers of Jharkhand.

The various centres in Maharashtra also witnessed the anger of Bank employees. Massive successful demonstrations were held at Bank of India Zonal Office, Pune and **Kolhapur** Main Branch, Bank Street at **Solapur, Ratnagiri** Zonal Office of Bank of India, **Sangli** Bus Stand, **Aurangabad** Kranti Chowk and **Nasik** Main Street. UFBU leaders addressed at all centres.

Another vibrant city of Maharashtra, **Nagpur** has also reported about the successful holding of a massive demonstration at RBI Square / Samvidhan Square led by State secretary-AIBOC, Com. D.S. Mishra, Com. Ramkumar Gupta and Com. Pradip Yelne. The dharna was addressed by eminent leaders from all 9 constituents of UFBU. Apart from that 108 members stayed on a day long dharna including all constituents of UFBU as well as AIBOC State President and Secretary with many other leaders of AIBOC.

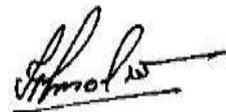
**At Jabalpur**, a massive demonstration was organized at Civic Center, participated by more than 300 members.

**We reiterate our affiliates to ensure implementation of the programme of withdrawal of extra cooperation which is part of agitation decided by UFBU.** Not attending office on Sundays / holidays and not sitting late beyond working hours should continue till further decision. This call applies to IBPS tests, special camps organized for opening of accounts, official meetings etc. we must achieve our demand of regulated working hours through this agitation programme itself.

Meanwhile, in the recent development, Central Labour Commissioner, has invited UFBU for conciliation meeting with IBA on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in his office. This is a routine exercise which CLC undertakes to defuse the situation and always takes place before any strike call and **call upon our members to continue with our struggle programme relentlessly. With the present attitude of IBA there is absolutely no hope for any conciliation. March on comrades with the declared programme.**

With Revolutionary greetings,

Yours comradely,



(HARVINDER SINGH)  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**