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To All Affiliates/State Units/Members

Dear Comrades,

AGITATION IN DHANLAXMI BANK ENTERS 5TH DAY **STATE COMMITTEE OF AIBOC PLANS INDEFINITE HUNGER STRIKE**



"A right lost to one is lost to all". Time stood still when the sea of protest of AIBOC officers lashed the walls of Dhanlaxmi Bank Corporate Office at Trichur. On the fourth day of the Indefinite strike call given by Dhan Laxmi Bank Officers' Organisation (DBOO), nearly 1200 officers of DBOO and affiliates of AIBOC congregated at Trichur and marched to the corporate office of Dhanlaxmi Bank at 9:00 AM. The spontaneous outburst of protest against the unlawful and unethical termination of Comrade P.V. Mohanan, the Vice President of AIBOC and General Secretary of Dhanalakshmi Bank Officers Organisation was embodied in the emotion packed slogan shouting of protesting comrades, especially the lady comrades. Com. Harvinder Singh, General Secretary of AIBOC led the rally from Naikkandal to the venue of the meeting at Thekkinkadu Maidan.

While inaugurating the Dharna in front of the corporate office of Dhanlaxmi Bank, starting at 9.15 a.m., Com. Harvinder Singh explained how the lightning strike became a necessity to react against such gross miscarriage of justice done by the Dhanlaxmi Bank management. It was an instant hit and served as an eye opener to the banking fraternity to the fact that the managements like Dhanlaxmi Bank's are ill treating whistle blowers. It is unfortunate that the Bank is putting aside the interest of the Bank just to teach Com. P.V. Mohanan and DBOO a lesson. It is well known that if we approach the judiciary, Com Mohanan will be reinstated in no time, but it is the faith and trust of the DBOO and its leadership which want the issue to be settled through organisational means and with the strength of the organisation. He assured the leadership of DBOO that AIBOC will not remain a silent spectator and will extend full support in its agitation. Though very peaceful methods of agitation are being adopted by AIBOC, we cannot rule out "an eye for an eye" policy also in the future agitation methods – He added. The emotion packed slogan ranting reflected unprecedented anguish of the participants.

Thereafter, the protestors marched in a rally, taking full circle of 1 k.m., to the ground in front of the Corporate Office of the Bank, which was the make shift venue of the day long protest meeting. Com. Sreenath Induchoodan, the fiery young leader and General Secretary of Union Bank of India Officers' Federation, Kerala analysed the issues of DBOO thread bare and warned the management of stringent steps if the crisis is not resolved. Com. Anitha P., President of Federal Bank Officers Association, touched upon the injustice meted out by the management on "gender issue". Comrade K. Ananda Kumar, Senior Vice President of AIBOC pledged all support to the striking comrades of AIBOC. Comrade (Dr.) V. Chidambara Kumar, Joint General Secretary of AIBOC lauded the spirit of DBOO members, especially lady comrades. Com Paul Mundadan General Secretary of the Private Sector Banks' Federation declared the strategies that the Federation would be undertaking. Com. Abraham Shaji John, the State Secretary, Kerala State Committee, in his inimitable style, exhorted the members not to let the management of Dhanlaxmi bank resort to such pressure tactics lest the disease may spread to other tiny Pvt. Sector Banks. BEFI leader Narendran stated that the call for a flash strike was a unique forceful step that the AIBOC took and deserves appreciation. Other leaders who addressed the gathering included Com. Balakrishnan of ABOA, SBT, Com. Mathew Thomas of Indian Bank Officers' Association, Com. Abdul Nasser of FBOA, Com. Jagdeesh of UCO Bank officers' Association, Com. Gangadharan, Kollam Dist Secretary, AIBOC, Com. Sasi Kumar, Alleppy Dist, AIBOC, leaders from LIC Employees Union etc. The speakers in one voice condemned the barbaric act of the Dhanlaxmi Bank Management in serving the pink slip to a senior activist and exhorted the crowd to resist it stiffly.

The Kerala State Committee of AIBOC which met in the afternoon was also attended by the undersigned, Com K. Ananda Kumar, Com. Paul Mundadan and Com. (Dr.) Chidambara kumar and Com. Anitha P. The Committee decided to intensify the agitation with the active support and increased participation from the AIBOC comrades. As an immediate step, a decision was taken to start an indefinite hunger strike in front of the Head Office of the Bank.

A widely attended Press Conference was addressed by the undersigned, Com. K. Ananda Kumar, Com. Abraham Shaji John and Com. Paul Mundadan. The electronic and press media was briefed about the unjust, undeserved, undue and unbelievable action by the Management and the real vindictive reasons behind the action.

Comrades, the Dhanlakshmi Bank Officers' organisation, the smallest unit of AIBOC, have been in public focus due to the repeated onslaughts on trade union rights of officers which it has been resisting with their collective power. But no viciousness can equal the latest act of the bank's management in terminating the services of one of its loyal officer just by a single liner "your services are no longer required". Our militant leader Com. P.V. Mohanan is being harassed only for discharging the watchdog function –that is acting as a whistle blower. Victimisation of a whistle blower is nothing but travesty of justice. Let us all unite our efforts through press, political parties, trade union leaders from other sectors, public awareness etc. in exposing the brutal act of the unjust stand of the Dhanlaxmi Bank Management.

With revolutionary greetings,

Comradely yours,



(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY

OUR UNITY... LONG LIVE! DBOO.... LONG LIVE !! AIBOC... LONG LIVE!!!