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To All Affiliates/State Units/Members:

Dear Comrades,

THE INDEFINITE STRIKE OF DBOO UNDER THE BANNER OF SAMARA SAHAYA SAMITHI ENTERS 12TH DAY AND RELAY HUNGER STRIKE CONTINUES

The indefinite strike of Dhalakashmi Bank Officers' Organisation under the banner of Samara Sahaya Samithi has reached 12th day and the relay hunger strike has reached 7th day.

2. No less than 1500 people marched on to the Head Office. Other than DBOO Comrades & AIBOC Leaders, members & leaders from various Centre Trade Unions like CITU, INTUC, AITUC, HMS, Constituents of UFBU like AIBEA & BEFI and the youth organizations like DYFI, AIYF along with representatives of other Unions in various services like, LIC, BSNL, KSRTC, Government Employees etc.

3. The meeting at the culmination point (DLB Head Office) was inaugurated by Com. Pannyan Raveendran, Veteran Leader of CPI. Com. Chandran Pillai, state secretary of CITU was the guest of honour. Com.Pannyan Raveendran remarked in his opening speech that this country has certain laws and regulations, and Dhanlaxmi Bank cannot continue as if these laws of the land are not applicable to them. He stressed that we will make sure that the Dhanlaxmi Bank Management also functions within these Laws of the land. He further stressed that job security is not given to us on a platter by anybody, instead earned by our forefathers through continuous struggles. We will not let anybody to play havoc with these hard earned rights.

4. Com. Pannyan Raveendran opined, that the Bank Management has chosen to expel a person like, Com. P.V.Mohanan who is a National Leader is in itself a pointer to the fact that the decisions might have already been taken to sell the bank to corporate giants. He said there are many instances where the Banks have been deliberately pushed to distress so as to facilitate easy take over by corporate/new generation players. Com. Pannyan Raveendran warned that such acts would not be allowed to succeed in Kerala.

5. Com. Pannyan Raveendran, said that there were a few attempts by certain people to dissuade him from attending today's agitation program of DBOO. He said it is a pity that the DLB Management, chose to prolong this strike instead of settling the differences and accede to the genuine demands of the employees.

6. Veteran Leader of CPI Com. Chandran Pillai, state secretary of CITU, while addressing the March declared that this agitation would become a crucial episode in the history of Indian Trade Union Movements. He exhorted the constituents of UFBU to actively partake in the agitation and ensure that the trade union rights in letter and spirit is restored in the Banking Industry.

7. Com. Chandran Pillai declared that he had known Com.P.V.Mohanan for years together and further stated that it cannot be agreed that a 'Whistle Blower' is getting punished instead of getting recognized / awarded. He said that he condemned this brutal action of Management in the strongest possible terms and further stated that even mass

murderers are given a chance to present their case before being awarded the Capital Punishment. He said that this is not only illegal but unethical too.

8. He opined while referring to the FD scam at Mumbai, for analyzing the involvement of management that one need to only look at the facts that a frontline employee was suffering in Mumbai jail while a director has put in his papers and still remains at large.

9. The more delay the bank takes in rectifying its misdeeds will cost it very dearly, he reminded the Management. Any bilateral talks, that may be taken up between the trade union and the management will only enter in the wellbeing and prosperity of the institution, he stated. He also pointed out that if media steps back in bringing the burning issues in the view of the society social media will take over it wholeheartedly. He also offered unconditional and full support from CITU for the rightful struggle of DBOO.

10. CITU District Secretary Com. M M Varghese who is also the General Convener of Strike Coordination Committee demanded the management to reinstate Com.P.V.Mohanan and immediately settle the issues raised by DBOO.

11. The District Secretary of HMS, Com.Vijayakumar warned the management that they have underestimated the strength of working class unity. Belittling the strength of the struggling officers and the supporting Trade Unions in general would be a historical blunder. He exhorted the management to come out of the shell of denial and to reach an amicable settlement before it is too late. It is best avoided now than regretted later, he added.

12. James Rapheal, [AITUC], K.Raveendran, [UFBU], K.Sreekumar [Confederation of Central Govt. Employees], M Rajeev[LIC Employees Union], K.K.Asokan [NFBE], A.Sivadasan [NGO Union], Anuroop [KMSRA], Saju[DYFI], Tony [KWA], Gokulan[SNEA], K K Vasudevan [KSRTA], P.V.Kunjambu Nair, M.R.Rajan [CITU], Prasad [AIBOC], Mohana [BEFI], Shoba Subin [KSU] also spoke on the occasion in our support.

13. In the meanwhile, it is understood that the Management has restored to mass transfers of all officers who participated in the strike, including lady officers, to create a situation of panic and distress. But the Officers' are now even more determined and shall fight undeterred. Such acts only undermine the intentions of the Management.

14. We salute the solidarity of our comrades and are confident with such resolve and unyielding strength; we shall attain our goal of justice.

"WE WILL FIGHT, WE WILL FIGHT, TILL WE SUCCESS, WE WILL FIGHT!!"

With Revolutionary greetings,

Comradely Yours,



**(Y.SUDARSHAN)
PRESIDENT**