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TO ALL AFFILIATES/STATE UNITS/MEMBERS

Dear Comrade,

MARCH TO PARLIAMENT ON 9TH AUGUST AS PART OF SAVE PUBLIC SECTOR MOVEMENT LAUNCHED AIBOC CREATES HISTORY

All roads lead to Parliament today. There was the sea of humanity that had come out on a mission. The mission was to Save the Public Sector from being annihilated. The Capital City of Delhi was a witness to thousands of Saviours' in Action on its streets. The clouds and intermittent cool breeze were providing the much needed respite on a warm day. The MARCH TO PARLIAMENT /SANSAD CHALO Programme was a stupendous, stunning and a spectacular success. Thousands of Comrades from across the country were part of the concerted and conscious action of the working class to protect and save the Public Sector of the country. Participation of a huge number of lady Officers and young Officers is noteworthy and highly commendable.

Comrades, today is 9th Aug. On this day, in the year 1942, Mahatma Gandhiji launched Quit India Movement to save the Nation from foreigners. 74 years later, AIBOC launched the "Sansad Chalo" to save the Public Sector in general and Public Sector Banks in particular from the possible clutches of Foreigners and Capitalists. The huge & mammoth congregation of Bank Officers today did ring the bell loud and clear to the law-makers that they cannot play with the Public Sector Banks (PSBs) of India – our valued and trusted Family Silver. The march to the Parliament was a successful attempt at bringing to the knowledge of the public, the sinister designs of the Central Government's intentions to hand over the control of the Nation's asset – the PSBs – to private & foreign players.

In today's "Sansad Chalo/March to Parliament", the long, unending array of participants reminded of soldiers marching towards a battle field in a war. The March started from Barakhamba Road unto Parliament, but was stopped by the Police at Jantar Mantar. More than 10,000, disciplined Members from all the AIBOC Affiliates queued up and marched in unison, inspired by unrelenting and incessant sloganeering. 50 bikers, both male and female, wearing AIBOC/SAVE PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS aprons led the procession followed by an open jeep with top leaders on it provided a unique look. The hair raising slogans, enthused not only the participants but caught the attention of the general public. When the first contingent reached Jantar Mantar many others were waiting for their turn to join the queue. The message was sufficiently loud and characteristically clear.

At the Jantar Mantar, a huge podium was erected to accommodate Members of the Parliament, the top leaders of AIBOC, Representatives from Telecom, Sanchar Nigam Executive Association, All India Power Engineers Federation and National Confederation of Officers Associations of Central Public Sector Undertakings. Braving the scorching sun and humidity of Delhi, the large gathering listened to powerful & emotional speeches delivered. The thundering slogans reached the Parliament!!

While welcoming the guests and the congregation, your General Secretary briefed regarding the unacceptable designs of the Government in the formation of BBB, the intended BIC and the hyper publicized Indradhanush – all with ulterior motive – to invite private players into PSB Boards as Chairmen, to suffocate the PSBs for capital; drive them to market for capital and

ultimately reduce Government equity to less than 51%. To stall these ill-designs, AIBOC has launched "**Save Public Sector Banks**" campaign.

Shri Manish Tewari, Former Union Minister and the Star Spokesperson of the Indian National Congress, in his address, congratulated AIBOC for taking up a just cause of a Movement against Privatization of Public Sector. He recalled the contributions of Public Sector towards Nation building and averred that the 2008 international economic crisis did not affect India in a big way mainly due to the Indian Public Sector Banks. Public Sector Banks assisted India's GDP growth to 9.5% even as advanced economies were struggling. He assured that all attempts by the Government to privatize will be befittingly countered. Amidst thunderous applause, Shri Tewari pledged the Congress Party's support to the movement. Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi, had earlier, in a letter to AIBOC, assured of all support both inside and outside the Parliament.

Shri Tapan Kumar Sen, Member of Parliament representing West Bengal, greeted and congratulated AIBOC for initiating the Movement and the success of the March opposing privatization. While assuring his Party's support, he appreciated the Trade Union efforts in stalling the privatization moves right from the beginning, in 1991. He condemned the neo-liberalisation policies of the Govt. that were aimed at privatization and misplaced consolidation. He appealed to the grass root of the Trade Union Movements to be in all preparedness to oppose ill-founded moves. He said that this is stoppable and should be stopped.

Dr. Dharamvir Gandhi, MP from Patiala spoke emotionally on the irreparable effect on the poor due to the privatization moves, anti-labour policies and outsourcing. His pledge for support to the Movement and assurance to raise the issue in the Parliament was greeted with cheer.

Senior Vice-Presidents Com. Franco Rajender Dev, Com. Manimaran, Com. S.D. Bali, Com. Sanjay Manjrekar and Com. Sunil Kumar gave detailed philosophy and purpose of the programme. Guest speakers included Com Ashok Rao of NCOA, Com Paramjit Singh, Gen Secretary, All India Power Engineers' Association, Com K V Acharya of All India Bank Retirees & Pensioners' Confederation, and Com Sebastian, General Secretary, BSNL Engineers' Association. Com. Swamy, and Com. Sanjay Joshi. Com. Ajay Jaitley, State President also spoke on the occasion.

AIBOC President and Com. Y. Sudershan, delivering his presidential address, congratulated and saluted the spirit of the Members in their exuberant & unprecedented participation in the successful March. Public Sector Banks have taken care of the people, developed the country, its infrastructure and helped credit dispensation. This is the beginning of the battle, many more are to be expected – he thundered.

Undersigned acknowledged the contribution of Delhi State Unit led by the President Com. Ajay Jaitely and State Secretary Com. Sunil Bansal for the elaborate and immaculate arrangements made in the organization of the wonderful and unprecedented March to Parliament Programme.

AIBOC has resolved and is determined to fight the anti-nation moves till the Government retrieves its dangerous steps and provides the requisite strength and support to Public Sector / Banks. Comrades, today's "March to Parliament/Sansad Chalo" is our first step in the direction.

Comrades, we shall fight, until we succeed in ensuring that the retrograde actions of the Government are stopped/reversed.

With fighting greetings,

Yours comradely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY