ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' CONFEDERATION



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<u>RBI AND GOVERNMENT SHOULD TREAT ALL BANK CHAIRMEN/</u> <u>MDs WITH EQUALITY</u>

It is very heart-wrenching to see some news items appearing in the media stating that the Government is planning to sack some Chairman / Managing Director of Public Sector Banks owing to the Nirav Modi Scam. All India Bank Officers' Confederation, the largest officers' organization having membership of around 3,20,000 officers demands that there should be transparency and the Public should know what the charges against these executives are before they are sacked from their respective chairs. AIBOC also demands that the MDs of Private Sector Banks like ICICI and Axis Bank also should be given the same treatment. It is surprising that after many scams and accusations including from RBI Ms. Chanda Kochhar and Ms. Shikha Sharma are allowed to continue as MD, which may lead to interference in the enquiries and manipulation of record. The RBI itself imposed 3 crore penalty on AXIS Bank for violating NPA classification norms but still it has allowed the Bank's Board to extend Smt. Shikha Sharma's term which is a clear instance of biasness towards the private players by the RBI.

To the contrary, in public sector banks, even junior level Officers are suspended on the pretext that they may interfere with the proceeding and tamper records. It is high time RBI and Government take stringent action and treat the private sector banks' head at par with Public Sector MD/Chairman. In fact, the RBI Governor had stated that he has more power to deal with Private Sector Banks in the recent past. Hence, our confederation demands that he uses his power and bring the private sector banks under the same scanner. The Government should also explain why some of these MDs were transferred to another Public Sector Bank earlier. If there were allegations against them then they should have been asked to quit. In fact, the MD of Indian Bank who has helped to improve the position of Indian Bank after being shifted from IDBI Bank, is also mentioned as one who may be asked to guit by the Government. It is pertinent to note that out of 10 Public Sector Banks which have published their results for March 2018, Indian Bank is the only one which has declared profit and this is primarily because of the policies pursued by its MD. The Govt and RBI should ensure that unless there is some concrete proof against him, he should not be forced to guit. The IDBI Officers Association affiliated to AIBOC has written many letters to IDBI as well to the Union Ministry but there was no action in that regard.

Our demands:

1. Through this piece of communication, we appeal to RBI and Govt not to play with the Public Sector Banks and demand for the immediate implementation of the recommendations of Parliamentary Standing Committee on NPA.

2. Review the Asset Classification Norms which are leading to more provision and notional losses for the Banks.

3. Immediately appoint Officer and employee Director in the Boards of the Public Sector Bank so that they can play the role of watch dogs.

We urge on the government and the RBI not to proceed further with this sort of discrimination between the public sector and the private sector banks or else we will not be able to remain as silent onlooker for indefinite period of time. As stated above, our confederation demands for the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Finance on NPAs since it is the best way out to bring down the NPAs drastically which will ultimately pave the way for solution to many problems faced by the public sector banks.

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