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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

NATIONWIDE 24 HOUR STRIKE A THUNDERING SUCCESS...

In the annals of history of our mighty Confederation, 21st December, 2018 would be etched in golden letters as in a remarkable and resounding show of solidarity, dedication, grit, gumption and determination, our members ensured a resounding success of the nationwide strike call given by AIBOC on its own strength. The call of the strike taken in our National Executive committee meeting held in Kolkata on 27th and 28th November, 2018 was audacious. However, the undersigned had profound conviction that our membership would accept the gauntlet. This being a 24 hour strike call, our Comrades were on the streets even before midnight on 20th December 2018 itself. Reports are pouring in from every part of the country that our membership hit the streets in thousands to make the strike a thundering success. The demonstrations/processions/picketing took place in every nook and corner of the country. It was heartening to note that officers of all ages and grades participated with infectious enthusiasm in today's strike. Large number of youth and women officers actively participated in the strike. Another noticeable aspect was the participation of family members of our officers in strike program. Despite the threat unveiled by many Banks, senior officers up to SMGS V participated in the strike. In Delhi nearly 4000 officers congregated at Parliament Street at an unprecedented show of strength. It was a great show of unity and solidarity by each and every affiliate that needs special appreciation. Our strike received tremendous coverage both in print and electronic media across the country, which has enhanced the visibility of AIBOC as the forerunner in the banking trade union movement.

This strike has effectively silenced the so called 'Doubting Thomases', who had questioned AIBOC's capability to go ahead with the strike call. Questions were raised on our intent and maturity level of the leadership! We did not respond to such provocations. Our vibrant membership of over 3.20 lakh officers has delivered a befitting reply that AIBOC on its own strength can paralyse the entire Banking Industry.

There were many fraternal organisations who had pledged their support. We acknowledge with gratitude the support received from NCBE, INBEF, NCOA, SNEA, CCGGOO, All India Lawyers Union and other organisations including various Retirees' Associations. The strike witnessed the participation of farmers, workers, women, students and other stakeholders, which was also unprecedented. We are indeed thankful to all of them. The undersigned is deeply grateful to the support that received from Comrade Sunil Kumar, Chairman and Comrade Debasis Ghosh, President in remaining firm and resolute in our stand.

Comrades, the onus is now on the decision makers. We have made it abundantly clear in the hectic parleys conducted over two days on 19th & 20th, that we want an unconditional mandate and also to structure our meetings on the basis of the charter of demands based of minimum wages concept.

With today's massive show of strength the message is loud and clear to the powers that be. This has opened up new vistas and possibilities. Our membership is now ready to wage a protracted battle to establish our legitimate demands. On the back of the success of today's strike, we are embarking upon another challenge – strike on 26th December called by UFBU against the Mergers/ Amalgamations in banking industry. We cannot let our Banks to be handed over to the private corporates.

March on Comrades.....Victory will be ours.

With revolutionary greetings,
Comradely yours,

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary