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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

Dear Comrade,

Golden Jubilee Year of Bank Nationalisation - Celebrate befittingly

We have been observing and celebrating this milestone event in the banking history for the last few years. This year the landmark event is of profound significance as we are at the 50th year of Bank Nationalisation. In the last fiscal, we have witnessed the merger of two PSBs viz. Vijaya bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda, which was a step towards 'Reverse Nationalisation'. Thus, it is of paramount importance that we should celebrate the occasion with renewed vigour and zeal and display our unity, solidarity, strength and our perseverance to defend and preserve our public sector banks (PSBs).

2. We are all aware that Bank nationalisation in 1969 was a game-changing decision that transformed India. The public sector banks have become national assets and vehicles of socio-economic reforms so as to ensure equity and justice in our society, which is enshrined in the Constitution of the country. Our Confederation is committed to protect the public sector fabric of banks for the interest of common man.

3. In this momentous period of Golden Jubilee Year of bank nationalisation, it becomes all the more imperative for us to embark upon organisational programmes and activities, both at ground level and on social media, to drive home how important PSBs are to the nation and why they should continue to exist. We should make every attempt to uphold the achievements of PSBs in befitting manner.

4. In the Executive Committee Meeting of the Confederation held on 24th & 25th June, 2019 at Bengaluru, affiliates suggested many innovative ways of celebration, which include celebrating 19th July of the current year as Raksha Bandhan Day – tying rakhis to customers, badge wearing, rallies and processions, human chains, press conferences etc.

5. It would be necessary that each affiliate / State Unit should carry out series of programmes / activities, involving all section of society viz. students, women, farmers, workers, SHGs, NGOs, senior citizens and social activists, particularly with whom we are associated for years together and who have supported our cause on many occasions in the yester years. Attempts may be made to contact the opinion makers, lawmakers, statesmen, former bureaucrats, personalities of stature seeking their support for PSBs and giving publicity to such messages. Let us aim for maximum visibility in both print and electronic media to showcase our programs.

6. This Golden Jubilee Year Celebration should be an opportunity to mobilise our members in support of our demands for implementing strict penal action against corporate fraudsters and willful defaulters and at the same time strengthening public sector banks through recapitalisation and implementation of appropriate turnaround plan without hampering normal banking operations through unreasonable restrictions such as PCA so as to thwart the ill-conceived attempts of the government and the votaries of privatisation to de-nationalize the PSBs. In this connection we enjoin upon our affiliates / State Units as under:

- Affiliates / State Units should immediately conduct meetings to chalk out programmes.
- District Units should chalk out and conduct programmes / activities in consultation with State Units.
- Programmes should be held across the country. Each district should have one or the other programme. There should be a series of programmes.
- Programme like Raksha Bandhan, badge wearing should be observed continuously over a week i.e. 12th July'19 to 19th July'19.

- Ensure participation of officers with their family members /friends / relatives, customers and every segment of society.
- Human chain at vantage points would be attention grabber.
- All our affiliates should change their display picture of various WhatsApp groups & Facebook pages to our Golden Jubilee Logo (attached).
- Explore conducting community service programmes including tree plantation during the period.
- Lectures / Seminars / Symposium may be held to propagate the importance of nationalisation and the public sector character of banks in India.

7. Please keep the Confederation informed of the activities. A brief write-up on the activities / programmes conducted, along with the relative photographs / videos may please be sent to the Central Secretariat immediately after each such activity / programme.

Public sector banks long live!

AIBOC Zindabad!

With revolutionary greetings,

Yours Comradely,



(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

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