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To All Affiliates

Dear Comrade,

COVID-19 – DONATION TO PM-CARES FUND

At the outset, salute to the membership as well as leaders of all our Affiliates and the State / District units for being at the forefront in the remarkable fight put forth by them as the India's financial army against the new enemy of the entire mankind in the form of Coronavirus, which is IN NO WAY less than the humongous services being rendered by our doctors, health workers, different technicians, sanitation workers and police personnel. At the time of penning down this Circular, the number of COVID-19 cases in our country has crossed the 2500 mark, while the death toll is over 70.

2. The COVID-19 outbreak has impacted millions of lives. We are in the midst of an unprecedented health and humanitarian crisis. The magnitude of the challenge is daunting but we have to display steely resolve to overcome it. There is a dire necessity to help out those who urgently require our support. Our Hon'ble Prime Minister has, among other things, announced setting up a separate fund, namely, Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (**PM-CARES FUND**) to combat with the Coronavirus outbreak.

3. As a responsible trade union of the bank officers, the Confederation has decided to contribute a sum of **Rs. 11 lakh (Rupees Eleven lakh only)** to the PM-CARES Fund. We congratulate our affiliate Syndicate Bank Officers' Association for having contributed Rs 11 lakh to the Fund. We request all our affiliates to pitch in to the best of their ability.

4. Further, as in the case of all calamities, our various Affiliates and State Units have always been in the forefront to offer assistance to the needy. We are overwhelmed to receive information that under the aegis of AIBOC, a 'langar' has been made functional at Bhagalpur, Bihar where people are receiving food and essential items. Similarly, we are elated to know that AIBOC, UP Unit, in collaboration with Police and other social organisations, distributed personal protective equipments (PPEs), rice and other essential items to the needy and poor people on 29.03.2020 and again food and drinking water to the migrant workers who had been working at Delhi and were travelling to their native villages / towns on 30.03.2020. Keeping in view the huge requirement of money for the purpose of relief and rehabilitation of the affected people of the country, we again call upon and appeal to all our Affiliates to contribute to the FUND created with a view to providing relief and other basic necessities to crores of our countrymen, a sizable portion of whom have already been suffering a lot on account of loss of job, closures of trades and businesses, short supply and soaring price of essential items etc. due to the Nationwide lockdown.

5. We request all the Affiliates and State Units to keep our secretariat informed about all philanthropic activities undertaken by them at this critical juncture.

STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY, STAY UNITED.

With warm regards,

Yours comradely,

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary