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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

Dear Comrade,

Assault on Bankers

Incident at Saroli Branch of Canara Bank (e-Syndicate bank) at Surat

We have sent a communiqué to Ms Nirmala Sitharamanji, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs vide our letter no. AIBOC/2020/27 dated 24.06.2020 on the captioned subject. Text of the communication is appended.

With greetings,

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

Text of Letter No. AIBOC/2020/27 dated 24.06.2020

Ref No. AIBOC/2020/27

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Ms Nirmala Sitharaman ji,
Hon'ble Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs
Government of India
North Block, New Delhi

Respected Madam,

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We wish to draw your kind attention to yet another act of assault on bankers at Saroli Branch of Canara Bank (e-Syndicate bank), Surat on 22nd June 2020. As per reports, police personnel had barged into the branch, after business hours and reportedly insisted upon passbook updation. Subsequently, the said person abused bank personnel and physically attacked and injured a lady employee and an officer. Incidentally, the branch was working under severe constraints and with limited staff. Devoid of humanity and compassion, the person was insisting on services even beyond the business hours, and attacked the lady employee as well as the officer in the branch. A video clip of the incident had gone viral and the same was shown in the prominent print media pan India throughout the day, which elicited wide scale resentment and reaction from the entire banking fraternity demanding immediate action against the culprit. We strongly condemn such unprovoked and vengeful act against a colleague of ours and demand immediate and stern action against the culprit. In this context, we are indeed thankful to your good office for the prompt reaction by way of tweet assuring immediate action. As per latest information received, the said person has been placed under arrest.

- Madam, you are very much aware that bankers braving present pandemic, have been rendering exemplary service to keep the wheels of the economy moving fulfilling the various schemes of the government to address the present crisis and ensuring uninterrupted banking service to the entire citizenry risking their life and also members of their family due to contamination. We have shouldered numerous responsibilities viz. especially credit delivery, DBT, FI etc along with the innumerable activities native and corollary to the banking business. Several bankers have laid down their lives in the line of duty having been affected with Covid-19 virus. Yet, we are carrying on with our duty undaunted and relentlessly.

3. The incident referred above is not an isolated instance. In the recent past, there have been series of assaults on bankers while on duty, which we have earlier also highlighted through our communiqués to the Ministry of Finance from time to time. We again urge upon your good office to direct the appropriate authorities to provide adequate security to the bank branches and also to take stern actions against the perpetrators. We also request your good self to issue necessary directions to the banks to review the security arrangements prevalent in the branches to thwart such kind of heinous attack on the bankers. A remonstrative action against such perpetrators would send a strong message to such potential perpetrators to desist from committing such heinous acts against bankers

Stay safe stay healthy.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

A virus does not spread itself. It is we, who spread it.
