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To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

Dear Comrade,

Appeal for Special Arrangement of Vaccination For Bank Employees (Front line Warriors of Covid-19)

We reproduce hereunder the text of the communique addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Govt of India no. AIBOC/2021/19 dated 12.05.2021 on the captioned subject for your information. Copy of the letter has also been sent to the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.

With greetings,

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary

Letter no. AIBOC/2021/19

Date : 12.05.2021

Shri Rajesh Bhushan ji
Secretary
Ministry of Health Services & Family Welfare
Government of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

APPEAL FOR SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT OF VACCINATION FOR BANK EMPLOYEES (FRONT LINE WARRIORS OF CoVID-19)

We like to draw your kind attention to the communiqué issued by Joint Secretary, DFS vide DO Letter No. 12/1/2020-BO-II dated 22nd April 2021 addressed to the Chief Secretaries of all states and union Territories along with MDs and CEOs of all SCBs and IBA advising to consider for putting in place a special dispensation to enable the officers/staff of banks and other service providers to avail of vaccination easily and on priority basis. This was consequent to the recognition given to bankers by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs in its 229th Report.

02. In this context, we wish to inform that till date no perceptible initiative has been taken by any State Government/UT save and except Arunachal Pradesh for arranging vaccination to the Bank employees/ workers and their families on priority basis. You are well aware that the entire banking fraternity is rendering yeoman service to the nation during the pandemic and to keep the wheels of the economy moving. As per information available, nearly 1500 bankers have succumbed to the virus. The toll has been heavy in the resurgent second wave which has wreaked havoc. It is extremely unfortunate that several young employees and officers below the age of 45 have succumbed in this pandemic. Had they been vaccinated in time along with other FLWs, number of precious lives could have been saved. This undue procrastination has caused deep angst and resentment across the nation amongst bankers. While all State Governments and UTs arranged for vaccination for the frontline workers particularly for healthcare workers and police department, the bank employees and officials continue to be ignored.

03. We have been given to understand that the major vaccine providers in the country i.e. Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech are agreeable to provide vaccine to the State Govts and UTs exclusively for bankers, if requisitioned, from the concerned State Govts/UTs.

04. We, therefore, earnestly request to your good office to kindly take up the issues with the appropriate authority of State Govts and UTs for procuring sufficient quantity of vaccine for the bank employees and officials, their family members and all service providers including casual/contractual workers, business correspondents, workers in cash logistic companies and cash-in-transit companies connected with banks, ATM maintenance personnel, banking correspondents, security guards etc. on priority basis.

'Stay Safe, Stay Healthy'

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary