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## To All Affiliates (Please Circulate)

Dear Comrade,

## COMRADE MURALI SOUDARARAJAN T, PRESIDENT, AIBOC DEMITS OFFICE

Comrade Murali Soundararajan T, President AIBOC, has demitted office on his attaining superannuation from Indian Overseas Bank today i.e. on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, after 39 years of illustrious and immaculate service career.

Born on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 1962, he commenced his journey in Indian Overseas Bank as Clerk and reported at Chennur Branch as his first posting. He is a Cost Accountant and Law graduate and became a banker by profession.

Com Murali traversed a long distance as a trade unionist after getting a promotion in the officer's grade in the year 1992 and contributed immensely to the cause of the officers' community. The very fact that he plunged into the trade union activities from the day he started his career in the Bank and has been at the centre stage of trade union movement for more than two decades speaks volumes of his leadership qualities and acumen.

He has put in great effort in instilling values such as determination, tolerance, equity, patience, honesty, and professional stewardship. He is an embodiment of optimism and hard work. He is not only a brilliant and completely dedicated and committed leader, but he is an exceptional human being. Com Murali is humility personified, a hallmark of a great trade unionist. His calm and composed demeanour and his commitment to espouse the cause of members in the face of extreme adversity has earned him accolades across rank and file. He was elected Assistant General Secretary, Central Office of IOBOA in the year 2002, and Joint General Secretary in 2005. Later on, he became Sr. Deputy General Secretary and continued up to 2014. He was elected President of IOBOA in August 2016 and General Secretary in January 2019 and held this position till his retirement. On 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, he was elected President of AIBOC and held this post with distinction till his retirement. His elevation as President, AIBOC in the last Triennial General Council has brought glory to his parent affiliate IOBOA, the first time ever in the history of the association, which has produced illustrious leaders, who contributed significantly for the growth and development of the Confederation.

He has been President of the Private Sector Bank Officers' Association and glorified this post till his superannuation. In all his assignments in the journey of the trade union movement, he showed the professionalism of a true trade unionist, collective bargaining, and superb negotiation skills which helped to unlock difficult situations many a time. His immense contributions to the growth of IOBOA and AIBOC shall be etched in golden letters in the annals of the glorious history of our Confederation. He served with distinction in various positions in AIBOC, and he has been a part of various committees constituted by AIBOC and has



contributed significantly. He was always available to the membership, whenever they needed his help and that is indeed a true hallmark of a great leader.

He has been an authority on matters related to Disciplinary proceedings and is acclaimed as an expert Defence Counsel and assisted officers in distress. He has defended the indefensible on several occasions and in the process have given them a fresh lease of life. His prowess in administrative law and its interpretation had very few parallels. Listing out his achievements would be an onerous task for he walked like a colossus in the trade union circles for close to two and a half decades. We are confident that the seeds of wisdom sown by him in nurturing the Gen Next of IOBOA and AIBOC through the course of its history shall be the driving force for future battles. We know that his heart is always with the organisation and our members.

His persuasive skills ensured many laurels for AIBOC when it came to matters concerning the welfare of its members and retirees during the discussions with IBA on residual issues and medical insurance scheme. His professional acumen came to the fore and was in the full glow when it came to dealing with some of the finer points that emerged out of an otherwise protracted and long-drawn battle with IBA and Government combine during reconciliation talks with CLC (C) in protecting the inalienable rights of our members, in the sensitive issue of listing of the banking amendment bill during the winter session of parliament in December'21. He had led from the front during the historic Bharat Yatra organised by AIBOC between November 24<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 being a member of the Mumbai to Delhi contingent. His contribution in the Bank Bachao Desh Bachao campaign has been colossal.

The undersigned has been a long standing ardent admirer of his extraordinary oratory skills and his command over the language. His 'gift of the gab' is perhaps unparalleled in contemporary banking trade union movement. The bonding between the undersigned and Com Murali has grown stronger by the day. His calm demeanour and reassuring presence has instilled confidence in the undersigned during several key meetings with IBA and CLC(C) and his invaluable inputs provided had given new dimensions to our presentation of views. The undersigned places on record his deepest gratitude to Com Murali for the unflinching support that he had extended during his entire tenure.

We will be failing in our duty if we do not place on record the unstinted cooperation and support extended by the family members of Com Murali. His spouse Ms Kalpana Murali and daughter Ms Sai Ambika, who is presently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Visual Arts, had bore the brunt of isolation throughout their lives as Com Murali had devoted his entire time for his extended family.

We do hope that he continues his involvement in the 'Bank Bachao Desh Bachao' movement and remains a crusader against bank privatisation. We wish Com Murali Soundararajan T a very active, healthy, contented and prosperous life in the days to come.

With regards,

Yours Comradely,



**(Soumya Datta)**  
**General Secretary**