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To : All Regional Secretaries / CC Members

I am reproducing the AIBOC Circular 19/2016 dtd 29.03.2016 as below :

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Date: 29/03/2016

Dear Comrades,

FOUR DAYS STRIKE CALL BY COMRADES OF IDBI BANK AIBOC EXTENDS FULL SUPPORT

Our members are well aware that comrades in IDBI Bank are on war path against the decision of the Government to privatise the Bank. The officers and employees of IDBI Bank had observed one day strike on November 27, 2015, when the Government of India made its intention clear to privatise IDBI Bank. Our Confederation extended full support to their struggle in opposing the move of the Government to privatize the Bank. Following the success of the strike, the Government made an announcement that the percentage of Government holding will not be diluted beyond 52%. However, taking a reverse stand, the Finance Minister during Budget Session announced on the floor of Lok Sabha to bring down Government stake below 50% in IDBI Bank, thus reinitiating its move to privatization.

To protest the move of the Government, Demonstration and rallies are being organized by the Officers and Employees of IDBI Bank all over the country. The top executives of the Bank are facing black flag opposition from officers and employees in all town hall meetings being organized by the Management to put forth the view of the Government. One day nationwide strike call is given by the Organisation affiliated to AIBOA on 28th March, 2016. The majority organization led by newly elected Com. Vithal Koteswar, Com. Yadav, and Com. I Swamy under the banner of United Forum of IDBI Organisations gave four days strike call from 28th March, 2016 to 31st March, 2016. The leaders of the Movement from all over the country have approached the central and state leadership of our Confederation for guidance, support and help.



The issue being of principles, we have been extending all fraternal support to the struggling comrades of IDBI Bank through active involvement of central/ state/district level leadership. The undersigned along with Com. Sanjay Das, Secretary, West Bengal State Committee and Com. Ameetaa Sharma, Secretary, AIBOC addressed a large gathering of more than 500 officers at IDBI Bank, Kolkata in the evening of 5th March, 2016. Com. M.B. Tripathi, State Secretary of MS I addressed a gate meeting of IDBI officers at Mumbai on 21.03.2016. Our West Bengal State Committee has been very active and addressed their Dharnas at Kolkata and other centers of West Bengal, to express our solidarity.

AIBOC MS II under the leadership of Com. B.K. Talware and Com. A.V.V. Kulkarni, the President and Secretary, MS II Unit, respectively, organized a meeting on 26.03.2016 at Nagpur to boost the morale of IDBI Bank Officers. Special arrangements were made through which your General Secretary was able to address the gathering through phone from Delhi which was put on speaker over mike. The members present in large numbers were really motivated by the meeting held there. The apprehensions in the mind of many officers of IDBI Bank were cleared by all AIBOC leaders.

On the very first day of four days strike i.e. on 28th March, 2016, your General Secretary addressed more than 400 officers present at IDBI Towers, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai. Since there was no permission by police, the IDBI comrades were little apprehensive but the address by your General Secretary acted as morale booster to initiate the demonstration. The young comrades were beaming with enthusiasm and were addressed by Com. M.B. Tripathi, the Secretary, MS II State Committee, also. At Kolkata Com. Sanjay Das, the State Secretary and other leaders of our Confederation addressed the agitating comrades. In Delhi, Officers and employees held a massive protest at Jantar Mantar. At Nagpur, a huge crowd of agitating comrades of IDBI Bank was addressed by Com. B.K. Talware and Com. A.V.V. Kulkarni. At Coimbatore also the demonstration was participated by a large number of IDBI Comrades and was extended full support through address by Com. J. Vanangamudi and other leaders of Confederation. Successful demonstrations were held at many other places, in which our Confederation leaders were present to extend fraternal support but the formal reports of them are not received by us.

The demonstrations at all centers have been reported to be a grand success and has received overwhelmed response from all branches and offices of IDBI Bank across the country. The agitation has been acknowledged and supported by leading political and Trade Union Leaders. Trade Union Leaders have supported their cause and assured to take the agitation to Parliament. The striking comrades have submitted the memorandum for four days strike to PMO, Finance Ministry, demanding a written assurance from the Government that its stake in IDBI will not be reduce below 51%.

We call upon all our Affiliates/ State/ District Committees to extend full support on all four days of strike to the agitating comrades of IDBI Bank and convey our best wishes to comrades of IDBI bank for a very successful agitation programme.

With revolutionary greetings,

Yours comradely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Harvinder Singh', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

(HARVINDER SINGH)
GENERAL SECRETARY

UNQUOTE:

Please ensure wide circulation.

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G.V.Manimaran
General Secretary