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Where we head?

Dear Friends,

When we all are fighting against the forces indulged in denigrating the dignity of labour who offered the petty sum of 2% increase in wages, the same lot for whom we are fighting also unleash their might to bring down the respect of the Bank officers.

Uco bank administration is in the news media again.

Months back A top executive was quoted sent letter denying the monthly salary for some officers which was reportedly corrected subsequently after the intervention of the officers Association.

Now, again, The New Indian Express has published on 01st June 2018 04455 AM that the UCO Bank Jodhpur zone has shot off a letter to all branches saying, “You are instructed that you must meet the target of enrolment of 16 Aadhaar otherwise the penalty imposed by the Unique Identification Authority of India will be deducted from your salary.”

It is reported that UCO Bank’s letter dated May 25, accessed by TNIE, follows an order by MeitY saying “financial disincentives shall be payable” if banks fail to meet the target of 16 enrolments a day.

The MeitY letter was issued to the heads of all public sector and private banks on April 15 and set May 31 as the deadline to meet targets of Aadhaar enrolment.

S K Patni, UCO Bank’s Jodhpur deputy zonal head, confirmed that such a letter was issued but claimed it was only a heads up and not really a threat.

Other Aadhaar centres at UCO Bank also confirmed a similar directive, citing that the order had come from the “top bosses” in the main office.

Clearly, the move is against Supreme Court directives that Aadhaar can’t be forced.

Many bank employees complained that Aadhaar enrolment was forcing them to stay in office beyond normal working hours.

“There is too much pressure, especially on the junior staff. The higher authorities are asking us to achieve the target after our working hours else they will write negative comments in our appraisal.

So, after our regular banking hours, we are forced to stay back. We feel like being reduced to a telemarketer for UIDAI rather than a banker,” said an official in-charge of an Aadhaar centre in State Bank of India.

According to Mr Patni, there is no reason why staff should be objecting as UIDAI pays bank employees `25 per enrolment.

Mr PATNI did not understand that the another prime reason for the PSBs dismal performance is that the highly qualified youths joined recently in the PSBs talents are getting distorted or wasted in deploying in non core and unproductive jobs like Aadhar enrolment.

We are not against Aadhar enrolment and we are only requesting for allowing us to do some productive work to bring back the limping PSBs back in to the rail.

Mr Patni for whose sake we lost two days salary is no way inferior to IBA who lowered the dignity of our labour by offering 2% salary increase as he wants the Bank officers to work for Rs.25 for Aadhar card enrolment.

He is further belittling the bank officers to the level of children by making a statement that the communication was not a threat but to raise head.

AINBOF strongly condemns this kind of communication and urges the UCO bank administration to withdraw the above said communication immediately.

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