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LEGAL CASE BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT FOR PENSION PARITY – PART HEARD – NEXT HEARING ON 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2013

Special Leave Petition filed by Union of India having no. SLP (C) 39288/2012 along with IA No. 2/2013 filed by All India RRB Officers' Federation contesting the judgement and order dated 23/08/2012 in SBC WP No. 4366/2005, DBCSA No. 2021/2011 of the High Court of Rajasthan came up for hearing before Court No. 2 headed by Justice P. Sathasivam of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 9th July, 2013. A battery of Lawyers consisting of Shri Jayant Bhushan, Sr. Advocate, Shri D.S. Chauhan, Advocate, Shri Rajinder Juneja, Advocate and Shri Siddharth Aggarwal, Advocate appeared before the Court representing the Federation.

With the hearing taken up by the Hon'ble Court it was mentioned by the Petitioners, Union of India, that they have filed an affidavit consisting of the proposal for payment of Pension. Our Sr. Advocate promptly pointed out that the proposal is not acceptable. Other Advocates also supported his views. Hon'ble Judge commented that from the first hearing in February, 2013 he was insisting to hold final hearing and no time should be elapsed to dispose of the matter. After consultation it was decided to hold the final hearing on Wednesday, the 11th September, 2013.

Friends, the Govt. of India proposal to pay Pension is highly discriminatatory and a negation of the principles enunciated by the NIT & the Hon'ble Supreme Court respectively in 1991 and 2002. If the

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proposal is accepted, 2/3rd of the officers and employees of RRBs shall not be entitled to get Pension. The proposal of the Govt. of India is farce and the Pension is linked to Banks' earning profit at same or higher level. The proposal is worse than New Pension Scheme and any other scheme in vogue. Therefore, the proposal is not acceptable.

On behalf of AIRRBOF we are marshalling papers, documents and evidences to challenge the proposal and enforce payment of Pension at par with Sponsor Banks. General Secretary of the Federation shall be visiting New Delhi once again over weekend and early next week for the purpose.

Friends, all our affiliates and members should whole heartedly support the effort of our Federation to clinch the Supreme Court Case. We require your financial contribution in the form of levy. All our affiliates should remit the Supreme Court Case Levy to the Federation immediately.

WIN WE MUST.

With greetings,

(S.K. Bhattacharjee) GENERAL SECRETARY