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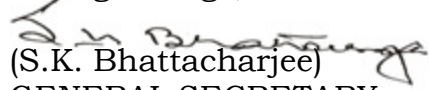
## **NEWS ROUND UP**

The Pension Case filed by Union of India was listed as item no. 17 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. Much drama was enacted by some interveners in the case claiming that they ensured preponent of the case etc. The intension was to claim credit for some others' good deeds. Ultimately the case did not come up for hearing on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. The next likely date is on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014.

2. Our affiliate, Pandyan Grama Bank Officers' Association in Tamilnadu met Shri P. Chidambaram, Finance Minister and discussed the Pension issue. They urged upon the Finance Minister to personally intervene in the matter and ensure Pension Parity. Shri Chidambaram had replied in a letter the present position of the Pension Parity Case. The letter is annexed and the text is self explanatory. Since the letter pinpointed that the claim of some Workmen Union at the National Level have proved to be false as clear from the text of the letter of the Finance Minister, they got disbarred. Hence they circulated some letter advising to keep away from rumour mongers. The letter of the Finance Minister is real and the leaders of such Workmen Union are the greatest rumour mongers in the country. So Comrades, unmask the leaders and beware of them.

3. General Secretary of our Federation visited Chennai for couple of days in connection with issues concerning Odisha Gramya Bank. Discussion took place in Chennai involving Indian Overseas Bank Officers' Association. The issues of Odisha Gramya Bank seemed to be getting resolved.

With greetings,

  
(S.K. Bhattacharjee)  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

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FINANCE MINISTER

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March 11, 2014

Dear Shri Elakkuvan,

Kindly refer to your letter dated 3.3.2014.

The issue of introducing a pension scheme for employees of RRBs on par with the employees of nationalised banks was examined and an in-principle decision was taken on 25.6.2012 that the RRBs could be allowed to adopt a pension scheme on par with the nationalised banks. Accordingly, a model pension scheme and model pension regulations were framed in consultation with NABARD. The operational guidelines were approved on 25.6.2013.

As you are aware, a case is pending in the Supreme Court and hence, Government was advised that it would be appropriate to file an affidavit in the Supreme Court informing the Court of the Government's decision subject to the operational guidelines. I am told that the matter was listed in the Supreme Court on several days between 11.9.2013 and 11.2.2014, but was not taken up for hearing. The next date of hearing is 25.3.2014.

We have instructed our counsel to mention before the Court that the matter may be taken up for early hearing so that the Government can go forward in implementing the pension scheme. In order to ensure that the matter may be heard early, the Employees Union should also cooperate. I would, therefore, advise you to impress upon the Employees Union that they should cooperate so that the matter is taken up for hearing by the Supreme Court at an early date. Once the case before the Supreme Court is resolved, it would be possible to implement the model pension scheme subject to the Court's orders.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P Chidambaram)

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