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## **PENSION CASE BEFORE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT**

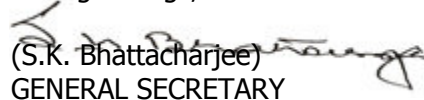
The grant of Pension to officers & employees working in Regional Rural Banks is a long pending issue. Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance, DFS, dithered on the issue and dragged on for years together. Under the instructions of GOI, NABARD got the issue examined by Actuaries and drawn of a scheme for payment of pension in RRBs in line those obtaining in sponsor Public Sector Banks. Two High Courts had given favourable verdicts allowing employees' right to pension. Our Writ Petition before Hon'ble Delhi High Court was at final stages while GOI filed SLP (c) no. 39288/2012 before Hon'ble Supreme Court challenging the verdict given by them. The SLP was not immediately allowed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and they started the process of arguments. Our Federation filed both Transfer Petition as well as I.A. before the Hon'ble S.C. and the I.A. was admitted and marked I.A. 2. Several dates of hearing were fixed. The bench was initially constituted under justice Hon'ble Sathasivan who became later Chief Justice of India. Later on the bench was constituted under Justice Hon'ble Jagadish Singh Kehar.

The case was listed as item no. 8 in Court no. 6 for hearing on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. The pre lunch session of Court no. 6 could not be held as the co-judge justice Hon'ble Arun Mishra was sitting with the constitution Bench under Chief Justice of India. In the post lunch session our matter came up for hearing at the fag end. Justice Hon'ble Kehar commented that the matter requires time and therefore, cannot be taken up today. After consultation with our Senior Advocate & other Advocates present the Justice decided that hearing shall be held on the next day i.e. 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. Accordingly the matter was listed as item no. 2 of Court no. 5 to be presided over by Hon'ble Justice Kehar.

On 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 our Pension matter came up for hearing as the Bench started the day's proceedings. Our Senior Advocate Shri Jayant Bhusan immediately stood up and argued the case in most professional manner with lot of impression on the Justice. His argument lasted for more than 1 hour 30 minutes with intermitent comments of Justice Kehar & Justice Mishra. After the argument of Shri Bhusan other Advocates started their arguments & pleadings. The same continued up to the lunch and resumed after lunch till the Court had risen for the day. Hon'ble Justice Kehar fixed next date of hearing on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.

**FRIENDS, THE BATTLE FOR PENSION BEFORE THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT IS COMING TO A CONCLUDING STAGE. THE FIGHTING BEFORE SUPREME COURT REQUIRES LOT OF FUNDS. IT IS REGRATABLE THAT A NUMBER OF AFFILAITES TILL TODAY DID NOT PAY / PARTIALLY PAID SUPREME COURT PENSION CASE LEVY. WE ONCE AGAIN APPEAL TO LEADERS OF ALL OUR AFFILIATES TO REMIT THE LEVY LATEST BY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2014. TREAT THE MATTER AS MOST URGENT.**

With greetings,

  
(S.K. Bhattacharjee)  
GENERAL SECRETARY