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All Affiliates/ Members (Please re-circulate)

NEWS ROUND UP

The decision was unanimously taken by UFRRBU on 6th June, 2016 to observe strike from 27th July to 29th July, 2016 in RRBs also synchronising with UFBU call for Strike on 29th July, 2016. UFRRBU decided that strike shall be to demand (i) Introduction of Parity in Pension and (ii) Parity in Other Allowances & Benefits and Opposing Move for privatisation of RRBs. Accordingly, AIRRBOF issued Strike Notice to GOI, DFS, 56 Chairmen of RRBs and NABARD with copy to the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) on 9th June, 2016. Surprisingly, totally deviating from the decision of UFRRBU, Com. D.N. Tivedi who was elected as Convenor only for one year, issued Strike Notice on 28th June, 2016 including host of other issues where the signature of the GS, AIRRBOF was also included without my knowledge. We immediately protested the move of so called Convenor, UFRRBU. General Secretary, AIGBEC & AIGBOC also lodged strong protest against such sinister move of the Convenor, UFRRBU. Regardless of the decision of the Meeting dated 6th June and protest by three major constituents viz., AIRRBOF, AIGBEC and AIGBOC, the so called Convenor persisted with his Strike Notice. We have informed authorities vide our letter dated 15th July that we shall observe strike only on the issues notified in our Strike Notice as per decision of UFRRBU. Please note that UFBU had given call for strike on 29th July, 2016 only protesting the reform measures of Govt. of India in the Banking Industry. Dy. CLC (Central) called AIRRBOF & UFRRBU for conciliation on 21st July, 2016 at 11:30 AM. We have also sought appointment of Joint Secretary, DFS to discuss the three issues involved in our Strike Notice. It is to be noted that if so called Convenor, UFRRBU persisted with such move, the constituents of UFRRBU shall meet on 20th July, 2016 morning to decide future course of action. As of now, three days strike from 27th to 29th July, 2016 very much stands and we are duty bound to make the strike a grand success.

- 2. General Secretary, AIRRBOF visited branches of Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank and J & K Gramin Bank in Himachal Pradesh and J & K (Ladakh) to interact with the membership working at very difficult branches. General Secretary also held group meeting at different centres. The visit had immensely motivated the officers working at the remotest corners of our country. We are collating all the information on infrastructure and difficulties as well as amenities available for the officers for taking up with concerned authorities.
- 3. We are receiving reports from different RRBs that officers had broken away from the Composite Unions and establishing separate Officers' Associations. They are in the process of taking affiliation with AIBOC/AIRRBOF.
- 4. President, General Secretary and other Senior Office Bearers shall be camping in New Delhi from 19th instant evening for different Organisational activities. We shall share the details in due course.

With greetings,

(S.K. Bhattacharjee)
GENERAL SECRETARY