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## **UFRRBU – THE MYTH**

All India RRB Officers' Federation was the launching pad of joint movement of officers and employees working in different RRBs. Com. S.K. Bhattacharjee, General Secretary, AIRRBOF, in consultation with other Apex Trade Unions in RRBs, arranged for the first ever meeting of all Apex Trade Unions in RRBs including AIRRBEA & AIGBWO arranged a meeting at the Kerala House, New Delhi in 2010. In the meeting the selection of Convenor of Joint Forum of Gramin Bank Unions became matter of dispute. There were two aspirants, one was Late Dilip Kumar Mukherjee and the other was Shri R.K. Gautam. General Secretary, AIRRBOF proposed that considering the seniority of Late D.K. Mukherjee, let him be the Convenor for the first time which shall be rotated. However, AIGBWO protested. They declared that they would not be party to the Joint Forum. Thereafter late D.K. Mukherjee became Convenor. It is crystal clear that from day one United Movement of officers and employees of RRBs was a non-starter.

Even during the days of Joint Forum AIRRBEA raised the issue of formation of NRBI. In protest all other unions excepting AIRRBEA with its two off springs and AIGBWO/AIGBOO, all other Apex Trade Unions formed United Forum of RRB Unions with Shri S.K. Bhattacharjee, GS, AIRRBOF as Convenor in 2011. It spelled the death of Joint Forum of Gramin Bank Unions and United Forum of RRB Unions with S.K. Bhattacharjee as Convenor was became the focal point as the United Umbrella of RRB officers and employees joint movement. The situation continued from 2011 for couple of years. During this period several landmark agitation, Dharna & strike took place with full success. All along, AIRRBEA sabotaged the agitation. Interesting point is that AIRRBEA and AIGBEA/AIGBOA are Trade Unions with explicit political connections and their decisions are loaded with politics in mind. This was protested by AIRRBOF.

With the joining of AIRRBEA in the United Forum of RRB Unions (UFRRBU) after the demise of D.K. Mukherjee and assuming the post of Secretary General by Syeed Khan, Shri D.N. Trivedi was elected as Convenor and H.N. Rao as Chairman for one year with a clear understanding that after one year Shri S.K. Bhattacharjee shall be the Convenor and Shri K. Rajeev shall be the Chairman. However, D.N. Trivedi aided and abated by Syeed Khan refuted the understanding and continued to function in arbitrary, clandestine, dictatorial mode to fulfill political purpose of AIRRBEA & AIGBEA combine under Convenor, D.N. Trivedi.



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Com. Bhattacharjee protested the matter in the Meeting of UFRRBU held in New Delhi in July, 2016 and conveyed that all agitation programme including strike call should be focused only on twin issue of:

- (i) Implementation of at par Pension in RRBs.
- (ii) Extension of all other allowances at par to officers and employees of RRBs.

In view of the decision of the Central Committee of AIRRBOF the agitation programme should be focused only on the aforesaid two issues. The matter was agreed by all other constituents in the meeting of UFRRBU held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. However, AIRRBOF pointed out that they cannot be party to any strike action for three days at present and strike programme should be escalated in phased manner. However, Convenor, UFRRBU D.N. Trivedi issued strike Notice dated 28.06.2016 without any consent of General Secretary, AIRRBOF forging his signature who had to quit the Meeting of UFRRBU held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 due to the authoritarian attitude of Convenor and Secretary General, AIRRBEA. Due to the fact that D.N. Trivedi, forging the signature of GS, AIRRBOF, issued Strike Notice dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 calling three days strike from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 it was not agreed upon by AIRRBOF, NCRRBE & AIGBEC. The matter was protested by Com. S.K. Bhattacharjee on 01.07.2016 by sending an email which could not be replied satisfactorily by D.N. Trivedi.

Friends, we cannot be party to calling for strike for three days aimed at the gallery, as it was proved that in the pretext of conciliation meeting the same D.N. Trivedi withdraw the strike of three days on 26<sup>th</sup> July. Therefore, the Central Committee of AIRRBOF decided to quit the United Forum of RRB Unions. On the issue of Pension, Central Committee of AIRRBOF decided to take a realistic view before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and accordingly Com. Srijan Pal, then Vice-President made the work out of Pension Calculation and accordingly Advocates of AIRRBOF submitted IA No. 9/2016 based on objective calculations. In the IA, AIRRBOF never accepted Govt. of India affidavit before the Hon'ble Supreme Court rather emphasised on realistic calculation and creating Pension corpus in all RRBs regardless of Profit or Loss of RRB and ask the officers & employees to exercise option to meet the gap which is very minimum and beneficial to the workforce. In this regard we had meeting with Shri G.C. Murmu, Addl. Secretary (FS) at his office on 17.08.2016 which we covered in our Circular No. 61:2016 dated 17.08.2016.



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Without going deep into the IA submitted by AIRRBOF, AIRRBEA and AIGBEA started vituperative campaign to malign AIRRBOF which the Central Committee of AIRRBOF condemned. Friends, before the Supreme Court, AIGBEA/AIGBOA is not a party and AIRRBEA is instrumental to defer the proceedings before the Hon'ble Supreme Court by its Advocate Shri Anantheraman. We pose the following questions before the employees & officers of RRBs.

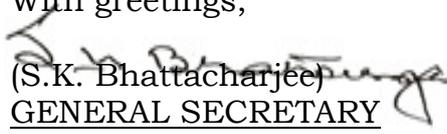
- (i) Whether you want united movement which should be result oriented?
- (ii) Whether UFRRBU should function democratically?
- (iii) Whether the demand of AIRRBOF to focus strike & agitation only on the two issues of Pension Parity and other Allowances parity is justified?
- (iv) Whether AIRRBOF's IA No. 9/2016 before Hon'ble Supreme Court remained as a path breaker and surly herald introduction of Pension in all RRBs?
- (v) Whether AIRRBOF should mortgage its Trade Union rights at the altar of dictates of two men leadership of UFRRBU?

If your answer to all these five questions are yes, then it is justified that AIRRBOF is not parity to UFRRBU. Not only AIRRBOF but also AIGBEC, NCCRBE and AIGBOC are not part of UFRRBU. Now UFRRBU is the joint propaganda platform of AIRRBEA and AIGBEA. Should we not condemn such move?

We hail real and purposeful United Movement in RRBs. Our goal is to form real United Movement but not sole proprietorship of Convenor and his heirs. Move on to make 21<sup>st</sup> March Dharna by UFBU in New Delhi a grand success & condemn the divisive forces.

**AIRRBOF ZINDABAD  
AIBOC ZINDABAD  
UNITED MOVEMENT ZINDABAD**

With greetings,

  
(S.K. Bhattacharjee)  
GENERAL SECRETARY