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SUPREME COURT CASE – DATE BEING SHIFTED & AIRRBOF EFFORTS TO CLINCH PENSION ISSUE BY APPROVAL OF THE APEX COURT

SLP(c) No. 39288 of 2012 was a treacherous step taken by Union of India, read Dept. of Financial Services, when it already got a mandate by then Finance Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. Subsequently when the case was about to be decided in favour of the employees, UOI filed an affidavit whereby it committed to extend pension albeit with qualifications of profit & loss of the RRBs. The matter was argued by the Advocates of the Respondent/ interveners including AIRRBOF where it was submitted to the Hon'ble Court that in the light of Award of the NIT and the Hon'ble Supreme Court in 2001 & 2002, Govt. of India could not shy away from paying terminal benefit at par on the flimsy pretext of paying capacity. Hon'ble Supreme Court after hearing both the sides gave an interim order on 26th November, 2014 and directed the Union of India to provide all the data sought for by the Unions/Associations and hold negotiations to arrive at a conclusion unanimously. Regrettably, Govt. of India, Dept. of Financial Services did not provide any data or information sought for by us as early as 1st December, 2014 despite several subsequent letters and reminders.

It was reliably learnt that under the instruction of the Govt. of India, NABARD undertook an exercise to arrive at financials of Pension payment. Govt. of India also finalised about formation of a Committee with Chairman, NABARD, two General Managers of State Bank of India and Central Bank of India and three Chairmen of RRBs namely Kerala Gramin Bank, Ellaquai Dehati Bank and Baroda UP Gramin Bank. The Committee relying on the data available with NABARD shall hold negotiation with Apex Associations/Unions of the RRBs.

It was decided by Govt. of India, as elicited from discussion with Dy. Secretary on 10th March, 2015, that they will submit a fresh affidavit before the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the next date of hearing to seek leave of the Court on the Constitution of the Committee and further time. It appears that Govt. of India is taking all opportunities stand to delay the Pension issue under the grab of the Committee to deny parity on the Pension issue.



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The SLP(c) No. 39288 was listed on the Advance list of the Supreme Court for hearing on 11th March, 2015. Accordingly, AIRRBOF President, Vice-President and General Secretary reached New Delhi and consulted our Senior Advocate. However, it was unknown in the evening of 10th March that the SLP(c) is not listed for hearing on 11th March, 2015. In view of the fact that the Bench comprising of Justice J.S. Kehar and Justice A.N. Mishra had splitted the Supreme Court Registry had to get the Bench assembled for hearing. Now, the next date of hearing of SLP(c) has become uncertain.

Please look forward to our next communication AIRRBOF is taking all steps to clinch Pension issue.

With greetings,


(S.K. Bhattacharjee)
GENERAL SECRETARY