



## THE FEDERATION OF INDIAN BANK EMPLOYEES' UNIONS

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### ALL INDIA ALLAHABAD BANK EMPLOYEES' CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

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#### CIRCULAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS:

PLEASE CIRCULATE

Dear Comrades,

#### AMALGAMATION OF ALLAHABAD BANK WITH INDIAN BANK WITH EFFECT FROM 01.4.2020

All our Units and Members are aware of the decision taken by the Government of India / Reserve Bank of India to merge 10 Public Sector Banks into four with effect from 01.4.2020. The Government on 04<sup>th</sup> March 2020 had notified about the Amalgamation Schemes for 10 Government owned Banks into four as part of its consolidation plan on the plea to create bigger size stronger Banks in the Public Sector. We all know well about the amalgamation of all Subsidiary Banks with State Bank of India and also merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with Bank of Baroda and the ill effects and sufferings of those Taken over Banks. State Bank of India and Bank of Baroda faced severe crisis due to huge Non Performing Assets and closed large number of Branches / Offices.

It is very unfortunate that the Government and Reserve Bank of India have not learnt any lessons out of the mistake that they have committed by merging the Public Sector Banks. The announcement to consolidate 10 Public Sector Banks into four was declared by the Finance Minister in August 2019. Subsequently at the call of our National Organisation, we observed series of agitational Programmes and also a day's Strike on 22.10.2019 and further given a call to observe Strike on 27.3.2020 and withdrawn due to Novel Corona Virus Pandemic. Despite our stiff resistance and fight against the move of the Government of India / Reserve Bank of India and amid COVID-19 Pandemic, the amalgamation of Banks took effect on 01.4.2020. In that process Allahabad Bank, one of the oldest Bank in our Country founded by the Europeans and nationalized on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1969 got amalgamated with Indian Bank.

Even before the amalgamation, both the Bank's management took lot of initiative and conducted Town Hall Meetings in an effort to preach sermons to the Staff members of both the Banks. All know well about the fate of Indian Bank after the amalgamation of Allahabad Bank with it at the instance of the rulers. Apart from the resentment shown by the Staff members of all Banks, the Share Market also reacted swiftly and the share price of Indian Bank had gone down to 52 weeks low of Rs.41.70 and similar is the fate of all other Banks also. This itself reveals the sentiment of the Investors towards merger of Banks. But, it is a sorry state of affairs that the Government at the Centre and Reserve Bank of India are talking about Privatisation of Public Sector Banks. Day in and day out, disturbing news are being flashed that some of the Public Sector Banks will be handed over to the Private Operators. The Defaulting borrowers and Corporate Criminals who are responsible for creation of huge NPAs in the Banking Industry would like to garner the Bank's shares in the event of Privatisation and to control the Banks. AIBEA Central Committee has already decided to jump into action programmes in the event of any attempt by the Central Government / Reserve Bank of India to denationalize and privatise the Public Sector Banks. We should be in all readiness to implement the call of AIBEA to observe all Programmes of action and to thwart the ill advised Policies and moves of the Government.

While we are gearing up our machinery to launch bitter struggle including strike action against the powers that be at the call of all Central Trade Unions and AIBEA / UFBU on all matters which are inimical to the interest of the working class in general and the Bank employees in particular, we have to fine tune our machinery also.

On the issue of amalgamation of Banks and an inevitable merger of Unions after amalgamation, AIBEA has convened a Meeting of the Presidents and General Secretaries of 10 Unions at Mumbai on 29.11.2019 and at Hyderabad on 17.3.2020. In that Meeting it was unanimously

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decided to form Joint Coordination Committee at the Bank's levels to have coordinated approach on all matters in the event of merger of Banks. Due to Novel Corona Virus Disease and imposition of Lockdown throughout the Country, normalcy got disturbed and still a kind of extraordinary situation is prevailing. All Meetings have become Virtual Meetings and assembly of people is totally restricted. In such an abnormal situation, at the initiative of AIBEA and its General Secretary **Com. C.H. Venkatachalam**, three Virtual Meetings have been convened with the leading Office Bearers of the Federation (FIBEU) and the Coordination Committee (AIABECC) on 10.7.2020, 05.8.2020 and 07.8.2020.

On 12.8.2020 the Joint Meeting of the Office Bearers, General Secretaries of affiliated Units and Special Invitees of FIBEU and AIABECC was convened. **Com. C.H.Venkatachalam** was present throughout the Meeting and guided the Proceedings. In that Meeting the formation of the All India Joint Committee representing both the organisations was ratified apart from reporting of the developments that have taken place after the Merger of Banks and the issues that have to be pursued in due course of time by the Secretary General of FIBEU and General Secretary of AIABECC. **Com. C.H. Venkatachalam** explained in detail about the MOU that was signed on 22.7.2020 and the threats that are looming large before the Bank employee and all other issues that are confronting our Nation and its people. The Meeting was jointly presided by the Presidents of both the organisation.

The details of the All India Joint Committee are as follows:

1. **Com. E. Arunachalam – FIBEU - Convenor**
2. **Com. Deepak Sharma – AIABECC - Joint Convenor**
3. **Com. Ashok Gupta – FIBEU**
4. **Com. Y.P. Singh – AIABECC**
5. **Com. M. Jayanath – FIBEU**
6. **Com. Atul Mehrotra – AIABECC**

The All India Joint Committee, a coordinating body of both the organisations has been formed with a view to take up all issues pertaining to the Members with the Management of our Bank and also to evolve Policies and Settlements with the Management through the Negotiating Committee to be formed for that purpose. At the States level also, a State level Joint Committee will be formed with the Presidents and General Secretaries of both the organisations to take care of the issues of our Members at the State Level.

We call upon all our members to extend full Co-operation to the All India Joint Committee and the States Level Joint Committee for its smooth functioning. These Committees shall meet at periodical intervals and take up all issues with the Authorities concerned at all levels. As the period ahead is very turbulent due to the Policies and approach of the Government, we have to be cautious and bold enough to face the challenges and to save the Country and its people and to protect and preserve the Nationalised Banking system in our Country.

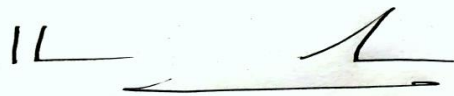
AIBEA and its affiliated units are having its own great history of having achieved several Schemes and benefits to the members during the last 75 years and the same spirit and endeavour will be followed in future also to achieve the best. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 22.7.2020 with Indian Banks Association itself is a shining example that too during COVID-19 Pandemic.

Let us all take a pledge to take the Bank to greater heights with our Unity and Solidarity and to take the Flag of AIBEA to dizzy heights by keeping our Organisations and its Members with all togetherness with Coordinated and Collective efforts.

With Greetings,  
**Comradely Yours,**



**M.JAYANATH**  
**SECRETARY GENERAL**  
**FIBEU**



**DEEPAK SHARMA**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**  
**AIABECC**