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## **C.E.C. Meeting on Pension Issue**

The Central Executive Committee of the All India Reserve Bank Retired Employees' Association met in Mumbai on 14 and 15 November 2008 to consider the situation arising out of reduction in pension of pre-1 November 1997 pensioners in terms of Bank's circular dated 10 October 2008. Office bearers/delegates from 14 centres attended the meeting. The rest could not attend due to railway reservation problems. As President Shri Suryakant Mahadik had other pressing engagements, Shri R.P. Donde, Working President presided over the meeting. (Shri Mahadik attended the General Meeting of Mumbai Association on 15 November and participated in the deliberations).

Shri T.G. Nair, General Secretary, and Shri R.P. Donde reported in detail the developments in the matter. It was mentioned that Dr Y.V. Reddy had given a specific assurance to further update the pension in the light of November 2002 revision of the pay scales in the Bank, improve family pension, give 40% commutation, etc., within a period of 3 to 4 months to the Forum of the four recognized Associations/Federation in the Bank in the meeting the Forum had with him in September 2006. This assurance was reiterated in the meetings our office bearers had with him. It is now seen that Dr Reddy just fooled everybody for two years and surrendering to the pressure of the then Finance Ministry nominee on the Board (now Governor), Dr D. Subbarao, surreptitiously got approved the proposal to reduce the pension of the pre-November 1997 pensioners by withdrawing the updation given by Dr. Bimal-Jalan which had been effective from November 2002, in the meeting of the Central Board held on 14 August 2008. Thus Dr. Reddy has passed on the ordeal of facing the anger of the staff and the pensioners to his successor. The office bearers also gave detailed information about the decision of the Forum to fight out the issue and the agitation launched for the purpose. The unit representatives reported that the mass casual leave programme of the Forum on 21 October 2008 was a complete success at all the centres and they had been fully geared up for 2-day mass casual leave on 1 and 2 December 2008. The meeting expressed its deep appreciation of the efforts being made by the Forum to get the infamous circular withdrawn.

The CEC discussed in detail, the steps to be taken by the Association to protect the interests of its members. It was decided to extend full co-operation to the Forum and participate in full strength in all its agitation programmes, wherever possible. It was also decided to observe one day Dharana on Friday, 28 November 2008. If it is not possible to organize Dharana due to police restrictions, etc., units were authorized to chalk out suitable action programmes involving total participation of the retirees. The Dharana is to be preceded by wide press publicity. It was also decided that the individual members should be encouraged to write to the Governor questioning his decision to reduce the pension, as per the advice of the Government, preferably under the Right to Information Act, 2005 or else by a simple letter asking for a reply. The Mumbai-based office bearers have been authorized to take decisions regarding further course of action.

There was detailed discussion whether the issue could be resolved by legal means. The CEC endorsed the view of Shri T.G. Nair that the ultimate solution lies in concerted organizational action mainly by the Forum, duly supported by our Association and at this stage no unit should go to the court in the matter. It was reported that Karnataka High Court has given a interim stay for reduction of pension on

a writ petition filed by a retiree at Bangalore. The stay is applicable to the individual. Further S/Shri A.G. Karnik, A.P. Kale and L.V. Kulkarni have filed a writ in Bombay High Court on 24 October 2008. It was reported by them that at the hearing on 14 November 2008, the Chief Justice, Shri Swatantrakumar expressed his unhappiness over the Bank not filing its reply to the writ despite passage of three weeks and has ordered that if the Bank fails to submit it before next hearing on 28 November 2008, the case will be heard ex parte. S/Shri Donde and M.B. Talekar reported that even though the three persons have filed the writ individually, it was necessary to give required support to them and to ensure that the case is not lost by default. Keeping this in view they had detailed discussions with the advocate engaged by the petitioners, viz., Ms. Cox-Sanghavi and explained to her the intricacies of the case.

The office bearers of the recognized Associations S/Shri Ajit Subhedar (AIRBEA), C.M. Paulsil (AIRBOA) and Vivek Srivastava (RBIOA), who addressed the CEC, were felicitated at the meeting. They assured that the Forum will fight to end on the issue as it not only affects the pre-November 1997 pensioners but also has impact on the autonomy and honour of the Bank and its officers/employees. They also expressed their confidence that not only the mass C.L. of 1 and 2 December 2008 will be a total success, but if necessary, their members were also prepared for an indefinite strike on the issue. The office bearers of our Association expressed their deep sense of gratitude to the Forum and saluted them for their trade union spirit. The leaders were assured that the retirees will participate in full strength in all the action programmes of the Forum.

## **Special General Meeting on 15 November 2008**

A special General Meeting of the Mumbai Association was held at Shirodkar Hall, Parel on 15 November 2008 on pension reduction issue. Shri K.G. Patkar, President of the Association, presided. In spite of tense atmosphere in the city and transport hassles, the retirees attended the meeting in large number. S/Shri Donde, Nair and Talekar explained in detail the issue to the members. In his speech, Shri Suryakant Mahadik, All India President and Mumbai unit Executive President stated that the struggle is going to be long drawn. The Forum has decided to go to the extent of indefinite strike to get justice. He added that Shiv Sena Pramukh, Shri Balasaheb Thackeray and its Working President, Shri Uddhavji Thackeray are aware of the issue and if necessary Shiv Sena would not hesitate to jump into the fray. Shri Paulsil, G.S. of AIRBOA assured the gathering that the Forum will fight out the issue till its logical end. S/Shri Ajit Subhedar, G.S., RBIEA and Vivek Srivastava, G.S., RBIOA, though could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation, they did send their greetings expressing their firm resolve to fight. S/Shri A.P. Kale and A.G. Karnik reported about the court case. The presence of Shri S.V. Dalvi, veteran RBI leader and K.S. More, founder General Secretary of our Association, despite their ill health, raised the morale of the attendees.

The members were appealed to attend in large number, the demonstration in front of COB building, Dharana on 28 November as also to be present on 1 and 2 December mass C.L programme.

Shri K.G. Patkar concluded the proceedings of the meeting by appealing to stand firm and united to oppose the injustice.

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## Inauspicious Time ?

Economic Times in its editorial on 20 October 2008 condemned RBI officers and staff who went on mass casual leave on 21 October to protest against Govt. of India's direction to RBI, to withdraw the updation in pension, approved by Dr. Bimal Jalan, ex-Governor, to the Bank's Pre-1997 retirees saying that the timing chosen by RBI employees to protest was terrible in the context of the present worldwide economic scenario. The editorial also sounded punitive action against RBI employees. An impromptu reply to the editorial by Shri A. Seshan, ex-adviser is reproduced below :

Your editorial condemns the RBI strike and refers to its 'terrible timing' (ET, Oct.20). Could you please indicate the appropriate and auspicious time for the purpose ? When the need is for the amelioration of the economic distress of citizens with fixed incomes in the context of double-digit inflation, RBI's proposal implies a cut in the pension.

The updation of pension now dubbed illegal is, if at all, a procedural infirmity. It is a pity that rather than correcting the position, which is what is normally done in Govt, the Bank has unleashed a kind of war on its elderly sickly citizens lurching towards their welcome end. We seek your benevolent intervention.

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## Pension

[308]— Discrimination — Disparity within the same rank — Validity — Criteria for pay fixation laid down in Special Army Instruction 2/S/1998 which enabled post 1-1-1996 retired Major Generals (and their counterparts in Air Force and Navy) to draw higher pension compared to pre 1-1-1996 retirees — *D.S. Nakara case*, (1983) 1 SCC 305, followed and held it was not permissible to create a class within class — Government directed to extend similar benefit to pre 1-1-1996 retirees on notional basis — Constitution of India, Arts. 14 and 16, (2008) 9 SCC 125

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**RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE 6<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE OF ALL KERALA BANK RETIREES FEDERATION HELD AT CALICUT ON 19-10-08**

**II. Updation of Pension**

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The All India Bank Retirees Federation has been demanding updatation of Pension of Bank Retirees. The United forum of Bank Unions also have demanded updatation of Pension. The V Central Pay Commission have recommended updatation and the Central Government accepted it in principle and are giving updatation of Pension with every wage revision of Central Government Employees. But the Central Government oppose the updatation of Pension in Banking Industry. The Government even went upto the level of directing the RBI to withdraw its order for updating the Pension of RBI employees and to recover the benefits already given.

This VI Conference of All Kerala Bank Retirees Federation protest the retrograde decision of the Government and urge upon the Central Government to restore updation in RBI and extend the benefit of updation of pension to the commercial Bank employee also.

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