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**To ALL UNITS AND MEMBERS :**

Dear Comrades,

We reproduce hereunder the **CIRCULAR NO. 27/100/2015/11, dated: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015, issued by our National Organization – AIBEA – for your information.**

**With Greetings,**

Yours Comradely,

  
(JAGDISH M BHAVTHANKAR)  
GENERAL SECRETARY - SBHSA

**Launch National Campaign**

**Vibrant Banking - Vibrant India**

- **Resist anti-people Banking Reforms**
- **Repulse attacks on public sector banking**
- **Defend public sector banking**
- **Defeat privatisation of banks**
- **Muster public support through national campaign**
- **Mobilise 1 crore signatures in the Petition to Prime Minister**
- **Signature Campaign from 20<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015**
- **Make the people aware – make the public beware**

For the past more than two decades, we have been consistently fighting back the various attempts of the successive Governments to foist banking sector reforms in our country. Right from the Narasimham Committee Report in 1991, Committee after Committee have been recommending various measures to open up the banking sector with a view to weaken public sector banking and to encourage private sector banking. Every time there was an attempt and every time, we have been relentlessly fighting back these offensives. There have been strike actions on number of occasions to register our protest against these unwarranted measures. We have also undertaken country-level campaign programmes to create awareness amongst the people at large. There had been massive Mochas to parliament by thousands of our members. All these

programmes had their own impact and could reduce the speed of their reform measures.

But we find that the Government is bent on going ahead with these policies. Particularly after the present NDA/BJP Government had come to power, the intensity and velocity of their efforts have doubled. The Government is taking all-out efforts to proceed with the reforms. Cabinet has already taken the decision to reduce the Government's equity in our nationalised Banks to just 52% thus enabling private capital upto 48%. Corporates and industrial houses are sought to be given banking license. Entire rural and local area banking is sought to be handed over to all types of private agencies and institutions in the name of allowing Small Banks and Payment Banks. FDI in Banks is also being encouraged.

While public sector banks are suggested to be consolidated and merged, private sector banks are being encouraged to expand and proliferate. Necessary capital to the PSBs is being discriminatively denied by the Government with a view to weaken them.

Regional Rural Banks which were created to serve the rural economy are being commercialised. Government has already got the Bill passed in the Parliament to allow 49% private capital in RRBs. Co-op. Banks which serve the common people at the grass-root level are being neglected.

While bad loans in the Banks are alarmingly increasing, no serious measures are being taken to recover the money. On the other hand, concessions are being doled out to the corporate defaulters. Their names are not being published by RBI or the Government. Even against deliberate and wilful defaulters, no action is being taken. But there is a spurt in selling away these bad loans to private agencies at heavy discounted price. Huge defaulted loans are also being re-structured and shown as performing loans.

There is eagerness and hurry to implement the retrograde recommendations of P.J. Nayak Committee Report – all aimed at weakening and diluting public sector banking and boosting private banks. This is the essence of their banking reform measures.

But in India we need to further strengthen public sector Banks. Our Banks represents the people's money. Total Deposits in the Banks are more than Rs. 85 lacs crores today. Can it be allowed to be misdirected and misused ? Can we allow the corporate delinquents to gobble up the people's savings ? Can we allow our public sector banks to be hijacked by private vested interests ? Can we allow the corporates to play with the precious savings of the people ?

Obviously we cannot. Because we need a strong and vibrant banking sector in the public sector to build a vibrant Indian economy. We need expansion of public sector banks and not consolidation. We want banking services to reach everyone and right to banking should become a fundamental right. We want people's money for people's welfare and national savings for national economic development and not for private corporate loot.

Hence it has been decided to launch a National Campaign against these anti-people banking reforms and demanding pro-people banking policies.

#### **Programmes :**

- **Mass meetings of employees in all centres and banks**
- **Public Meetings, street corner meetings, seminars, workshops**
- **Press meets and press conferences**
- **Distribution of leaflets to bank customers and general public**
- **Publication of latest list of loan defaulters**
- **Letters to political leaders, Members of Parliament, MLAs, etc**
- **Petition to Prime Minister – mobilising 1 crore signatures**
- **All India Strike**

#### **CAMPAIGN DEMANDS : “ Vibrant Banking - Vibrant India”**

- ☞ **Strengthen Public Sector Banks**
- ☞ **Provide adequate capital to PSBs**
- ☞ **Do not privatise public sector banks**
- ☞ **Do not encourage FDI/FII in banking sector**
- ☞ **Stop dilution of social banking**
- ☞ **Extend more loans to priority sectors and agriculture**
- ☞ **Increase interest rate on Savings Deposits**
- ☞ **Do not give banking license to the corporates**
- ☞ **Do not encourage Small Private Banks and Payment Banks**
- ☞ **Open more branches of PSBs all over the country**
- ☞ **Bring all private banks under public sector**
- ☞ **Delink Associate Banks from SBI**
- ☞ **Do not privatise Regional Rural Banks**
- ☞ **Merge RRBs with Sponsor Banks**
- ☞ **Strengthen and revitalise Co-operative Banks**
- ☞ **Publish list of bank loan defaulters**
- ☞ **Take stringent measures to recover the bad loans**
- ☞ **Declare wilful default of bank loan as criminal offence**
- ☞ **Declare right to banking as fundamental right**
- ☞ **Ensure vibrant banking to enable vibrant India**

#### **Launch Signature Campaign on Petition to Prime Minister : 20<sup>th</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015 :**

The main programme of this Campaign is to collect **ONE CRORE SIGNATURES** in the **PETITION TO PRIME MINISTER** from the banking customers, general public, bank employees, political leaders, leaders of various trade unions, economists, public servants, MPs, MLAs, etc.

The Signature Campaign should be launched on **20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015** coinciding with the 70<sup>th</sup> Founding Day of AIBEA and culminate by **31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015**.

The proforma of the Petition is being sent separately. The Petition should be printed in large numbers including in local languages and sent to all branches and units. Each State Federation will be given their quota of signatures to be collected. The signed petitions should be collected by the State Federations from the units and sent to AIBEA in bulk after 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015. AIBEA will hand over all the Petitions to the Prime Minister in person.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,



**C.H.VENKATCHALAM**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**