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TO ALL UNITS AND MEMBERS:

Dear Comrades,

**CCBIFU Meeting on 27-9-2019 at Chennai**

Our unions are aware that in view of the common challenges facing the banking sector, insurance sector and the financial sector as a whole, and in order the force broader co-ordinations amongst the Unions in the banking and insurance sector, we took initiative and formed the Co-ordination Committee of Bank, Insurance and Finance sector Unions (CCBIFU).

CCBIFU consists of 4 organisations, viz. AIBEA, AIBOA, GIEAIA and AILICEF. We have been having periodical exchange of our experiences, challenges and struggles in our sectors. We have conducted seminars and also Dharna, etc. against FRDI Bill and played our role in pushing back that retrograde Bill.

Given the increasing attacks and challenges in our banking, life insurance and general insurance sector, it is essential and imperative to maintain co-ordination amongst our 4 organisations and form local Committees of CCBIFU in all the States and cities. Our unions should take initiatives in this regard.

A meeting of the CCBIFU was held on 27-9-2019 and we furnish hereunder the text of the Circular issued by CCBIFU for the information of our unions and members.

**CCBIFU CIRCULAR No. 2 dated 29-9-2019**

A meeting of the CCBIFU functionaries was held at Chennai in AIBEA Office on 27-9-2019. Com. N Sundaramurthy (AILICEF) presided over the meeting. Com. K Govindan, (General Secretary, GIEAIA) Convener, reported on the various developments that have taken place after our last meeting. Com. C.H. Venkatachalam, Chairman outlined the challenges and tasks before us and emphasised the need to undertake further programmes of action in that regard.

The meeting took note of the present developments in our country, particularly the serious problems faced by the economy, the Government’s failure to address these problems effectively, and the increasing problems being faced by the people and workers at large on account of the economic downturn. The meeting regretted that instead of solving these problems, the Government was keen on giving more and more concessions to the corporates on the one side and pushing through the labour law reforms on the other side. Participants also spoke about the attacks on the public sector, particularly in the banking and insurance sector.
The meeting congratulated the Defence sector workers for their recent militant struggle against corporatization of the Defence establishments. The meeting also congratulated the coal sector workers for their strike action against attempts to foist FDI in that sector.

There was a detailed discussion regarding the scenario obtaining in the banking, life and general insurance sector. The meeting took note of the Government’s attempts to hurry up with their measures like merger of banks, weakening public sector general insurance companies, burdening LIC with unremunerative investments, etc. and decided that proper campaign should be undertaken to highlight these issues amongst the people at large.

After due deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

a) To participate in the National-level Open Convention being organised by Central Trade Unions before the Parliament on 30-9-2019 and to abide by all the struggle programmes that would be decided by the Convention against the anti-worker policies of the Government.

b) To actively participate in the Centenary year celebrations of AITUC from October, 2019 to October 2020.

c) To issue a leaflet on the 75th Founding Day of World Federation of Trade Unions.

d) To organise a National-level Workshop in Bengaluru on the labour reforms and its adverse impact on workers sand trade unions

e) To organise a National Seminar at Delhi on the challenges facing the banking, insurance and entire financial sector.

f) To further expand the activities of CCBIFU in all cities and towns in order to forge more and more co-ordination and co-operation amongst bank and insurance sector employees in the ensuing struggles.

With greetings,

Yours Comradely,

C.H. VENKATACHALAM
GENERAL SECRETARY

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Co-ord. Committee of Bank, Insurance and Finance Sector Unions

- All India Bank Employees Association
- All India Bank officers Association
- General Insurance Employees All India Association
- All India LIC Employees Federation