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The Chairperson,
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Madam,

URGENT MATTERS OF RETIRED OFFICERS OF ERSTWHILE STATE BANK OF PATIALA REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

We are highly grateful for efforts made by the SBI and erstwhile State Bank of Patiala authorities to sort out the issues of the retired staff of SBOP and other Associates well in time by holding a meeting exclusively with Associate Bank Retirees' Organazations on the 22nd March, 2017 at State Bank of Patiala Staff Training College, Gurgaon. The meeting was presided by Shri V. K. Monga then GM (A & S), Corporate Centre and was attended by concerned GMs / DGMs of Associate Banks and other senior executives of SBI and retiree organizations of all the Associate Banks. In short, the SBI authorities told us that it would be a very smooth take over of the Associates by SBI without any inconvenience to the retired staff members. It was assured that the facilities / concessions allowed to the retired staff by their respective banks would continue as here-to-fore. But this commitment has not come true and the retired staff is facing lot of inconvenience from the very beginning. We, therefore, approach your goodselves for favour with the request to kindly get the following matters of retired staff attended to on priority basis :-

- i) Formed in March, 1986, the SBOP Retired Officers' Association has been working for the last over 31 years, and over decades the Bank on our request, had been providing space at different centres for holding monthly meetings to us and our units at Zonal Offices / Regional Offices / Staff Training College and Branches. We were also being extended extending small courtesies by way of refreshment to participants by the Bank. The gesture has been helpful for keeping up and continuing relationship with the Bank and the serving staff. This has been discontinued abruptly at some centres. We request for continuance of a very good gesture in the interests of us all as we continue to be your staff members as hereto fore.

- ii) A separate Grievances Redressal Cell was to be created for retired staff of erstwhile State Bank of Patiala. You will kindly observe that the staff retired from merged bank faces number of problems in revised set up. As such, such a cell be set-up urgently for redressal of our problems.
- iii) The Holiday Home facility provided to retired staff is not available from 1st April, 2017. It is the period when such facility is needed the most. This may kindly be started without delay.
- iii) Medical bills submitted under REMBS are pending for reimbursement for the last about three months. The fate of the affected retired persons, who had to undergo major operations by managing funds himself / herself can only be imagined. We request that all pending medical bills submitted under REMBSs be got cleared urgently.
- iv) With a view to reducing the burden on the retired staff, the SBI has allowed rebate of Rs. 6000/- to them at the time of renewal of yearly health insurance policy. This has not been done in the case of retired staff of Associates Banks, who too paid a very heavy premium on policy renewal. We have all along been requesting the Bank (SBOP) for relief in burden and suggested even to utilize our Staff Welfare Fund for the purpose, but our request was not acceded to. Now when relief has been given in exact similar case by SBI, the relief of Rs. 6000/- may also be extended to us on the lines of SBI retired staff , as we too are your retired staff now.
- v) The staff retired under VRS has not been paid their retiral benefits so far. We request that their provident fund balances, pension , gratuity, commutation of pension etc may please be released expeditiously. They are facing financial problems due to non payment of the dues and the pension. The funds of the VRS retired staff on account of leave encashment which are being kept as collateral security against car loans and educational loans must also be released as collaterals are waived to public also.
- vi) The retired staff members were issued Identity cards by the erstwhile State Bank of Patiala for their identity. As SBOP has been merged with SBI, we request you to please arrange to issue new Identity Cards / Smart Cards to all retired officers of erstwhile SBOP akin to their serving colleagues.
- vii) The HRMS numbers have since been issued to the retired staff members. Please arrange to issue password and the procedure to make it operational so that the concerned staff is able to apply for SBI Medical Insurance Policy and other benefits to concerned quarters.

2. Knowing well your time-constraints, we have approached you on urgent matters of the old aged and senior staff members deserving immediate help and favour by your goodselves.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,


General Secretary