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33rd Annual General Body Meeting held on 10th November 2019

In terms of notice for holding Annual General Body Meeting, 33rd Annual General Body Meeting of State Bank of Patiala Retired Officers Association (Regd) was held at Harpal Tiwana Kala Kendra, Patiala on 10th November 2019. More than 500 members/retirees were present in the meeting. Shri C.N.Prasad, General Secretary State Bank Retirees Association (Federation of retiree Association of Associate Banks), was the Chief Guest. First of all, the conference remembered with reverence all those colleagues who departed from us during the year after our last annual general meeting held in November 2018. Two minutes silence was observed in their respectful memory.

Thereafter, the conference discussed the agenda items already circulated to the members.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read out and confirmed by the house with voice vote.

Shri S.C.Madaan, Function President welcomed the guests and members on this occasion. He remembered State Bank of Patiala on this occasion. The meeting was held on 10th November 2019 especially to celebrate 103rd Foundation Day of erstwhile State Bank of Patiala which was the only bank having Head Office in Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh. With merger of State Bank of Patiala with State Bank of India, more than 2000 families belonging to Patiala who were gaining employment by way of getting some work from State Bank of Patiala or its officers have lost their income being received as rent for houses or services. The Bank was the biggest contributor of Income tax which was being used for the welfare of State. The Bank used to participate in various Social Welfare Activities and incurred huge amounts for well being of the residents of the areas served by Bank. The conference remembered the good customer service provided by Bank to its customers for about 100 years. However, it is a satisfactory step that State Bank of India has established FI Net work in SBOP Head Office Building now.

Shri C.N.Parshad, General Secretary State Bank Retirees Organisation was the Chief Guest who presented his key note address on this occasion. He presented his views especially on Pension Issues like D.A.neutralisation, updation of pension, welfare activities for retirees. He urged upon the members to give their consent to become petitioners in the legal case for payment of D.A, as per Pension Regulation 37 and arrange to deposit/give debit authority for Rs.5000/- to be paid to SBPROA so that a legal case may be filed in Hon'ble court. (Detailed circular No. 36 of 2017-20 dated 12th September 2019 was sent to members.(Further Details are being circulated separately)

Major issues pertaining to Pensioners

1. Uniform 30% Family Pension as available to the employees of Central Government and Reserve Bank of India,
2. Updation of Basic Pension and Additional Pension as applicable to the employees of Central Government and also provided under Bank Pension Regulation 35(1),
3. Pension for those who resigned after completing pensionable service of 20 years.
4. Reckoning of Special Allowance, which is akin to Grade Pay in Government Service, for the purpose of computing Pension and Gratuity.
3. Enhanced ceiling of Gratuity from Rs. 10,00,000/- to Rs. 20,00,000/- to be effective from 01.01.2016 as given to Government employees instead of 29.03.2018.
4. Medical Insurance Premium for Retired Bank Employees and Officers to be borne by the Banks as in case of Retired EDs, MDs, CMDs and serving employees.
5. Addition of up to 5 years to the qualifying service in case of those Officers who joined the Bank with Specialist qualification or experience in Scientific, Technical or Professional fields – Pension Regulation no. 26.
6. Computation of Basic Pension on the basis of last drawn Pay by striking down the explanation incorporated in Pension Regulation no. 2 (s).

10. Allowing to exercise Pension option to those who were compulsorily retired-Pension Regulation no. 33

The General Secretary report was read out by Shri B.C.Bassi, General Secretary of the Association. The Balance Sheet as on 31.3.2019 alongwith Statement of Income and Expenditure for the relevant year and with comparative

figures of the last two years were put up to house for approval. Copies of the GS report and financial statements were distributed to members. After deliberations, the house unanimously approved the General Secretary Report

The following Major Events were covered in General Secretary Report

Mission Chandrayaan-2, the second lunar exploration mission developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation, after Chandrayaan-1 was launched. It consisted of a lunar orbiter, the Vikram lander, and the Pragyan lunar rover, all of which were developed in India.

150th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated on 2nd October 2019.

Birthday of Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel was celebrated as National Unity Day on 31st October 2019.

Kartarpur Sahib Corridor became a reality on 9th November 2019 and large number of devotees to visit Gurdwara Sahib at Kartarpur on 550th Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev ji which is being celebrated in a big manner.

Shri B.C.Bassi, General Secretary of the Association while addressing the gathering, elaborated various demands of pensioners as detailed below:

1. Family Pension
2. Pension Updation.
3. 100%DA Neutralization.
4. Full Reimbursement of Medical Insurance Premium to Retirees.
5. Reckoning of Special Allowance for Superannuation Benefits.
6. IBA should hold talks with the Coordination Body of Bank Retirees.

The retired officers raised their voice against meagre Pension as there is no provision to upgrade Pension with salary revision. A retired General Manager in earlier years is getting a very little basic pension of Rs.10000/- whereas the lowest employee in other sectors is getting pension much more and is revised with every revision in salary of serving.

In this conference, senior members who reached the age of 70/80/90, were honored by presenting a shawl. On this occasion, senior office bearers of past namely Shri Tek Chand Bansal, Shri Rameshwar Gupta, Shri S.S.Sehgal, former General Secretary(ies), Shri K.C.Alipuria, former senior Vice President and Shri S.S.Sidhu, former Organising Secretary were also honoured for their contribution to the association.

During deliberations, some members expressed their views on various points mentioned in General Secretary Report and also suggested some measures for improvement in the working of Association. The General Secretary replied to all the queries. The conference appreciated the efforts of members who were helpful in organizing various activities including those of social activities during the period.

AUDITORS (Present Position) - The Association, in its Annual Meeting, shall appoint two members of the Association as auditors to audit the accounts of the Association. The auditors shall audit the accounts for the said year by 31st May to enable the Management Committee to review the accounts to the House in the general body meeting. **Amendment** : Now it has been passed by the conference that the accounts of Association will be got audited from Chartered Accountant instead of two auditors to be appointed by Association.

CO-OPTIONS : It was approved in the conference to co-opt Shri S.S.Sehgal, (Ex General Secretary) and Shri S.S.Sidhu (Ex Organising Secretary) as Advisor to the Association.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS: It was mentioned that the Association is doing the work for welfare of members with the active support of all office bearers, unit Secretaries and Executive members. The membership at large take keen interest in the activities of Association. On this occasion all office bearers namely Shri Rakesh Jasra, Senior Vice President, Shri K.S.Sandhu, Vice President, Shri Amar Singh, Joint Secretary, Shri B.K.Goyal Finance Secretary, Shri J.P.S.Kalra Asstt. Finance Secretary, Shri S.K.Mahant, Shri R.C.Dhand, Shri J.K.Khosla Organising Secretary(ies), all unit Secretaries and EC members were present. Former DGMs of SBOP, former Directors on Board of State Bank of Patiala namely /SShri B.C.Bassi, Amar Singh, Rakesh Jasra, Chaman Singla and former President of ABOA unit State Bank of Patiala Shri M.J.Walia were present to greet the members. Shri H.S.Bhasin did a good job as Stage Secretary and entertained the gathering with some jokes/quotes. A booklet **"Benefits/Facilities available to State Bank Pensioners on or after Superannuation"** was circulated to the members present in the conference.

Shri Harish Walia, President of Association presented vote of thanks. He thanked the members who attended the meeting. He thanked all members from Media and Press and dignitaries. He also thanked the volunteers who did a lot to make the conference a grand success.

Wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year To all of you and your family members.

Yours sincerely,

(B.C.Bassi)
General; Secretary