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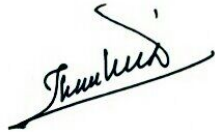
MASSIVE UPRAISING OF BANK OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES 30TH MAY STRIKE A HUGE SUCCESS – COM. PARDEEP DHURIA DIES IN THE DEMONSTRATION

Congrats to all Comrades who participated in the strike under the banner of UFBU from all over the country. Today from 6.00 am Officers and Employees have been in the strike. They were monitoring Clearing Houses and even Training Centres to ensure that nobody was attending office under any compulsion. Though the Managements had been threatening of severe action for participating in the strike by giving individual letters and getting acknowledgements, around 10 lakh Officers and employees participated in the strike whole heartedly. Rallies were held in faraway places like Imphal in Manipur, Ahmedabad where 5000 comrades marched for 4 kms and massive rally was conducted at Kolkata. Photos received from Port Blair, Andaman, Srinagar in J&K, Goa, Meghalaya and all other State Capitals show massive upraising of the Officers and Employees. Demonstrations have been conducted at all District Head Quarters of the Country. The participation of youth and women is overwhelming. Scale IV and V Officers have also participated in the strike inspite of threatening by the Executives. It is unfortunate that in one demonstration held at Fazilka, Bhatinda, Punjab, Com. Pardeep Dhuria, Deputy Manager of Punjab National Bank died of Heart Attack at the venue of the Demonstration. We pay homage to the militant comrade and convey our deep condolence to his family. Our comrades there are extending all help to the family. From AIPNBOA, Bhatinda they have given Rs.50000 and AIPNBOA, Central Office Rs.1 lakh. From AIBOC we are sending Rs.100000/- to the family of our militant Comrade. We thank the media for extensive coverage of the rallies and demonstrations. The strike will continue tomorrow and there will be more rallies and demonstrations all over the country. In the last 5 years the business of the Banks have doubled, the operating profit has more than doubled and the staff expenses have come down. The prices have gone up.

Hence we are demanding to the Government and the Indian Banks Association to expedite the wage revision and continue the wage revision exercise for Officers upto Scale VII as instructed by the Central Labour Commissioner also. We appeal to the public to support our cause based on the service we are rendering to the masses of the country. We handled demonetization, working day and night. We have opened more than 31 crore Jan Dhan Accounts. We have given Mudra Loans to lakhs of people. We are the ones who provide education loan, farmers loan, traders loan and serve the people throughout the day. We are the ones who have struggled and still struggling to protect the Public Sector Banks against the ill conceived idea of privatization. We appeal to the Central Govt and the Indian Banks Association to see reason and pay employees and officers what is rightfully due to them.

Once again congrats to all the comrades and appeal to you to participate in the programmes with more militancy and enthusiasm.

With Revolutionary Greetings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D T Franco', written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

[D T FRANCO]
GENERAL SECRETARY

Encl: Photos

