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TO ALL CEC MEMBERS & UNITS

Dear Comrades,

We reproduce hereunder the full text of Circular No. 19/2017 dated 19.07.2017, issued by BEFI, **for your information and necessary action.**

With greetings,

Comradely yours,

(ANUPAM MITRA)
GENERAL SECRETARY

Dear Comrades,

Country-wide Bank Strike on 22nd August 2017

You are aware that United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) from its meeting held at Mumbai on 28th June 2017 decided to observe country-wide Bank strike on 22nd August 2017 on following demands and issues:-

1. Do not privatise Public Sector Banks.
2. Stop plans of mergers and consolidation of Banks.
3. Do not write off corporate Non-Performing Assets (NPAs).
4. Declare wilful Default of Bank loans as criminal offence.
5. Implement recommendations of Parliamentary Committee on recovery of NPAs.
6. Ensure accountability of Top Management/Executives for bad loans and put in place stringent measures to recover bad loans.
7. Withdraw proposed FRDI Bill.
8. Abolish Banks Board Bureau.
9. Do not pass on the burden of corporate NPAs on bank customers by hiking charges.
10. Do not increase Service Charges in the name of GST.
11. Reimbursement of cost of demonetization and other Government Schemes to Banks by the Government.
12. Settle issues of Employees and Officers connected with demonetisation scheme.
13. Immediately fill up posts of Employee/Officer Director(s) in Bank(s).
14. Implement Compassionate Appointment Schemes in Banks as per Government guidelines.
15. Removal of Gratuity Ceiling under Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 & Total Exemption of Income Tax on Gratuity and Leave Encashment on retirement.

16. Pension related issues Improvements in Pension Scheme similar to RBI/Central Government including for past retirees - Extension of erstwhile Pension Scheme in banks in lieu of NPS - Follow-up of Record Note dated 25.05.2015.
17. Adequate Recruitment in all cadres.

UFBU has given the following programmes preparatory to and after the strike on 22nd August 2017:

PROGRAMMES

27.07.2017	Centralised Demonstrations & Rallies at all Centres.
03.08.2017	Centralised Demonstrations & Rallies at all Centres.
10.08.2017	Centralised Demonstrations & Rallies at all Centres.
15.08.2017 – 21.08.2017	Press Meet at all State Capitals
16.08.2017	Centralised Demonstrations & Rallies at all Centres.
18.08.2017	Dharna at all State Capitals
21.08.2017	Badge-wearing and Lunch Hour Demonstrations at all Centres
22.08.2017	ONE DAY ALL INDIA BANK STRIKE
15.09.2017	Dharna at Jantar Mantar & Procession to Parliament House, New Delhi
October/November 2017	2 DAYS' STRIKE

UFBU decided to organize Conventions at Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, preparatory to the strike on 22nd August 2017, dates for which are to be finalised by concerned State Units of UFBU.

We call upon all our State Units to initiate extensive campaign at the grass root level explaining all the issues to all bank employees irrespective of cadre and affiliation as also to reach wider section of common people for garnering and their support to our struggle in defense of public sector banks.

On our participation in Delhi Dharna from State Units, separate intimation is being sent. In the meantime, all State Units are requested to take initiative for preparing the list of participants as much as possible, make arrangements for booking journey tickets and staying arrangements at Delhi. In case any State Unit requires assistance from the Central Office for accommodation arrangements, the same should be intimated us within this month.

ON TO STRIKE ON 22ND AUGUST 2017
ON TO DHARNA AT NEW DELHI ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017

With greetings,

Comradely yours,
Sd/- (PRADIP BISWAS)
GENERAL SECRETARY