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(Formerly Syndicate Bank Officers' Association)

(AFFILIATED TO ALL INDIA BANK OFFICERS' CONFEDERATION)

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(PLEASE CIRCULATE TO ALL MEMBERS/OFFICERS)

Dear Comrades,

At the outset I thank all vibrant comrades of CBOF for electing me as the General Secretary CBOF. I am overwhelmed with the support of our CBOF comrades and other well wishers from all over the country on the occasion of my elevation as General Secretary CBOF and as the successor of our great leader Com. Vilas V Nayak, who has led our CBOF during the most turbulent time.

I also take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to Com. Sanjay Manrekar, Com. Vilas Nayak, Com. Kannan, Executive Committee members of CBOF and other senior leaders of CBOF for their continuous support and guidance.

Our CBOF is a vibrant Trade Union of officers in Canara Bank and the only Trade Union in our Bank affiliated to the largest fraternity of bank officers in India, AIBOC.

We have been taking up various issues of Canarites in our bank and also at the industrial level under the banner of AIBOC, like 5 day banking which is the closest to our heart.

It is a fact that the banking scenario has changed drastically over the years. Especially post 2010, the approach of Government towards PSBs has changed a lot. After the Nationalization of banks in 1969 and banking sector reforms in 1991, another major policy shift has been implemented by Government of India, starting with the consolidation of State Bank of India followed by the merger of PSBs. As everyone is aware, the merger of banks was the first step towards privatisation of PSBs.

Protests by various bank employees and officers organizations against the very idea of privatisation have already started and AIBOC has already launched Bank Bachao Desh Bachao campaign and CBOF is actively participating in the same.

Comrades, it is also a fact that the trade union scenario in the banking sector has also changed in the country. After entry of a large number of highly qualified youngsters in the banking system, the mode and style of trade union activities have changed a lot.

Still the unity and militancy of young comrades is seen across the country. This gives us confidence that they will fight for their each and every right in the coming days.

Comrades, CBOF has a long tradition of following militant trade unionism. It was started in the year 1973 as SBOA and is poised to enter its Golden Jubilee year next month. It was the majority organization in Syndicate Bank, where it obtained many benefits for the officers. After the amalgamation of banks, it has changed its name to CBOF, to serve all officers in Canara Bank, and we have been following the same spirit to serve the officers and take up the issues of our officers.

I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude to all our retired leaders and officers for their tremendous contribution to the betterment of officers fraternity and for the development of our beloved bank.

Comrades, I would also take this opportunity to thank our MD & CEO and management of our beloved Bank for giving us various facilities and extending utmost care to officers and their families. We cannot forget the fact, that it is only due to our beloved bank that we are leading a respectful life in the society. Together we can take our beloved bank to greater heights and in turn serve our country.

Comrades, as a trade union there is nothing like majority or minority, the utmost priority of any trade union is to take up issues concerning class of workers whom they represent and fight for their rights.

I give you my word that CBOF will always take up issues of every Canarite and ensure that justice is done.

I also request all of you to strengthen CBOF and together we can work for the betterment of our Officers and development of our beloved Bank.

With greetings,

Yours comradely



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