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To all Units / Members,

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OUR DHARNA BEFORE PARLIAMENT **AGAISNT MERGER OF BANKS - A GRAND SUCCESS**

We reproduce hereunder the text of Circular No.21 dated 12.12.2019 issued by Com. Sanjeev K. Bandlish, General Secretary, All India SBI Staff Federation, appending therein Circular No.16 dated 12.12.2019 issued by Com.Sanjeev K. Bandlish, General Secretary, National Confederation of Bank Employees (NCBE), appending therein the contents of UFBU Circular No.14 dated 12th December, 2019, issued by Com. S. K. Bandlish, Convenor of UFBU, for information of all our members.

With warm greetings,

Pradip Kr. Baishya
(Pradip Kr. Baishya)
General Secretary

“Dharna before Parliament organized by us on 10th December, 2019 against the proposed merger of 10 Banks and against retrograde banking reforms agenda of the Government was a grand success. Nearly 3000 employees and officers from various States and banks enthusiastically and massively participated in the Dharna.

The following political personalities and trade unions leaders addressed our Dharna and extended their support to our demands.

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| Pradeep Bhattacharya, MP | Congress |
| Dr. K.V.P. Ramachandra Rao, MP | Congress |
| Saugata Roy, MP | Trinamool Congress |
| Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, MP | Trinamool Congress |
| M. Shanmugam, MP | DMK and Gen Secy, LPF |
| T.K.S. Elangovan, Ex MP | DMK |
| D. Raja, Ex MP | CPI |
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| Elamaram Kareem, MP | CPI-M |
| N K Premachandran, MP | RSP |
| R C Kuntia, Ex MP | INTUC |
| Amarjit Kaur | AITUC |
| Harbajan Singh Sidhu | HMS |
| Swadesh Dev Roye | CITU |
| Santosh Kumar Rai | AICCTU |
| Satyavan Singh | AIUTUC |
| Lata Behn | SEWA |
| R S Dagar | UTUC |
| C Srinivas | Progressive Forum, AP |

We highlighted the following issues and demands in our Dharna:

- **STOP MERGER OF BANKS**
- **Stop banking reforms**
- **Ensure recovery of bad loans**
- **Take stringent action against defaulters**
- **Do not harass customers with penal charges**
- **Do not increase service charges**
- **Increase interest rate on Bank Deposits**
- **Stop attacks on jobs and job security**
- **Adequate recruitment in all Banks**

At a time when the economy of the country is facing a severe slow down and banks have a very important role to play to boost the economy, that should be the priority of the Government. But unfortunately, Government is targeting the banks for wholesale mergers, large scale closure of branches, diversion of attention from bad loans recovery, reduction in interest on deposits, levying more service charges and penal charges on ordinary banking public, etc.

Mergers are totally unwarranted and can not be the solution for the problems of our economy or the challenges facing the banks.

Recovery of bad loans by stringent measures is the need of the hour. But the Government is forcing the banks to resolve the bad loans through heavy concessions and haircuts and thus banks are losing their hard earned profits towards provisions for these bad loans of the corporates.

The Dharna participants raised powerful slogans condemning the Government's policies in respect of banks, particularly the proposed merger of banks.

Leaders of our constituent unions also addressed the Dharna.

We hope that the Government would understand the protest and resentment of the bank employees under the banner of UFBU and retrace their decision, failing which further agitational programmes would be discussed and decided.”

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| Our Unity..... | Zindabad |