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Circular to All Unit Secretaries / Members:

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Dear Comrade,

27TH GENERAL COUNCIL OF OUR FEDERATION

We reproduce hereunder AISBOF Circular No.47 dated 19.06.2018, the contents of which are self explicit.

With Greetings,

Comradely yours,

Sd/-

(D. THOMAS FRANCO RAJENDRA DEV)
GENERAL SECRETARY

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TO ALL OUR AFFILIATES/MEMBERS:

27TH GENERAL COUNCIL OF OUR FEDERATION

CURTAIN RAISER – ALL ROADS LEAD TO CHENNAI

A HISTORICAL MOMENT TO UNFOLD ON 23RD, 24TH AND 25TH OF

JUNE 2018 – A MOMENT TO RECKON FOR ALL OF US

Comrades, it is an inspiring moment for all of us. We are marching towards the 27th General Council of our beloved Federation scheduled at Chennai on 23rd, 24th and 25th June 2018. It would be a historic moment for the rank and file across the country. Yes a grand gala event recapitulating the performance and progress achieved by our Federation and the journey of the last three years in ensuring protection and the welfare of over 1,00,000 officers working in branches and administrative offices in different parts of the country. It is expected that the Inaugural Session held in the picturesque auditorium of our SBIOA School Chennai will be attended by over 4000 officers. The spacious

Chennai School, and its open air theatre is getting colorfully decorated to receive all the invitees and dignitaries who are attending the program. More than 1200 delegates and observers representing all our affiliates across the country and hundreds of volunteers would be participating in the Inaugural Session, planned on 23rd and the Business Session scheduled on 24th and 25th of June 2018.

2. The Federation had celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the year 2015 which culminated in the 26th General Council held at Mumbai on 13th to 15th June 2015. Since then we have seen several major developments and success in resolving a number of issues which were pending before the Management. The Federation took birth in the year 1965 and had the unique courage and conviction to function as a militant and vibrant trade union of the supervisory cadre. The 17 days indefinite strike from 11th to June 27th June 1969 is an event which is recorded in the golden letters of the history of trade union movement in the country. We have travelled nearly 50 years since then and had, in the meantime yet another glorious historical indefinite strike of 8 days during April 2006 on the common issue of superannuation jointly with the Staff Federation and which has inspired the trade union fraternity all over the country.

3. The All India State Bank Officers' Federation is a pioneer in the trade union movement of the bank officers in the country. The Federation also took up the noble responsibility of mobilizing and consolidating all the officers working in the banking industry under the banner of the All India Bank Officers Confederation. The Federation firmly believes that the organization should remain independent and apolitical and should not depend on the outside support or financial resources. It has also been following the principle of not getting affiliated to any political party and the leadership should be from within and by the serving members of the organization. Our principle of leading by example and also by remaining apolitical has made us a strong and vibrant trade union amongst the officers' fraternity all over the country. Its' contribution to the growth of the economy is unparallel.

4. The Federation has fully backed the Management of the Bank in achieving all its corporate goals including the successful completion and implementation of various government schemes meant for the uplifting of the common man. The Bank has spread its branches to the nook and corner of all parts of the country including the most difficult terrain where even the basic amenities are not available and the offices of the post office nor the railway lines have reached such difficult places. To day the revolutionary changes that were brought about, mainly the digital Banking technological advancement, computerization, the single window system, the large network of ATM;s, the diversification and expansion of the branches all over the globe enabling the bank to come within 50h rank amongst the global banks were all possible due to the active support and co-operation of the Federation.

5. The Conference is being attended by the Chairman and other senior executives of the Bank. The Chairman has been requested to inaugurate the Conference and address our members. The other senior executives both from the Corporate Center and from the circles are expected to participate in the conference.

6. It is also an occasion for all of us to recollect our past achievements. In particular, our indefinite strike in the year 1969 is now entering the 50th year of its observance by the thousands and thousands of officers all over the country in those days. It is the decision of the Federation to commence a memorable celebration to highlight the success of this historic indefinite strike when there was no recognition to the officers' association and the Management was totally against the strike action by the officers. But we have traveled a long distance since then. The 27th General Council is an opportunity and forum for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the cause of the Officers' fraternity and strengthen the edifice of the Federation to that it can march ahead and take care of the problems of the officers working all over the country.

7. Our Chennai Circle Association has made all arrangements for receiving our members coming all parts of the country. The volunteers have been entrusted with the responsibility of taking care of all our hospitality and

ensuring the grand conduct of the General Council under the able leadership of Com. Balaji the President, SBIOA, Chennai and Com. D.T. Franco Rajendra Dev the General Secretary SBIOA, Chennai along with their colleague office-bearers from the Circle Association.

8. The General Council is also an opportunity for all of us to take stock of the future challenges that are staring at our door steps and work out an appropriate strategy to accept and fight out those challenges getting them as our success story for the posterity. We are indebted to thousands and thousands of our members who have built this great organization with their sweat and blood and sacrifice all along hoping that the future generation will have a secured and better service in the bank. We all should remember these developments and come in large number to participate in this historic occasion.

9. Comrades, I take this opportunity to wish you all success in the conference and appeal to you to be in readiness for any further sacrifice in the consolidation of our movement under the banner of the Federation for all the days to come.

10. Come in large number - Participate actively and - make the program a grand success. Let us all be present in the historic moment of our movement on 23rd, 24th and 25th June 2018 to make our 27th General Council a historic and eventful.

With revolutionary greetings,

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