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To All Members

Dear Comrades,

11th National Conference of BEFI

We reproduce hereunder the full text of Circular No.39/2023 dated 17.08.2023 and extract of Circular No. 38/2023 dated 14.08.2023, issued by General Secretary, BEFI. This is for your information and circulation.

With warm greetings,

Comradely yours,

(Dhisankar Sengupta)

General Secretary

Full Text of Circular 39/2023 of BEFI dt. 17.08.2023

Quote This is in continuation of our earlier Circular No 38/2023 dated 14.08.2023 issued from Chennai where the Conference concluded with slogans after successfully completing the agenda of the 11th National Conference.

The city of Chennai and BKN MPH Auditorium was named as MSN Rao Nagar and S Bardhan Auditorium respectively while the stage of the Conference was named as S R Bal – J P Dixit –A Rengarajan Manch. On 11th Aug 2023, a Seminar was held at the same venue on contemporary subjects addressed by Com Dr. Ashok Dhawale, President, All India Kisan Sabha; Dr. Tejal Kanitkar, Associate Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies; Com K Swaminathan, ex-General Secretary, South Zone Insurance Employees Federation. The Seminar with packed capacity was presided by Com D Ravi Kumar, General Secretary, BEFI-Tamilnadu.

A large colourful procession, participated by more than 700 comrades, comprising of Delegates, Honorary Delegates, Observers, members of the Reception Committee as well as BEFI-TN, starting from YMCA, Chennai to the venue with cheerful slogans attracted attention of all passer by people and a cross section of media.

The proceedings of the Conference started with the flag hoisting. Red flag of BEFI was hoisted by Com C J Nandakumar, President of our National Federation. Floral tributes to the martyrs were offered by Com C J Nandakumar, President followed by Com Tapan Sen, Inaugurator; other all India Office Bearers; Secretary, Reception Committee and all participants.

At the beginning of the Inaugural Session, our ex-Office Bearers who attended the Conference as Honorary Delegates, were felicitated by the Office Bearers of BEFI-Tamilnadu. In the absence of Com T K Rangarajan, Chairman, Reception Committee, welcome speech was read out by Com Singaravelu, Vice Chairman of the Reception Committee. The Conference was inaugurated by Com Tapan Sen, General Secretary of CITU. In his short speech, Com Sen narrated the socio political situation of the country in brief. The Conference was greeted by leaders of several constituents of UFBU, viz. Com Sanjeev K Bandlish, General Secretary, NCBE and Convener, UFBU; Com R K Chatterjee, President, INBOC; Com S D Srinivasan, Joint Secretary, AIBEA; Com T Raghuram, Vice President, NOBW; Com K Venkatesan, INBEF, Tamilnadu. Com Shree Kanta Mishra, General Secretary, AIIEA and Com S Chellappa, AGS, BSNL Employees Union also greeted. Vote of thanks in the Inaugural Session was offered by the General Secretary. Com S Nagarajan, General Secretary, AIBOA greeted the Conference on 13 Aug 2023.

The Delegate Session started on 12 Aug 2023, with the formation of Presidium, Steering Committee, Credential Committee and Minutes Committee. 'In Memorium' was placed on behalf of the Presidium by Com C J Nandakumar, Com Joydeb Dasgupta and Com P Venkataramaiah following which silence was observed. At the outset, Draft report of the Central Committee was placed in the house by the General Secretary supported with power point presentation. Audited Statement of Accounts for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 was placed by Com Animesh Sur, Treasurer.

In the second part of his speech, Com Tapan Sen during the Delegate Session, narrated in detail the all pervasive attacks of the Narendra Modi Government on the whole population along with the resistance

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movement put forward by the working class, peasantry, student, youth, women including other sections of people. Com Sen also explained about the necessity of a strong organization in combating the onslaughts and appealed to the Conference for taking necessary initiatives in this regard.

In the evening, a cultural program presenting the rich cultural diversity of our country through a wonderful rendition of multi lingual songs by Bank Employees Art Troupe enthralled the participants. Similarly the cultural program presented by comrade talkies on the next day was engrossing.

68 delegates and observers from different states all around the country, majority of whom are young comrades, took part in the deliberation on the draft report of the Central Committee and discussed for nearly six hours spanning three days. The speakers enriched the draft report enormously with their valuable views and suggestions on all aspects of the report. The General Secretary replied to the queries and issues placed by the speakers. The draft report along with necessary amendments and modifications offered by the Steering Committee was approved by the Conference unanimously on 14 Aug 2023. With clarifications by the Treasurer on some points raised by the speakers, the Audited Statement of Accounts for four years was also approved unanimously. 25 Resolutions were adopted unanimously of which 2 were Amendment of Constitution and Rules. Report of the Credential Committee was placed by Com Animesh Sur, Convener of Credential Committee.

A Women Session was held on 13 Aug 2023 in which Com P K Sreemathi, President of AIDWA addressed as Chief Guest. The session commenced with the performance of a mime by Tamilnadu comrades effectively depicting the protest against rising atrocities on the women of our country sponsored by the divisive political forces presently saddled in power. Proceedings of the Session was conducted by a 5-member Presidium. Com Rajithamol K K, Convener placed a discussion paper on behalf of the all India Women Sub Committee. 21 women participants from across the country took part in the deliberation on the discussion paper on various aspects to enrich the same. After summing up by the Convener, the General Secretary narrated views of BEFI on the issues to be seriously considered by women members in particular. Apart from the women delegates and observers of the 11th National Conference, several women members from the state of Tamilnadu attended the Session along with all other delegates and observers.

On 14 Aug 2023, Ashis Sen Centenary Lecture was delivered by Com R Karumalaiyan, National Secretary of CITU. Topic of the Lecture was, "Why we oppose NPS and demand OPS". The whole Auditorium heard the lecture with rapt attention. An informative booklet justifying the demand for updation of Pension published by All Kerala Bank Retirees Forum (AKBRF) and the July 2023 issue of BEFI News documenting the "Anti Privatization Struggles" in core sectors of the economy commemorating the 54th anniversary of bank nationalisation on 19th July 2023 was ceremoniously handed over to Com Karumalaiyan by Com N Suresh, President, AKBRF and Com Jayanta Kumar Ray, Editor, BEFI News Sub Committee respectively.

The Conference was attended by 242 delegates and 294 observers. The Conference elected 19 Office Bearers, 41 Central Committee members and 49 General Council members unanimously.

[The list of Office Bearers is furnished below: (Names of CC & GC members will be communicate later)

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| President: | Com. S S Anil | | | |
| Vice Presidents: | Com. Joydeb Dasgupta | Com. R Ajaya Kumar | Com. C Rajeevan | Com. Ranjan Raj |
| | Com. Sunilraj P S | Com. Pradip Kr Sarma | Com. Saji O Varghese | |
| General Secretary: | Com. Debasish Basu Chaudhury | | | |
| Secretaries: | Com. S Harirao | Com. Manodip Ghosh | | |
| Joint Secretaries: | Com. Bhanwar Lal Karwasra | Com. Narendra Nayek | Com. Vineetha P H | |
| | Com. Bipul Banerjee | Com. M V Harish Babu | Com. Swapnil Kondilkar | Com. Y. Ashwath |
| Treasurer: | Com. Sandip Pal] | | | |

The Conference with standing ovation felicitated the Office Bearers elected from the 10th Conference who took leave from committees elected from this Conference, viz. Comrades: C J Nandakumar, Pradip Biswas, K Srinivasa Babu, P Venkataramaiah, Dinesh Chandra Kakati, Rupa Khalko, K Krishnan, Vijay Aroskar, Chiranjit Ghosh, C P Krishnan, Prakash Chandra Ray, G N Pareek, Animesh Sur. The Conference appealed in unison for their active support and advice in future also.

The Conference acknowledges the enthusiastic support of its members throughout the country in their wholehearted participation in responding to the call of financial contribution for the conference, in carrying the message of BEFI in the social media and observing badge wearing on the eve of the conference.

The members of the Reception Committee since its formation on 24 March 2023, for the last five months, had been functioning untiringly but for which the Conference could not be held in such extraordinary mode. Red Salute to BEFI - Tamilnadu.

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