

ALL INDIA STATE BANK OFFICERS' FEDERATION

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### CIRCULAR NO. 05 TO ALL OUR AFFILIATES

## DATE: 31.01.2025

# <u>Farewell and Gratitude to Comrade Vinay Bhalla, Chairman, AISBOF &</u> <u>Senior Vice President, AIBOC</u>

Dear Comrades,



As the sands of time mark the culmination of an illustrious career, we gather to express our profound gratitude to Comrade Vinay Bhalla, Chairman, AISBOF and Senior Vice President, AIBOC, as he prepares to board on his eventual journey heralding a new dawn with his superannuation from active service of the Bank on January 31, 2025.

Comrade Bhalla's journey, beginning at the State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur on May 1st, 1985, has been a witness to

his staunch dedication, both professionally and within the trade union idiom. His illustrious career path, marked by promotions to Deputy Manager in the year 1997, Manager in 2002, SMGS-IV in the year 2007, and SMGS-V in the year 2011, reflects his exceptional skill and acumen where knowledge and command on his assigned job had been his chariot.

A staunch advocate for unity and solidarity, Comrade Bhalla's leadership within our association has been exemplary execution of dedication and perseverance. From his roles as Zonal Secretary, Regional Secretary, Vice President, and Deputy General Secretary in 2015 to his ascendance as General Secretary of the SBIOA Jaipur Circle, and most recently, Chairman of AISBOF and Senior Vice President of AIBOC marks an illustrious transition. During all these years, his contributions have been invaluable and enormous.

His soft-spoken demeanour coupled with a firm determination and an exceptional ability to navigate complex situations, earned him the trust and respect of SBI officers all across. He has been a tireless advocate for our members, particularly during challenging times such as the event of 2017 merger of associate banks with SBI, where his leadership ensured a smooth transition for officers in the Jaipur Circle. His commitment to members' welfare is further exemplified by the widely acclaimed "Know Your Service Conditions" a reference book which has been a valuable resource for officers and management alike.

A visionary leader, Comrade Vinay Bhalla has taken various initiative of training and cadre development programs and his reservoir of knowledge made him one of the indispensable leaders of our time. In his bid to prepare the next generation of leaderships all along he tried empowering his fellow colleagues to effectively uphold officers' rights. His principled approach, sharp intellect, and ethical leadership have made him a cherished figure within the SBI trade union fraternity and shall be all through known to be a brave heart who withstood many a storm with an ever-impressive simplicity.

We shall be failing in our duty if we do not mention and acknowledge the unflinching support of his family, his wife, his daughter, two sons, and his daughter-in-law have extended his all through this illustrious journey, whose active support and sacrifices have contributed to this remarkable achievements both in terms of his professional growth as well as his crusade as a trade unionist.

As Comrade Bhalla prepares to "hang up his hat," we express our deepest appreciation for his immense contributions to our Federation in different positions he has coveted during his career and for the betterment of our members' lives.

His legacy will continue to inspire future generations of leaderships and the void that has been created with his eventual departure shall be very difficult to be filled by his successors while his heritage shall remind us of a compatriot whose deeds shall ever glitter in the annals of history of trade union movement.

On behalf of AISBOF and the entire officers' community, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and wish him a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retired life.

## **#OurUnityLongLive**

With Greetings,

Yours Comradely,

(Arun Kumar Bishoyi) President



#### (Rupam Roy) General Secretary



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