



# UNITED FORUM OF BANK RETIREES

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Sri A. Navaneethakrishnan Honorable MP  
The Chairman,  
Rajya Sabha Parliamentary Committee  
On Government Assurances  
Rajya Sabha Secretariat,  
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**GRIEVANCES OF PENSIONERS OF PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS IN PENSION UPDATION**  
**Reply to SQ 12 dated 02/02/2021 in Rajya Sabha regarding revision of pension of retired bank employees**

Respected sir,

We extend our hearty welcome to you and all the honorable members of the committee for visit to Bhubaneswar and Kolkata in the matter. Honorable Finance Minister have advised on 10 th Nov 2020 to IBA to consider the retirees at par with working staff as a family. But the 11 th wage settlement has been signed, revised pay structure has been implemented with payment of arrears, regular pensioners remain neglected as usual. The issue of pension revision remains as a residual issue of 11 th Bipartite Settlement. Pension fund is increasing every year by about 18 % and fund position as mentioned below will give some justification for sustainability of additional load by banks now.

Pension fund position as per Balance sheets for last two years

(Rs.Crore)

Year	Pension fund yield in the year	Bank Contribution during the year	Pension payment during the year	Pension fund value at the beginning	Pension fund value at the end	Total profit of all Public Sector Banks
2019-20	19525	9087	22569	216657	256274	Loss (-10172)
2020-21	20237	20409	20814	256274	300611	Profit 32314

You will kindly observe that pension fund position is better in last two years with growth of about Rs.85, 000 Crores in just two years and also banks have improved their profitability. Family pensioners are about 1.50 lakhs and latest revision will be a big relief for them. The number of regular pensioners, retired up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017, were about 3.10 lakhs as on March 21. The number of family pensioners is almost half of the regular pensioners, but average increase in pension amount of family pensioners will be almost double than the average increase in pension of regular pensioners if RBI pattern is implemented. Therefore, it can be concluded that additional load for improvement in family pension will be almost same as the additional load on pension revision as per RBI pattern. Present pension fund position and profitability of public sector banks are adequate to take additional load on these two aspects. If the additional load is very high for any smaller bank, a part of it can be amortized in next five years. Additional cash outgo on account of family pension improvement and revision of regular pension together will be around Rs.6, 500 Crores per annum. Pension has been revised for all the government pensioners with multiplication factor at 2.57 w.e.f 1st January 2016. Pension in Reserve Bank of India and NABARD has also been revised in March 2019 and July 2020 respectively with multiplication factors. On behalf of the bank retirees fraternity we urge upon the Rajya Sabha Parliamentary Committee members to take a holistic approach in pension revision of bank retirees taking into consideration both RBI pattern and also 100 % DA merger for retirees before 31st October 2002.

RESPECTFUL REGARDS

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