COORDINATION OF BANK PENSIONERS' AND RETIREES ORGANISATIONS

(SBI Pensioners' Associations, AIBPARC, RBONC, AIRBEA & FORBE)

AND

ALL INDIA BANK RETIREES' FEDERATION

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Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Finance Minister, Government of India. New Delhi.

Respected Madam,

A Heart-rending Appeal on behalf of Bank Pensioners and Retirees (largely consisting of Women Family Pensioners.)

On behalf of Coordination of Bank Pensioners and Retirees Organisations (CBPRO) and All India Bank Retirees Federation (AIBRF) representing All Banks' Pensioners and Retirees, we wish to make a **fervent Appeal to Your Good Sel**f to ensure release of **sanction of Improvement in Family Pension** as agreed to in the MOU signed between **IBA and UFBU in July 2020** and reiterated in the Wage Settlement for Bank Employees and Officers concluded in November 2020. The same was also assured by the Government on the Floor of the Parliament. **It is worth-mentioning that it was only after your explicit pronouncements, the restoration of Family Pension Parity was made a part of MoU & Bipartite Settlement/Joint Note.** The provisions to this effect in the MOU and the Settlement came as a **Great Relief to the poorly paid Family Pensioners** mainly consisting of very aged Women Pensioners of Deceased Employees and Pensioners.

The delay in the formal announcement of the same by the Government is causing anxiety and anguish leading to great misery especially to a very large number of Women Family Pensioners who are in their Advanced Age. They are also compelled to be out of the IBA Medical Insurance Scheme as the Premium is exorbitant. The cruel Corona Pandemic has further pushed them to total crisis and quite a few of them have lost their lives.

Respected Madam, you are the Only Hope for them and Your Highly Compassionate statements clearly expressing Your Concern for the Families of Bank Pensioners has given lot of Solace to them. Your Good Self also strongly feels that the Bank Family Pensioners deserve to have a Life of Dignity like their counterparts in Government and RBI.

We are very happy to understand that almost all formalities in regard to the issue of Improvement in Family Pension are completed by IBA and the Ministry except for the formal release by the Government. We, very respectfully and very humbly request for Your **Gracious intervention in this matter and render the much-needed relief to the Family Pensioners of the Banking Industry.**

Respected Madam, we once again fervently appeal to Your Good Self to accord Government's sanction in respect of Improvement in Family Pension and for this act of Kindness, the aged Family Pensioners and we shall ever remain Grateful.

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With Respectful Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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