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STATE BANK OF INDIA OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION (LUCKNOW CIRCLE)

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To All Comrades,

We reproduce hereunder the text of AISBOF Letter no. 6466/11/19 dated 19.02.2019 addressed to The Dy. Managing Director and CDO, State Bank of India, Corporate Centre, Madame Cama Road, Mumbai-400021 the contents of which are self-explanatory for information of the members.

(PAWAN KUMAR)
GENERAL SECRETARY

ATTACK ON OFFICERS BY POLITICIANS

We observe that the incidences of Politicians attacking the Officers at Branches are on the rise across the Country. These incidences mostly occur in the RUSU Branches due to the problems faced by the farmers on account, of drought and other related issues. Our Officers have extended best, possible support in the implementation of government schemes including the Debt waivers, Mudra Loans, Janadhan schemes etc. However, the technical issues in the implementation of the Debt waiver were beyond the control of the Branches and are attributable to the failure of government portal and the approach of the government towards the implementation of the scheme.

2. The other reasons for the attacks are the pressures from the local politicians for the Mudra Loans even in ineligible cases and the Branches are caught between the pressures from the Politicians and the rules laid down by the Bank/government for sanction of loans. The Politicians openly challenge the Branch Managers that Mudra loan is prefunded by the Government and therefore these loans cannot be refused.

3. We observe that whenever an attack takes place at any Centre, the Office bearers of the Association and the local Management extend all possible help and file the police complaint. However the response of the Police Authorities depends on the influence commanded by the person who attacked our Officer. Even if the culprit is arrested, he is granted bail within a day or two and the case goes out of our purview. Our Officers in the RUSU centres are mostly outsiders and therefore are unable to take strict actions against these goons/ local Politicians as in many cases, they have even been attacked at their residence or while returning home.

4. The incidences of attack on our Officers in Mumbai Circle have shown an increasing trend as the Chief Minister threatens the Bankers in the Public meetings. In 2015, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra ordered filing of FIRs against the Bank Officers. We took up

the matter immediately with the DFS and matter was also raised by the Dy. Governor of RBI. The then Secretary –DFS, immediately advised the Govt. of Maharashtra to take up the issues through RBI as PSBs are regulated by RBI. The Mumbai Circle Association had also written to the Chief Minister and though the letter was acknowledged for action, no reply is received till date. Last week, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra again threatened the Bankers in a Public Meeting at Sindhkhedraja in Buldana District. This was a day after the Branch Manager of our Chousla Branch in Beed district was attacked by a politician belonging to the ruling party.

5. Despite, repeated incidences of attacks, the issue is never raised in the SLBC meetings or with the Government. The Bank does not have a system for reporting of such attacks officially to LHOs or Corporate Centre and no record of such attacks are maintained by the Bank.

6. In view of the above, we request you to put in place a system for immediate reporting of such incidences by all Circles to Corporate Centre so that the same can be taken up with the DFS-GOI. We also request you to advise the Circles to ensure that such attacks are raised in the SLBC meeting and a stern message be sent to the State government and Politicians that the attack on officers will not be tolerated.

7. We further request you to kindly appreciate that Preventive steps are required to be taken immediately to avoid further attacks and therefore posting of Armed Guards at these sensitive Branches be ensured immediately so that the Officers can discharge their duties without fear and attacks on them is prevented.

Yours faithfully,

**Sd/-
(RAMKUMAR SABAPATHY)
GENERAL SECRETARY**