

# UNITED FORUM OF BANK UNIONS

(AIBEA-AIBOC-NCBE-AIBOA-BEFI-INBEF-INBOC-NOBW-NOBO)

CIRCULAR No. UFBU/2026/4

Date : 14-1-2026

TO MEMBERS OF ALL CONSTITUENT UNIONS:

Dear Comrades,

**Our call for All India Strike on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Discussions with IBA today**

In response to the strike notice served by us on the IBA, the IBA invited UFBU for a discussion today. Accordingly, the discussions took place in IBA office this afternoon. IBA was represented by the Chief Executive Shri A K Goel, Dy. Chief Executive Shri. Gopal Murali Bhagat, Mr. Brajeshwar Sharma, outgoing Sr. Advisor, HR&IR, and the new incumbent Shri Arvind Misra. UFBU was represented by representatives of all our constituent Unions.

IBA informed us that the demand for declaring the remaining 2 Saturdays also as holidays has already been recommended to the Government and the response of the Government is still awaited as the same is under their consideration. IBA further stated that few more issues are also pending resolution, particularly the issue of PLI. Hence IBA suggested that all these issues will be further pursued and hence requested the UFBU to postpone our strike action on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

Reacting to IBA's request, from UFBU, we pointed out that while in 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays were agreed to declared as holidays, it was assured that declaring the remaining two Saturdays as holidays will be considered in due course. But nothing has happened after that. In February, 2023, UFBU agreed for increase of 40 minutes in working hours per day on all Monday to Friday and IBA agreed to declare remaining Saturdays as holidays, subject to approved by the authorities. This proposal has already been recommended to Government and it is still pending for the past two years. We emphasised that in the present scenario of banking, declaring the remaining two Saturdays as holidays is most essential. In view of the inordinate delay in implementing this understanding reached between IBA and UFBU, we regretted our inability to accept IBA's request to postpone the strike.

**Hence our STRIKE CALL STANDS. We request all our Unions to implement the All India Strike on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

With greetings,

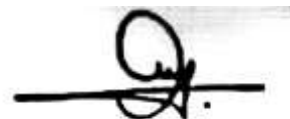
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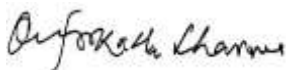
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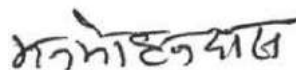
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