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TO ALL UNITS AND MEMBERS:

Dear Comrades,

Various trade unions support our strike You are not alone in the battle

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To

The Convener, United Forum of Bank Unions

Dear Comrades,

We are proud to note that bank employees and officers are currently on a nationwide agitation and struggle against Government's decision to privatise Public Sector Banks.

Government decision to privatise Banks is most retrograde because Government Banks are helping the common people and poor people. Moreover, if Banks are privatised, it will be sold to big corporate business houses and handing over public money to them is not national interest. If Banks are privatised, loans for agriculture and other priority sector will be stopped. Further, private management of Banks will attack trade union rights, employees' jobs and job security. Hence we should strongly oppose privatisation of Banks.

We are happy that bank employees and officers are fighting united under United Forum of Bank Unions. We also find that young employees are taking a lot of interest in this struggle.

Already all the Central Trade Unions have extended their support along with the Farmers' organisations.

We convey our support and solidarity with your struggle and wish your strike all success.

With greetings,

- 1. All India Steel Workers Federations (AITUC)**
- 2. All India Coal Workers Federations (AITUC)**
- 3. All India Federation of Electricity Employees (AITUC)**
- 4. All India Petroleum Workers Federations (AITUC)**
- 5. Indian Mine Workers Federations**
- 6. National Federations of Telecom Employees (BSNL)**
- 7. All India NTPC Workers Federation (AITUC)**
- 8. NTPC Bijli Karamchari Union (AITUC)**
- 9. All India Beedi, Cigar and Tobacco Workers Federations (AITUC)**

10. ONGC Technical Staff and Workers Union (AITUC)
11. Samyukt Ispat Mazdoor Sanghathan (AITUC)
12. All India Textile Workers Federations (AITUC)
13. All India ITDC Employees Union (AITUC)
14. All India Cement Workers Federations (AITUC)
15. All India Fish Workers Federations (AITUC)
16. Bhartiya Khet Mazdoor Union
17. All India Confederation of Building and Construction Workers (AITUC)
18. All India Plantation Workers Federations (AITUC)
19. Khetri Tamba Shramik Sangh (AITUC)
20. National Federation of ASHA Workers (AITUC)
21. All India Mid-Day Meal Workers Federations (AITUC)
22. All India Domestic Workers Federations (AITUC)
23. All India Loaders & Unloaders Workers Federations (AITUC)
24. All India Municipal Workers Federations (AITUC)
25. All India Palledar (Handling) Workers Federation (AITUC)
26. Sanyukt Koyala Mazdoor Sangh (AITUC)
27. All India NMDC Workers Federations
28. All India Handicrafts Employees Association, J & K (AITUC)
29. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, Pampore (AITUC)
30. Central Silk Board Workers Union J & K State (AITUC)
31. All India PWD Workers Federations (AITUC)
32. Geological Survey of India Employees Associations (AITUC)
33. All India Defence Employees Federations
34. Defence Contractors Worker's Union (AITUC)
35. All India RMS & MMS Employees Union Mail Guards and Multi Staff Group 'C'
36. All India Gramin Dak Sevaks union (AITUC)
37. BSNL Workers Union Goa (AITUC)
38. BSNL Casual & Contract Workers Union (AITUC)
39. Samyukta Khadan Mazdoor Sangh, SKMS (AITUC)
40. All India State Government Employees Confederation (AITUC)
41. Maharashtra State Electricity Workers Federations (AITUC)
42. Bihar Rajya Beedi Mazdoor Federations (AITUC)
43. Visakha Steel Workers Union (AITUC)
44. Bokaro Ispat Kamgar Union (AITUC)
45. ONGC O & M RIG Workers Union (AITUC)
46. Numaligarh Refinery Workers Union (AITUC)
47. Indian Oil Corporation Mazdoor Union Guwahati
48. Barauni Telshodhak Mazdoor Union (AITUC)
49. Rajasthan Bijli Workers Federations (AITUC)
50. Hindustan Cables Ltd. Employees Union (AITUC)
51. All India Central Ware Housing Corporation Employees Union (AITUC)
52. Federal Chatkal Mazdoor Union (AITUC)
53. National Hawkers Federations (AITUC)
54. All India Anganwadi Workers Federations (AITUC)
55. Uttar Pradesh Bijli Kamchari Union (AITUC)
56. Aluminum Employees Union, BALCO (AITUC)
57. National Federations of Indian Road Transport Workers (AITUC)
58. Delhi University and College Kamchari Union (AITUC)

59. Bhakara BIAS Employees Union (AITUC)
60. Tamilnadu Electricity Workers Federation (AITUC)
61. H.E.L. Workers Association (AITUC)
62. Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Employees Union, Gurgaon (AITUC)
63. Uttarachal Chai Bagan Workers Union (AITUC)
64. All India Hotel Workers Federations (AITUC)
65. Grieves Cotton & Allied Companies Employees Union (AITUC)
66. Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Workers & Staff Union (AITUC)
67. Ordinance Factory Theka Kamgar Union (AITUC)
68. Haldia Thekedar Mazdoor Union (AITUC)
69. IDPL Workers Union (AITUC)
70. Kolkata Taxi Operators Union (AITUC)
71. Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Pariyojana Workers Union (AITUC)
72. West Bengal Taxi Operators' Co-ordination Committee (AITUC)
73. BHEL Karamchari Union (AITUC)
74. BHEL-DTS (AITUC)
75. CFFP Employees Association (AITUC)
76. NHPC Employees Union (AITUC)
77. Oil & Gas Employees Union (AITUC)
78. Under Oil Welfare Association (AITUC)
79. Delhi Municipal Workers' Union (AITUC)
80. All India General Mazdoor Trade Union (AITUC)
81. Ashoka Hotel Employees Union (AITUC)
82. DTC Workers Union (AITUC)
83. New Delhi TB Centre Employees Association (AITUC)
84. G4S Facility Karamchari Sangh (AITUC)

To United Forum of Bank Unions

We, the undersigned Federations of unions, unions, associations of workers of different sectors and people's organizations extend our wholehearted support to your just struggle against the proposed privatisation of two public sector banks. We wish complete success to your proposed all India strike on 15 and 16 March 2021.

The privatisation of public sector banks is an anti-worker, anti-people and anti-social step.

Time and again, we workers have found that the privatisation of a PSU has led to hundreds of workers getting thrown out of their jobs. Privatisation has also led to higher and higher use of contract workers who are employed at one-third to one-fourth the wages of regular workers. After privatisation, both permanent and contract workers are made to work longer hours without overtime. Existing unions are busted by new capitalist owners and new workers are not allowed to organize themselves. The anti-worker step of privatisation thus weakens the entire working class.

Security of our savings, deposited in banks, is most important for people of the country. Recent problems with private banks like IndusInd Bank, PMC Bank, etc. have created serious concerns about solely profit driven private banks. Proposed privatisation of two large public sector banks is totally against the interests of people.

Privatisation is anti-social, too. Banks will no more be run for fulfilling social needs but purely in pursuit of private profit. After private banks entered the field, banking services have become much more expensive. Many people will soon find services unaffordable.

The public sector banks have been built with the toil of lakhs of workers over decades using public funds. They are property of the people and must be used to fulfil needs of workers and all other toilers and for their welfare.

Along with privatisation of Public sector banks, the Central Government has declared an all-out war on all public sector enterprises and wants to hand over the precious assets built with Indian people's money and sweat to private monopolies, both Indian and Foreign. It is only the united struggles of all of us that can stop the Government. At the same time we all must mobilise the consumers of the services we provide, to join as in our fight against the privatisation policies. The bank workers are doing this very well and a united front of workers, farmers and the toiling people is the way forward for all of us!

We appreciate your efforts to create awareness among users of banking services about the ill effects of privatization of banks. We too will carry your awareness campaign among our members, their families and people at large as they all are customers of banks. We fully support your slogan "People's Money for People's Welfare" and we are in complete solidarity with your struggles. An attack on one is an attack on all!

Yours in solidarity,

1. **Air India Service Engineers Association(AISEA),**
 2. **All India Coal Workers Federation(AICWF- CITU),**
 3. **All India Defence Employees Federation(AIDEF),**
 4. **All India Insurance Employees Association(AIEEA) ,**
 5. **All India Port and Dock Workers Federation (AIP&DWF-HMS),**
 6. **All India Power Engineers Federation(AIPEF),**
 7. **All India Railwaymens Federation(AIRF) ,**
 8. **All India Railway Employees Confederation(AIREC - Western Zone),**
 9. **All India Guards Council (AIGC),**
 10. **All India Loco Running Staff Association(AILRSA) ,**
 11. **All India Station Masters Association(AISMA) ,**
 12. **All India Rail Trackmaintainers Union(AIRTU) ,**
 13. **All India Train Controllers Association (AITCA),**
 14. **Cochin Refinery Employees Association(CREA-INTUC),**
 15. **General Insurance Employees All India Association(GIEAIA) ,**
 16. **Hind Khadan Mazdoor Federation (HKMF-HMS),**
 17. **Indian Railway Loco Runningmen Organisation(IRLRO) ,**
 18. **Indian Railway Ticket Checking Staff Organisation(IRTCSO) ,**
 19. **Kamgar Ekta Committee(KEC),**
 20. **Ladaku Garment Mazdoor Sanghathan,**
 21. **National Federation of Indian Railwaymen(NFIR),**
 22. **Petroleum and Gas Workers Federation of India (P&GWFI) ,**
 23. **Port, Dock and Waterfront Workers Federation of India(PD&WWFI-AITUC),**
 24. **Steel Plant Employees Union (SEU-CITU)- Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited,**
 25. **Water Transport Workers Federation of India (WTWFI-CITU)**
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