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TO ALL UNITS/MEMBERS:

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT PATHANKOT
SPLENDID SHOW OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY**

There was a festive look in the city of Pathankot on 18th June, 2017 where members from entire region assembled in premises of Dhangu Road, Main Branch, Pathankot to participate in the regional conference organised after a very long period. A splendid show of unity and solidarity was displayed by the officers of the region to welcome their beloved circle leaders led by Com Sushil Kundra, President and Com. Deepak K Sharma, General Secretary, and module team led by Com C S Nanda, Zonal President and Com. V. Trighatia, Dy. General Secretary. The meeting was presided over by Com Hem Raj Garg, Chief Manager of the branch. The other dignitaries who graced the occasion included Vice Presidents Com. Satish Sharma and Com. T S Saggi, Dy. General Secretaries Com. K K Trikha and Com V S Kapil, Com. Ajay Gaiporia (Organising Secretary), Regional Secretaries Com. Arun Sikka, Com. Sushil Nijhawan (Region-I, Chandigarh) and Com. Dharmender Kumar (Region-5, HP).

The meeting commenced with the welcome address of Com. Pardeep Bhardwaj, Regional Secretary, who welcomed Com. Deepak K Sharma and his entire central team in Pathankot region. The guests were greeted with garlands and bouquets. Com. Bhardwaj assured that in future he will regularly visit the branches of region and the Regional conference will be organised at least once in a year.

Com. Vijendra Trighatia, Deputy General Secretary of Chandigarh Module in his inaugural address spoke about the importance of the Regional Conference and shared his old memories of 34 years back, when he joined the bank at Pathankot as a Probationary Officer. He welcomed Com. Deepak Sharma and other Comrades from Centre and applauded the role of association in the welfare of membership and progress of Bank. He appreciated the positive approach and working of Circle leadership culminating into cordial relations with the Circle Management.

Com. C. S. Nanda, Zonal President of the Chandigarh Module appreciated the organisers for inviting veteran leaders of the Region, Com. A K Wadehra and Com. B S Pathania who contributed a lot in transforming the Pathankot region as a symbol of Unity and Unanimity.

Com. Sushil Kundra, Circle President shared his sweet memories and affection showered by the members of Pathankot during his posting in the Region for three years. He appreciated the level of commitment and dedication of members as well as the leaders of the Region and expressed his happiness over the large gathering of officers. He also apprised about the latest development in the Banking Industry.

Com. Deepak K. Sharma, General Secretary was given a warm welcome by the members amid thunderous applause. Com. Sharma thanked all the members present in the conference for organising the conference in a befitting manner. He also congratulated the leadership of the region for convening the conference which will provide an opportunity to the grass root level members to interact with the leaders of the module and circle. He also acknowledged the contribution of veteran leaders Com. Wadehra, Com. Pathiana and welcomed the members from erstwhile associate banks in the fold of circle association. Com. Sharma elaborated all the issue in detail at Industry, Bank and Circle level. He condemned wrong policies of Government and assured the members that association and Federation will not accept any anti-public or anti-employee polices. He went on to deliberate on the issues like the rising NPAs of the public sector banks due to the wrong policies of the government and the RBI, the turn-around plan proposed by the government, pro-privatization policies of the RBI. He informed the house that the 'Charter of Demands' has already been submitted and added that the management is trying to divide the workforce by its proposal of restricted mandate. He also deliberated on various issues concerning the membership like anomalies in CDS, regulated working hours, Cross Selling vis-a'-vis Mis-selling and staff shortage. He appealed the members to desist from mis-selling and work sincerely for the benefit of Bank and not for individuals to protect their own job, the interests of the customers as well as brand image of our beloved organization. He also underlined the importance of work-life balance and assured that this wage revision will create history by achieving five day week. Com. Sharma urged upon the youth to actively participate in the activities of association and come forward to take the responsibilities. Com. Sharma reiterated that Team SBIOA is committed to keep the members updated with the latest developments through regular communication through circulars, emails in addition to use of social media. Thereafter, a healthy discussion on various issues was witnessed in open house wherein members raised many queries which were replied by Com. Sharma to the satisfaction of members.

Com. Hem Raj Garg, Chief Manager, Main Branch, Pathankot while offering the vote of thanks congratulated the leadership for taking so many initiatives for strengthening the organization. He applauded the role of Com Deepak Sharma in Circle Association, his vision and hoped that Circle Association would scale new heights in the coming days.

The presence of press reporters from newspapers/TV channels and wide coverage in both print and electronic media speaks about the organizing skills of Com Bhardwaj and organisers. We congratulate and compliment the comrades of Pathankot region for success of the Regional conference.

With greetings,



(Deepak K Sharma)
General Secretary