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Dear Members,

**Re: 50th Foundation Day of Bank Nationalization,
A momentous occasion to celebrate**

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Our warm Greetings on the 50th Foundation Day of Bank Nationalization. Our Salute to Madam Smt Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India who took such a bold decision of Nationalization of 14 major Private Sector Banks on 19th July 1969. Our Bank was one of them. Today we are India's 2nd largest Public Sector Bank.

50th year of Bank Nationalization

On 19th July, 1969 Fourteen major Indian Commercial Banks in the private sector of our country were nationalized. Celebration of Golden Jubilee year of Public Sector Banks is an epoch making event for all of us.

We can proudly claim that Public Sector Banks have played a very important role in our country's economic development and social upliftment. Nationalized Banks are the back bone of country's economy. If we dispassionately assess the contribution of Banks vis a vis the objectives behind Nationalization, during the last 50 years, achievements in important parameters are several.

- 1.Reduction of monopoly practices by a few leading industrial and business houses.
- 2.Govt.of India owner of Public Sector Banks have exercised adequate social control.
- 3.Savings of general public/countrymen have been used in national interest.
- 4.Due to massive geographical expansion of Nationalized Banks throughout nook and corner of the country there is huge mobilization of public deposits. Banking services extended in unbanked and under banked areas. Banking to newer areas rural areas.
- 5.Advances have been extended to neglected sector, agriculture sector, industries, and loans on easy terms to farmers, rural artisans, for self-employment etc.
- 6.Nationalized Banks balanced inter regional development and removed regional disparities to a great extent.
- 7.Nationalized Banks are performing well under control of Reserve Bank of India.

Nationalization has safeguarded interests of public and increased their confidence thereby enabled a rapid increase in deposits. It has facilitated banking sector to utilize its resources for the benefit of poor and needy of our country. Due to public ownership and control, Nationalized Banks are functioning like other public utility services catering to the banking needs of common man.

Friends, as you are aware, ever since the Nationalization of major Banks, contribution of Public Sector Banks have been widely Acknowledged.



PSBs led the drive towards opening of more banks branches in rural and semi urban centers. Year 1969 - 8262 branches; Year 2018 – 1,16,394 branches, out of which 33684 branches in rural area. Further,

- PSBs made significant contribution in priority sector lending. 68 % of priority sector lending to agriculture and MSME.
- PSBs extended loans to students for studies. Over 90 % of education loans are provided by public sector banks in India, according to RBI.
- PSBs played lead role in flag ship national financial inclusion scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan DhanYojna (PMJDY).
- A huge number over 35 crore PMJDY account holders with nearly Rs 1lakh crore in total balance now. Around 80 % of the Jan Dhan Accounts were opened by PSU Banks.
- PSBs made Direct Benefit Transfer scheme of Govt. of India successful.
- Mudra Loans created massive self employment opportunity for unemployed
- Tarun Loans up toRs10 lakh.
- Kishore Loans up to Rs 5 lakh.
- Shishu Loans up to Rs 50000.
- Applicants to set up their MCRO ENTERPRISES.
- Banks disbursed Rs 2.73 lakh crore under MUDRA loans as on March 2019

The contribution and achievements made after Nationalization of Banks is visible, appreciable and widely acclaimed.

Converting class Banking to mass banking, PSBs extended banking services to rural and remote areas, Created awareness among the rural masses about the need and benefits of banking service, Created lots of employment opportunities to educated youth, Helped, to a great extent, freeing the poor and needy from the clutches of money lenders. On the top of it extended financial assistance to beneficiaries under various welfare schemes formulated by Govt. of India. Extended credit to weaker section, on easy term, at lesser rate of interest in income generation schemes.

Looking to the need of country's economy and countrymen, we feel that we should have more number of Public Sector Banks. UFBU, our apex organization, with all its might will defend Nationalization and oppose privatization of banks and merger of Banks. Let us work in this direction.

With Greetings,

Yours sincerely,


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