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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS NO.17 OF 2020

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Dear Members,

Re: COVID19 – Let us face it bravely

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Coronavirus has plunged the world into uncertainty and people across nations are feeling relentless. In India the spread has been slow primarily due to lockdown as also non-testing due to non-availability of resources.

While Medicos are in frontline, we Bankers are also working as Corona worriers along with Police and other employees of essential services providing organizations. A big thanks to all of you. Let us pat ourselves for our contribution to the humanity. It is time to give to Society. On behalf of you we have already contributed Rs. Five Lacs to PM CARES Fund. In all Zones, office bearers have been asked to distribute food items to needy during this time of distress. Rs.18 Lacs sanctioned by us for that also.

Friends, the deadly virus is sparing no one, Prince, Prime Ministers, Ministers, all. Large number of Doctors and other medical staff have also caught the Coronavirus so have the policemen and other frontline worriers. Bankers are also part of the same Society and reports from various parts are coming that our fellows are also catching the virus even if they were working in Administrative offices. There are large number of members of public who are not going out but still they are catching virus through various means. We have all understood that it is highly contagious and infectious.

The Government cannot afford to prolong the lockdown for indefinite period as from Corona the immunity saves most of the humans, but there is no immunity from the fatal disease i.e. starvation and hunger. While the problem of Corona will continue for months if not for years, we all need to learn to live with this till a Vaccine is developed by the end of the years at the earliest. So in Society we have to fight it jointly. In Bank of Baroda, we all have to fight the same with support from each other. The Top Management is committed to come to the rescue to the officers but there are limitations about the medical resources available in our country.

We trust all have learnt that we need to keep our face covered with clean mask, frequently washing/sanitizing our hands, not touching our face, washing of clothes daily, evening baths besides maintaining physical distancing of about three to four feet. Even at home, towels, hand towels, utensils are not to be shared with any family member. Corona can enter our houses through any item, so need to take care accordingly. As the Virus affects our lungs and causes breathlessness after a few days, there is urgent need to do deep breathing exercises daily to increase capacity of lungs so that even if we get Corona, there is no need to go to the ventilator 80% manage to recover without much effort, 15% with the help of simple oxygen and 5% required to take the help of Ventilator.

This letter I am writing to each one of you to assure that your Association is standing by your side at any point of time. The names of Zonal Secretaries with their mobile numbers are available on our website www.aiboboa.org Besides, there are about 1000 Committee members available, many of them you may be knowing in your areas. If anyone is not heard, they can send mail to us at aiboboa1964@gmail.com While immediately on any issue, Bank's machinery must be used i.e. informing Regional Office/dedicated Doctor on duty, approaching Corona helpline etc., but in case desired response is not forthcoming, please bring to the notice of our office bearers. If any emergent situation, please talk to the undersigned/send a WhatsApp message at 9818227167

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Friends, there is no need to scare. We all will face the situation bravely. Fear never helps rather attracts the problems. If any of you is too much anxious, please do take medical advice or at least talk to our office bearers/undersigned.

LET us thank God that we are not among the very large number of population who are not getting food, cannot move out of house thus developing mental disorders, whose jobs lost or at the verge of losing, businesses failing, whole life savings gone in markets etc.

We know you are facing certain small issues most of which we are regularly taking up with the Bank Management. On Industry issues, we have been taking with Government/IBA through our apex body INBOC. Though some functionaries are not behaving in a humane way which is very normal in any society; however, our Zonal secretaries are talking to them/writing to them to change their attitude.

Regarding Government Schemes announced with regards to COVID Business Loans/Farmers Loans etc., we need to support the businesses/farmers/weaker sections of the society. Let us do our best to help them in a very very honest manner keeping all records of your efforts. Don't take it as Job requirement, just take it as social responsibility. From our side, we have already written to Corporate Management not to insist for achievements of targets during lockdown period as it is not in our hands with the movement constraints to both the customers and the Bankers. I am sure after Lockdown is lifted you all will be compensating in a great way.

So let us mentally prepare ourselves to work in the present environment of Masks, Social distancing, very high standards of hygiene still getting the disease in some cases, recovering and then going on. We will live with it and beat it at the end of the day.

With lots of love to each one of you,

Yours Sincerely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY**

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