



# State Banks' Staff Union

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## SPECIAL CIRCULAR

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### COM.T.P.ARIVALAN

#### VICE-PRESIDENT (HQ)



Com.T.P.Arivalan, Vice-President (HQ) of our union who is known to be a soft-spoken adviser is laying down his position in the union on account of his reaching the age of superannuation.

Com.Arivalan is a most loveable character, studious, kindly, understanding, most courteous and helpful to all. He hails from a family dedicated to the cause of the downtrodden and neglected poor. His grand father and his father were closely associated with the Self-respect Movement of Shri E.V.R.Periyar and the ardent followers of Lord Buddha's teachings. His father was the member of Villivakkam Panchayat Union during the period 1943-45. His father had dedicated his whole body to the Government General Hospital, Chennai. His mother was a retired Headmistress. Naturally, Com.Arivalan also had the same instinct and disposition to serve the society with a spirit of philanthropy.

He joined the Bank in 1977 at combined Local Head Office. He realized that the essence of trade unionism is social uplift. Hence, he involved himself in the trade union activities and became the Committee member of LHO Unit during 1978-79. Our union was passing through the hard years of struggle during early 80s and the commendable role played by Com. T.P.Arivalan in the prestigious LHO Unit strengthened the Union.

He became the Treasurer of LHO Unit and attended the historic Trivandrum Conference as Delegate. In 1983, when the jungle law prevailed in our Circle, he shouldered the onerous responsibility of leading the LHO Unit as its Unit Secretary. Action, knowledge and devotion are the three paths which lead us to achieve our goal with insight and tranquility. Com.Arivalan being the Unit Secretary of LHO never allowed the Management to demean and belittle the members with devotion and determination.

In the year 1986, the leadership nominated him as the Central Committee Member representing SC/ST. He gave expression to the unspoken grievances of SC/ST Members in the Central Committee. He thwarted the sinister moves of the inimical forces which attempted to divide our union on caste line and stood by the lofty ideals of our great edifice. He continued in his conviction that only through the Union could the interest of the downtrodden be protected. The resolutions are not achievements; mere hopes are not to be regarded as accomplishments. We have to practice what we preach. Com.Arivalan is a man who preached and practiced. When the SC/ST Members' Cell was formed in our Union, he served as its Chairman. He also served in the Editorial Committee of the publication of our Union "Protector" as a member.

After 12 years of tenure as representative of the SC/ST Members in the Central Committee, he became the Organising Secretary of Chennai Sub-Office. After a brief period, he was elevated to the position of Vice-President. He extensively toured through out Chennai Module alongwith the Module Representatives. When the policy on Assured Career Progression was introduced in our Bank, he worked shoulder to shoulder with the Module Representatives to ensure the successful implementation of the scheme to the utmost satisfaction of our members.

By dint of his hard work and dedication, he came to the position of Deputy General Secretary (HQ). He attended all the General Council Meetings/Zonal Conferences, Unit Secretary Meets and also Federation/NCBE Conferences with zeal and enthusiasm. He was nominated as a Member of Federation Council by the leadership. His deliberations at the Federation Council Meeting were well received and the image of the Union was kept up in high esteem. With his rich experience and excellence, he rose to the position of Vice-President (HQ) which he is presently holding. During the Circle level agitation in the year 2010, he was one of the 5 member committee which participated in the conciliation proceedings before ALC(C).

As far as his domestic front is concerned, he leads a very contented life. His wife is employed in BSNL. He has one son and two daughters. His son and elder daughter are well-settled in USA and his second daughter is also well placed.

As he is working in Public Relation Department for a long period, he moved with leading print and electronic media persons very closely. Because of his closeness to them, they gave good coverage for bank functions and programmes, which was acknowledged by Management and he was praised as 'Live-wire' of PR Dept. He used to Co-ordinate to conduct Press Meets not only during our union conferences but also at the time of NCBE/UFBU agitations/strikes. He involved himself in conducting Meritorious Award and Tamil literary Award Functions of our Bank and our union nominated him as the editorial committee member for Bank's in house magazine "Namadhu Kudumbam" and he served for the longest period in that committee.

He is actively engaging himself in public service. He is doing lot of social services in association with Lions Club and other Voluntary Social Service organisations/NGOs. He is the Secretary of GKM Colony Residents Welfare Association and done services to them particularly at the time of water crisis and he is Vice President of Tiruvallur Hockey Association. He is a member of Lions Club of "Allinagaram", in Annanagar. He was the Vice-President of Parent Teachers Association in SBIOA Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Anna Nagar and done yeomen services to the parents and students. His involvement in regulating Traffic during morning peak hour period regularly helped the students to reach school safely.

We place on record our high appreciation of the devoted services he has rendered to our union and the membership at large. A grand felicitation function has been arranged and is scheduled to take place on 27th January, 2012 at World University Service Centre, Chennai at 5.30 p.m. to honour our retiring Vice-President (HQ), Com.T.P.Arivalan. We impress upon all our Unit Secretaries/Members to participate in large numbers and make the function a grand success.

We wish Com.Arivalan a happy superannuation.

(C.M. BASKARAN)  
GENERAL SECRETARY

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