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## SPECIAL CIRCULAR

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### **Com.M.T. VERGHESE** **DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY (HQ)**

Com.Vergheze, Deputy General Secretary (Head Quarters) of our Union is retiring from Bank's service and consequently laying down his office on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. Com. Vergheze was initially appointed on temporary basis in the erstwhile Bank of Cochin in the year 1981. He was confirmed as a permanent Clerk-cum-Cashier in February 1983 and posted at its Chennai Branch.

In August 1985, consequent upon the amalgamation of Bank of Cochin with our Bank, the Chennai branch of erstwhile Bank of Cochin was renamed as Whites Road branch. As he was serving the cause of the Members right from the day of his appointment he became the natural choice and was elected as the Local Secretary of Whites Road Branch.

His interest in union activities germinated and blossomed and the desire of Com.Vergheze to serve the public at large intensified. This unsatiable desire found an outlet when he joined the Traffic Wardens Organisation of Tamil Nadu Police Department, a Government-run Voluntary Organisation. He derived immense satisfaction in serving the Public as an officer in police uniform. As a Traffic Warden his duty was to work closely with the police department, directly providing solutions for city's traffic problems. After his elevation to the rank of Deputy Chief Warden in 1990 he served the Organisation till 2006 effectively and drew lot of appreciation and accolades from Police Personnel. Few of the signal performances of Com.Vergheze as a Deputy Chief Traffic Warden were:

- Handled Road safety classes for the Road safety patrol students of some premier schools in Chennai.
- Lead the Contingent of Road safety patrol for 3 years in the Republic Day Parades held at Chennai.
- Received the Gold Medal from Police Department for his meritorious service and the photo was also published in the "Family Link", our Bank's in-house magazine.

While working as a Traffic Warden he gained exposure in Police Department and also in Government Departments. His acquaintance with the officials thereat gave him ample opportunity to help many of his colleagues in getting their work done without any hassle. When few of our members unwittingly got entangled into legal difficulties and had to face unpleasant situations, his timely assistance in coordinating with the Police personnel/Government Departments helped in diffusing/solving their problems and untangling them from encountering further difficulties.

In 1990, the Whites Road branch was merged with our Anna Salai branch one of the citadels of our Union. He was elected as Assistant Local Secretary of this prestigious Unit and then as its Local Secretary in 1995 which position he continued upto 2002. When the in-cadre promotions came

in the year 2002, he was posted as Senior Assistant at Thousand Lights branch and subsequently transferred to Service branch in August 2002.

As he had by now become very popular and much sought-after person, the Members in Service Branch elected him as Unit Secretary in 2008 and he continued to serve the members till 2011 when the Service Branch was merged with CCPC. Com.Vergheese brought name and fame to the position of Unit Secretary by his dint of hard work and dedication. Protecting the rights of the Members and getting them maximum benefits became the hallmark of his Local Secretaryship. He has been continuously a Delegate of the Union for 17 years from 1985 to 2002 and thereafter for three years from 2008 to 2011.

His thorough knowledge in cash department procedure while he was working in Anna Salai Branch helped the staff members in detecting the forged notes with ease. At Service Branch, he handled outward cheque clearing work amounting to Crores of rupees. After balancing and tallying with Reserve Bank of India statement and by sorting and sending to different branches in the early morning itself stands testimony to the involvement and commitment towards the Bank.

He was nominated by our Union to the Tamil Nadu State Unit of National Confederation of Bank Employees and elected as its Vice-President at the State Conference held at Rajapalayam in January 2004, the position he still holds. His support and assistance to the General Secretary during the dharnas/rallies and strike action programmes conducted on behalf of NCBE/UFBU was commendable and his slogan-raising in high-pitched tone with clarity of words inspired the members.

His continuous lead role at different branches as dynamic Local Secretary of the Union fighting out the injustice boldly without fear or favour and his commitment towards Organisation were given due recognition when he was inducted into the Central Committee of our Union as Assistant Treasurer in January 2009 and then elevated to the position of Deputy General Secretary (Headquarters) in April 2012.

His organising skills got the required focus when he was entrusted with the important portfolios during the conduct of Meetings/Conferences. Be it at State level or all India level his relentless work earned him a name. Hospitality is his personal forte and his well-mannered warmth and kindness drew praise and appreciation from the leaders from all India Organisations as well. Kudos to his Hospitality and sincere service.

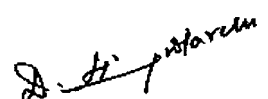
He was nominated by our Union to the position of Council Member of All India State Bank of India Staff Federation in January 2013 and in the Council meetings he never hesitated to bring the grievances of members to light.

Com. Vergheese leads a life of contentment. His wife, Smt. Anne Vergheese, a teacher by profession has voluntarily retired as Principal of a Railway School to look after the family-front. His two sons are well-educated, happily married and are employed in USA/Singapore. His two daughters-in-law are also employed in reputed Organisations.

After effectively discharging the duty of service with sacrifice towards improving the welfare of members he is laying down his office as Deputy General Secretary of our Union and retiring from the Bank's service as a Special Assistant after putting in nearly 35 years of service. A felicitation function is being organised at Sir Pitty Thyagaraya Hall, T.Nagar, Chennai on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 4.00 p.m. for Com. Vergheese who has served the society and also our members/Union as a responsible citizen.

The yeomen services rendered by Com. Vergheese will definitely find a place in the records of this mighty Organisation, State Banks' Staff Union (Chennai Circle). We wish him a happy and healthy superannuation.

Long live com. VERGHESE. !!!



**(D.SINGARAVELU)**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**