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## SPECIAL CIRCULAR

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### **COM. J.EDWIN, ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY,** **ZONE XVI, SUB-OFFICE, MADURAI**



Time and tide wait for none. After rendering 38 years of meritorious service in the bank, Com. J.Edwin is attaining superannuation on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

Com. J.Edwin, was appointed in the year 1985 at Cholapuram which is a Simplified Accounting Branch (SAB). He was one of the active Local Secretaries amongst the SAB branches. Several village branch meetings were convened at Cholapuram branch because of his efforts. On 6<sup>th</sup> April 1988, Com. J.Edwin convened a SAB village branches meeting which was attended by the then Madurai Module office bearers. The meeting was intended to bring to the fore the difficulties faced by SAB branch comrades.

Com. J.Edwin is a strong unionist, a valiant fighter and will not spare a single stone thrown unturned if it hits the hard earned rights of our mighty organisation. During 1988, Com. J.Edwin conducted demonstration at the Cholapuram village branch with just two staff members, against the victimizing attitude of the then Branch Manager, Cholapuram. Com.J.Edwin actively participated in all the demonstrations, dharnas and rallies conducted by our union, which prompted the then leaders to induct him in the Central Committee. During June 2005, Com. J.Edwin was co-opted as Assistant General Secretary of Tirunelveli zone.

A mass recruitment of staff took place after a long gap of fifteen years in the banking industry due to the sustained struggle by our union, in March 2008. All new recruits were appointed as "Customer Relations Associates" and their role was primarily to do marketing and they were not allowed to work inside the Branch premises and were forced to go for marketing on full time basis. Many comrades were frustrated and intended to resign the job. Com. J.Edwin took a survey of the difficulties faced by the CRAs and forwarded it to the then General Secretary of our union. Due to the protracted efforts by Com. Edwin through the then General Secretary, Customer Relations Associates were redesignated as "Assistants (Accounts and Cash)".

Com. J.Edwin attended the Disciplinary Proceedings workshop conducted by our Union twice and has intense knowledge in DPC. In the year 2014, it was decided by the Central Committee to convene meeting of unorganized Business Correspondents at Zonal level. Com. J.Edwin was the first to conduct such meetings that paved the way for the formation of National Confederation of Business Correspondents, which was later affiliated to NCBE.

Com. J.Edwin conducted many special coaching classes for the sub-staffs who desired to appear for the clerical exam, which helped many of them to clear the clerical exam and got promoted to clerical cadre which enhanced their standard of living.

Com. J.Edwin never lagged behind in responding to the call of the union. When his services were warranted at Sub office Madurai, he immediately accepted the request of the Headquarters and took up the position of Vice-President at Madurai Sub Office on 15.07.2015 and subsequently got elevated as DGS on 01.03.2016.

Com J Edwin always showed keen interest in updating his knowledge in Banking and Trade Union affairs, this quality coupled with his gifted negotiating skills and command over language helped him to support and guide members in an excellent way. He is a great orator of sorts. He exhibited exemplary courage and conviction during his tenure as an office bearer. Due to family circumstances, Com. J.Edwin came back to Tirunelveli and subsequently was elected as Assistant General Secretary of Zone XVI in the 38<sup>th</sup> General Council.

Com. J.Edwin was elected as Central Committee Member of the National Confederation of Bank Employees in the National General Council Meeting held on 5th February 2023 at Panchkula, Chandigarh. He is blessed with a happy family, his wife is a homemaker and his son is preparing for competitive exams. Com. J. Edwin's father is 93 year old, who resides with him.

On 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023, a "Members Meet" was conducted at **Hotel Afna Park, Tirunelveli** with the felicitation function for Com. J.Edwin due to his impending retirement on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 which was attended by the undersigned with President and office bearers from Head Quarters. State Banks' Staff Union (Chennai Circle) wishes Com. J Edwin, a happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful retired life.

**Long live !! Com. Edwin ! Long live !!**

  
**(G. KRIPAKARAN)**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**

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