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To All Office Bearers/ Working Committee Members / State Units/Members,

Dear Comrades,

OBITUARY

COM. R. K. WALIA – THE SOLDIER, THE FIGHTER, THE LEADER IS NO MORE

With heavy heart and a grief- stricken mind we inform that Com. R. K. Walia, leader of our Federation, leader of bank employees of Northern Zone has breathed his last on 12th March, 2025 in his son's residence at Bengaluru.

As the news of his sudden and sad demise poured in, our members across the country and particularly in Punjab and Northern zone got severely shocked and all stood as one in mourning his untimely death.

Com. Walia, born on 19th June, 1956 joined UCO BANK as a Clerk on 13th February, 1978 at Moga branch in Punjab. Soon after his joining he came in contact with Com. Krishan Lal, one of the tallest leaders of UCO BANK as well as all bank employees of Punjab and Northern Zone. Being influenced and thereafter baptised by Com. Krishanlal, Com. Walia spent no time in deciding to choose trade union as his motivating spirit and goal in life and plunged into activities of UCO BANK EMPLOYEES UNION with a dream to strengthen the banner of AIBEA. His zeal and dedication soon brought him in the limelight of union and was elected as the central

Committee member and thereupon elected as the Deputy General Secretary in 2002. After the death of Com. Krishanlal in 2008 he was unanimously given the charge of Acting General Secretary of Northern Zone union. He was elected as General Secretary of UCBEU(NZ) for the first time in July, 2009 and re - elected as General Secretary in 2017, the position he held till 2023 when he became the Chairman of the Union which he was holding till date. In Punjab State Bank Employees Federation he gradually reached to the position of Senior Vice President. In our All India Federation he served in the capacities of Joint Secretary and Vice President till 2023 and was selected as Special Invitee of Federation till now. He was also the General Council member of AIBEA.

He was a devoted and dedicated soldier of AIBEA, a tireless leader and a relentless fighter for championing the cause of bank employees. Under his leadership our Punjab & NZ unit flourished and gained substantial strength. His contributions to Federation cannot be forgotten and in times of crisis his patience and communicative skills enabled our organization to cross the impending barriers.

Com. Walia has left behind him his wife (our Bhabiji), son and daughter who are well established in their lives. For last few years due to his ailments arising out of heart related problems he was staying with his son at Bengaluru. In our last working committee meeting at Bengaluru in July, 2024, upon our invitation he came to attend the meeting. It was beyond our dream that it would be the last occasion to see him. A man with a big heart, always with a smile on face, never perturbed and ready with solutions to any problem will be missed by all of us from today and for ever.

Federation pays richest tribute to the departed leader and dip our banner in respect of Com. Walia. The rich legacy which he has left behind will ever be cherished by us. We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.

Cremation of his mortal remains will be performed on 14th March at Bengaluru. Our Joint Secretary Com. Srinath and President of Karnataka unit Com. V. Kini along with Com. R. K. Sood, leader of Punjab unit will be attending the cremation on behalf of AIUCBEF.

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COM. R K WALIA AMAR RAHE!



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General Secretary.



***** Com. R.K. Walia Amar Rahe *****