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Respected Shri Jitender Singh Ji,

Subject: **Urgent Request for Extension of Enhanced Pension Benefits to RBI Pensioners Aged 80 and Above - Following Up on Representation to Hon'ble Finance Minister**

We write to you with renewed urgency regarding the pressing issue of enhanced pension benefits for Reserve Bank of India (RBI) pensioners aged 80 and above. As you are aware, and as your recent statements have emphasized, the government acknowledges the unique challenges faced by elderly pensioners.

On January 19, 2025, we submitted a detailed representation to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Ji, requesting her intervention to grant additional pension benefits to RBI pensioners aged 80 and above, aligning with the compassionate approach adopted for Central Government pensioners. (A copy of the original representation and the Finance Minister's acknowledgment, dated January 21, 2025, is attached for your reference.)

In reply, the Finance Minister's office stated that our email was forwarded to the concerned department for appropriate action. However, despite this assurance, we have not received any further communication or action on this critical matter.

Our representation highlighted the following key points:

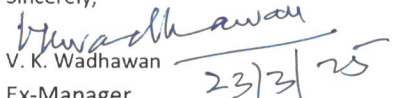
- The increasing healthcare costs and age-related challenges faced by RBI pensioners aged 80 and above are identical to those faced by their government counterparts.
- The RBI's pension regulations are fundamentally based on the Central Civil Services (CCS) rules, underscoring the parity in the circumstances and needs of pensioners from both sectors.
- We proposed enhanced pension rates, mirroring the government's approach, to provide much-needed financial security to our elderly members.
- The recent announcement of the 8th Pay Commission for Government employees has further highlighted the disparity in treatment between RBI retirees and their counterparts in government service.

We earnestly request your esteemed intervention in this matter.

Given your acknowledged commitment to the well-being of aged pensioners, we urge you to consider our representation and recommend to the relevant authorities, including the RBI and the Ministry of Finance, the immediate extension of enhanced pension benefits to RBI pensioners aged 80 and above.

Your support would provide immense relief and dignity to these senior citizens, who have dedicated their lives to serving the nation.

Sincerely,


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