



Indian Overseas Bank Officers' Association

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FIVE DAY BANKING – OUR POSITION AND OUR APPROACH

Dear Members,

The Association has taken note of messages being circulated among our members calling upon them to participate in the proposed strike on 28th, 29th and 30th September 2026 for implementation of five-day banking.

At the outset, IOBOA makes its position absolutely clear: WE SUPPORT FIVE-DAY BANKING. It is a longstanding and legitimate demand of bank employees and is important for work-life balance and the overall welfare of our members. However, supporting the demand for five-day banking and participating in a particular strike programme are two different matters. After considering the present circumstances, the manner in which the issue is being pursued and the larger interests of our members, IOBOA has consciously decided NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENT STRIKE.

It may be noted that, the representatives of NOBO-BMS, met the Hon'ble Finance Minister on 9th July 2026 representing certain issues, including the demand for implementation of five-day banking at the earliest. The response received was positive. Subsequently, on 06.08.2026, both NOBO and NOBW were expelled from UFBU stating organisational reasons.

IOBOA firmly believes that wherever issues are receiving consideration across the table, dialogue, negotiation and sustained engagement can also lead to meaningful outcomes. Our decision, therefore, should not be misconstrued as opposition to five-day banking or as withdrawal from the demand. IOBOA will continue to pursue the objective through appropriate forums and sustained organisational efforts, while exercising its own judgement regarding the timing and method of industrial action.

It is also being suggested in some messages that the Madras High Court proceedings automatically require IOBOA members to participate in the present strike. This is not a correct interpretation. The proceedings relate to the organisational/affiliational issues concerning IOBOA and should not be construed as a direction requiring participation in any particular strike programme.

Members are therefore requested not to arrive at conclusions merely on the basis of WhatsApp messages, appeals or forms circulated by others. Please understand the facts and the Association's position before forming any view.

WE SUPPORT FIVE-DAY BANKING.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE DEMAND WITH DETERMINATION.

WE STAND FOR THE INTERESTS, DIGNITY AND WELFARE OF OUR OFFICERS.


GENERAL SECRETARY

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