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SBI'S HISTORIC PERFORMANCE REAFFIRMS THE STRENGTH OF PUBLIC SECTOR BANKING AND PEOPLE-CENTRIC GROWTH

State Bank of India's financial results for FY 2025–26 once again reaffirm the strength, stability and continuing relevance of public sector banking in India's economic and social development. The Bank has recorded a historic standalone net profit of ₹80,032 crore compared to ₹70,901 crore in the previous financial year. Total business has crossed ₹107 lakh crore, with deposits rising to ₹59.75 lakh crore and advances increasing to ₹48.77 lakh crore. Operating profit has crossed ₹1.05 lakh crore, while asset quality has further improved, with Gross NPA declining to 1.49% and Net NPA reducing to 0.39%. The capital adequacy ratio has also improved to 15.40%, strengthening the Bank's capacity to support future credit growth and national development.

AISBIEA places on record its sincere appreciation to the entire workforce of SBI, whose dedication, commitment and productivity under increasing pressure have made these historic achievements possible. We also appreciate the executive leadership for steering the Bank through a challenging economic environment, aligning business strategy with national priorities, and strengthening SBI's role in infrastructure financing, agriculture, MSME support, digital banking and financial inclusion.

At the same time, these results must be viewed not merely through the lens of profit figures. Certain emerging trends in the balance sheet require serious attention from a long-term public sector banking perspective. Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin have come under pressure, indicating growing challenges in sustaining core banking profitability. The decline in CASA ratio is also a matter of concern, as low-cost deposits remain the backbone of stable and affordable banking. Liability generation is therefore emerging as one of the biggest strategic challenges before the Bank.

In this context, strengthening the branch network and improving the quality of direct customer service must become a major priority. Public confidence in SBI has historically been built through its vast branch presence, employee commitment and personal relationship banking. Digital banking expansion alone cannot substitute strong branches and adequate permanent staff, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas where public sector banks remain the primary financial support system for ordinary people.

The reduction of Government shareholding to just above 55% also requires careful policy attention. The public character of SBI is central to its credibility, stability and developmental role. Any further dilution of public ownership may weaken the social orientation and

accountability that distinguishes public sector banking from purely profit-driven private banking models.

At a time when deposit mobilisation is becoming increasingly competitive, there is a strong case for improving savings bank interest rates to protect small depositors and encourage stable household savings within the formal banking system. Strengthening depositor confidence is essential not only for SBI's long-term stability but also for balanced economic growth.

The increasing dependence on retail lending and consumption-driven growth must also be carefully balanced with stronger support to productive sectors such as MSMEs, agriculture, self-employment and infrastructure creation. Sustainable banking growth cannot rely only on consumption credit expansion when employment generation and real sector growth remain uneven.

Despite severe staff shortages, rising compliance responsibilities, rapid digitalisation and growing customer expectations, employees continue to deliver exceptional business growth and maintain public confidence in the institution. The Bank's strong financial position must now be utilised for adequate recruitment, strengthening customer service infrastructure, reducing operational stress and ensuring humane working conditions.

AISBIEA also expresses serious concern over the increasing outsourcing of perennial and core banking activities. Public sector banking derives its strength from institutional accountability, trained permanent workforce and public trust. Excessive outsourcing may weaken service quality, customer confidence and long-term organisational stability.

The future strength of SBI depends not only on technology, profitability and market expansion, but also on protecting the human character of public sector banking. SBI must continue to remain a people-centric institution committed to inclusive national development. AISBIEA firmly believes that strengthening SBI means strengthening public sector banking, protecting employees, serving depositors and supporting the common people of our country.

Warm greetings to the entire workforce for achieving these historic milestones under challenging working conditions.

Yours comradely,



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