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# Regional rural bank employees threaten to go on three-day strike

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KOLKATA: The united forum of regional rural bank employees (RRB) has threatened to observe a three-day strike from Monday to protest against the government proposed plan to [privatise](#) their banks and to demand parity of wages and pension with nationalised banks.

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The forum said that about 1.10 lakh RRB employees will take part in this strike. There are 56 RRBs with about 22000 branches across the country providing banking facilities to over 30 crore customers and doling out several government subsidies to them.

There are more than 15000 casual workers, besides more than 95000 regular employees at RRBs.

They demanded parity of service regulation at par with their sponsor banks covering salary, allowances and other benefits including superannuation benefits.

"These are long pending demands. We had repeatedly raised our concerns with finance ministry officials but there was no positive response from the government," All India Regional Rural Bank Employees Association general secretary Abdul Sayeed Khan told ET.

The union leaders were also a part of a delegation led by six opposition leaders and Members of Parliament which met the finance minister [Arun Jaitley](#) on March 20.



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"We also want the government to ensure minimum wage and other allied benefits for casual workers in line with sponsor banks," Khan said. Implementation of compassionate appointment scheme with retrospective effect is their other demand.

These banks have cumulative share capital of Rs 6388 crore, with a reserve fund of more than Rs 23120 crore as on March 31, 2017. They earned a total gross profit of about Rs 4100 crore in FY17 while their cumulative net profit was Rs 1400 crore.

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