

**MINUTES OF THE STATE LEVEL BANKERS COMMITTEE (SLBC) MEETING
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE-2019 HELD ON 14-10-2019 AT YOJANA
AUDITORIUM, MEGHALAYA SECRETARIAT, SHILLONG**

The State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) for the quarter ending June, 2019 in Meghalaya was held on 14-10-2019 in Yojana Auditorium, Main Secretariat, Shillong.

The meeting was chaired by Shri P.S Thangkhiew, IAS & Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya and attended by the senior officials of the State Government, RBI, SBI, NABARD, Banks and Financial Institutions.

Shri Deepak Choudhury, Assistant General Manager, Shillong, on behalf of SLBC Convener Bank, welcomed the Chairman, members on the dais, representatives from BSNL, SIDBI, MSME, MSRLS, KVIC, Insurance companies and other members for attending the SLBC meeting for the quarter ending June, 2019. He requested Shri Sunil Kr Tandon, Chief General Manager, SBI to give his opening remarks.

Mr. Sunil Kumar Tandon, CGM, SBI, informed that there are 36 banks operating in Meghalaya, with 417 branches. The deposit as at the end of June, 2019 was ₹25504.84 crore and Advances was ₹9603.52 crore, against the total Deposit of ₹26818.92 crore and Advances of ₹ 9329.96 crore as on March, 2019. The CD ratio increased to 37.65% in June, 2019 from 34.79% as on March, 2019. He requested upon the member Banks to increase lending, particularly in Agriculture to achieve a better CD ratio. **(Action -All Banks)**

He observed that the total priority sector advances stood at ₹4549.39 Crore, constituting 47.37% of the total advances of ₹9603.52 Crore, which is well above the RBI benchmark of 40%. Agriculture advances is ₹2435.93 Crore (inclusive of RIDF investment taken as indirect agriculture) constituting 25.37% of total advances, which is above the RBI benchmark of 18%. However, he noted with concern, the poor ACP performance by banks in agriculture and called upon all bankers to perform as delegated by the Government. He advised the bankers to take advantage of the inclusion of Live-stocks and Fisheries, under Kisan Credit Card and was hopeful that credit growth in agriculture will be better in future.

Shri Anurag Asthana, General Manager RBI, greeted the dignitaries, member Banks and Government officials present in the meeting. He apprised that the SLBC Sub-committee on Financial Inclusion meeting held on August 2, 2019 had

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re-allocated 606 villages (as on May 31, 2019) with population below 2000 for coverage among member banks, including India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), with the target to cover 25% of the re-allocated villages by September 2019 and 100% by December 2019. SLBC Convener is requested to convene the Sub-committee on Financial Inclusion at the earliest to monitor the progress made in coverage of the villages. **(Action-SLBC)**

He also pointed out those RSETIs which were setup to provide training to unemployed youth to start their own enterprises, failed to get credit linkages after training in many cases. He stated that RSETIs should design specific programs for each district/ block, keeping in view the skill requirement and potential of the region for necessary skill training/skill up gradation of the rural youth in the district. He also apprised the house to explore diversification of courses in line with the instruction from the Ministry of Rural Development. SLBC Convener is requested to update the House on the above. **(Action-SLBC)**

He appreciated the improvement of CD ratio during the quarter, but noted with concern that out of 36 Banks, 9 Banks operating in the State have CD ratio less than 20%, and 5 out of 11 districts in the State have CD ratio below 40%. The Special Sub-Committees of respective DCCs on CD ratio have been preparing and monitoring a road map to improve the situation and he requested the SLBC and LDMS to ensure that SLBC, DCC/DLRC and BLBC are conducted in time and follow the instructions contained in Lead Bank Schemes meticulously. **(Action -LDMS, SLBC)**

He called upon the Bankers to align their business plan with the ACP targets and reiterated to achieve at least 25% of the ACP target every quarter in order to achieve 100% by the end of the year. **(Action -Banks)**

He, further, pointed out the need for robust internet connectivity in the State. Based on the information from Department of Telecom (DoT), he requested the representatives from DoT/ BSNL to update the status of progress in Bharat Net to Gram Panchayats in Meghalaya. **(Action -BSNL/DoT)**

He also apprised the House that a Working Group (WG) of select SLBC Convener Banks and NABARD was constituted by RBI which suggested a Model Format for migration of data to the new data flow and management system. With a view to ensure timely completion of the task, these banks have been advised vide letter

No.FIDD.CO.LBS.No.558/02.01.001/2019-20 dated September 6, 2019 to constitute an '**Implementation Committee**' for devising and executing transition plan for migration to the new data management system.

(Action-SLBC, SLBC-LHO)

He stated that a '**Sub-Committee on Digital Payments**' has to be formed as per the RBI guidelines in consultation with all the major stakeholders in the State for deepening the digital payments ecosystem, in line with the recommendations of the Report of the Committee on deepening of Digital Payments and Reserve Bank's Payment System Vision Document 2021. The Ri-Bhoi District has been identified to be 100% digitally enabled, within a time frame of one year.

The Chairman pointed out the need to improve Banks' CD ratio in the State and called upon Bankers to strive harder. He lamented that the State CD ratio is far below the National level and pointed out that some Banks are not improving and suggested to submit an action plan on improving their CD ratio to the Sub-Committee. He underlined the need of Banks to reach out to villages, taking into consideration the Government's objective to cover the entire population under Financial Inclusion. He advised the Public Sector Banks and Private Banks to achieve at least 25% of the ACP every quarter. He called upon the State Government departments and bankers to work in close coordination at the Block and District levels. He also thanked the organizers of SLBC and extended warm Diwali wishes to everyone.

The Chief General Manager of SBI noted with concern the non-compliance of Yes Bank, Axis Bank and KMB in not reporting their performance of Prime Minister Mudra Yojana (PMMY) under Action Taken Report and requested for a status report. The CGM emphasized the need to submit the ATR by all Banks in time. **(Action-Yes Bank, KMB, Axis Bank)**

He also, suggested the need for fast disposal of land registration and equitable mortgages of landed properties by the Registrar and Land Records Department, Govt. of Meghalaya. He requested for Government especially District Council Affairs Department's intervention in disposal of Trade License, due to which many loan proposals and loan renewals are pending for sanction with the Banks.

(Action- Revenue Department/ Directorate of Land Records & Survey/ District Council Affairs Department, Government of Meghalaya)

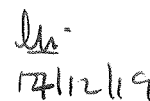
The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of Meghalaya noted with concern the failure of HDFC Bank to open branches in rural areas and suggested HDFC to open more branches in rural centers and reach out to the rural masses. She advised HDFC to find out ways for opening a branch at Jalaphet, East Jaintia hills, which has been allotted to them and instructed the Government to write to concerned Deputy Commissioner to submit the feasibility report. **(Action– HDFC Bank & Finance Department, Govt. of Meghalaya)**

She also pointed out the public opposition for shifting/ merger of MRB Nongpyndeng Branch with the Nongstoin branch. She informed MRB to get approval from the respective Deputy Commissioner before the branch is shifted. **(Action - MRB)**

The Chairman suggested MSRLS to broaden the scope of operations in Agri. based activities under different schemes and arrange trainings in RSETIs for Piggery and Mudra beneficiaries. He pointed out that trainings can be designed considering the potential in specific areas/ regions to avail credit linkage after trainings. He suggested that Piggery mission can transform the livelihood of many farmers. He also called upon the insurance companies and Banks for the need to insure livestock and to have suitable tie-ups. **(Action – MSRLS, Banks, Insurance Cos. & RSETIs).**

It was pointed out by MSRLS that inspection charges is levied to SHG loan accounts though no processing and inspection charges should be levied to SHG loan accounts in line with RBI instructions. Chief General Manager of SBI requested the Banks to re-visit the RBI circular and reverse all the processing and inspection charges to SHG loan accounts. It was also noted with concern, the delay of loan proposals with SBI ranging from 3 to 6 months. **(Action - All Banks and Insurance Cos. & RSETIs)**

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Komanly Khongwar, SLBC Coordinator, Meghalaya.



(Shri P.S. Thangkhiew, IAS),
Chief Secretary, Govt. of Meghalaya and
Chairman, SLBC Meghalaya

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