

Minutes of the State level Bankers' Committee Meeting for the State of Arunachal Pradesh for the Quarter ended December 2020 held on 09.04.2021

The State Level Bankers' Committee Meeting for the State of Arunachal Pradesh for the Quarter ended December 2020 was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ramesh R S, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, North Eastern Circle, Local Head Office, Guwahati and Co-Chairpersonship of Smt. Y.W Ringu, IAS, Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh at the Conference Hall of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Civil Secretariat, Itanagar, through interactive Video Conference.

The meeting started with a welcome speech and key note address by Shri Ramesh R S, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, LHO Guwahati. While welcoming, Smt. Y.W. Ringu, IAS, Secretary Finance, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri V.V.S Kharayat, Dy. Secretary, DFS, Shri Siladitya Biswas, Dy. General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Guwahati, Shri S.S Baseeharan, Dy. General Manager, NABARD and other Officials of the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, he underlined the significance of the SLBC meeting in view of the leading role it had to play in revival of the economic activity in the State of Arunachal Pradesh. Shri Ramesh R S, CGM, SBI in his address highlighted the performance of banks in respect of different parameters like CD Ratio, Priority Sector, Annual Credit Plan and Social Security Schemes.

Smt. Y.W Ringu, IAS in her address as Co-Chairperson while appreciating the contributions made by the Banks during the Covid pandemic, urged all the Banks to increase lending in the priority sector for overall increase of CD Ratio. She also advised all the stakeholders to take Covid appropriate mechanism like wearing mask and maintaining social distance.

This was followed by presentation of Agenda items by Shri D.K Mahato, Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Regional Business Office, Itanagar.

The minutes of the previous SLBC meeting were approved by the House. Further, the Action Taken Report was put up for discussion and observations were made as under:

Agenda 1: ATR

1. While discussing the Action taken report of the meeting dated 19.01.2021 and 28.01.2021, it was observed that some Banks i.e. ICICI, APSCAB, CBI, Yes Bank, Bandhan Bank, IndusInd, UCO, Union Bank, IOB, BOM, Axis Bank, APRB have not conducted any credit awareness camp in the districts allotted to them. Secretary, Finance advised them to conduct one camp during the month of April 2021 and report the same to the SLBC. She advised the concerned Banks to invite and arrange the camps by involving all the banks in the district.

(Action point: Banks mentioned herein)

2. ICICI, APSCAB, CBI, Yes Bank, Bandhan Bank, IndusInd, UCO, Union Bank, IOB, BOM, Axis Bank, APRB have been advised to conduct MSME camps in the district allotted to them during the month of April 2021.

(Action point: Banks mentioned herein)

3. Regarding the issue of removal of the cap of a maximum of 10 numbers of loan in a district in a year and inclusion of APRB among eligible Banks for sanction of such loans under the Deen Dayal Swavalamban Yojana for MSME loans as per minutes of the last SLBC meeting, Planning Department assured the House for issuance of circulars to that effect shortly.

(Action point: Planning Department, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh)

4. Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank has been given a target to sanction loan to at least one FPO.

(Action point: APRB)

Agenda 2: CD ratio:

The Co-chairperson expressed her displeasure in the low CD ratio of the State. She advised the Banks to adopt strategy to increase the same.

(Action points: Banks)

Agenda 3: Review of Credit Disbursement of Banks:

1. Regarding an observation by Shri D.K Mahato, Regional Manager, SBI, Itanagar Region that the ACP target under the Agriculture segment in the State, which was prepared on the basis of Potential Linked Credit Plan of NABARD, was excessively high, Shri S.S Baseeharan, Dy. General Manager, NABARD Itanagar clarified that PLP reflects the potential as viewed by NABARD and Annual Credit Plan targets could be set as per ground level situation.

(Action point: SLBC & LDMs)

2. Banks have sanctioned 2017 Street vendor loans and disbursed 1523 as on 31.03.2021. However number of loan rejected at 1120 is very high, main reason being Street vendor not traceable/contactable/not genuine. ULBs were asked to taken into account all these factors before sponsoring any application.

(Action point: Respective ULBs)

Agenda 4: Financial Inclusion

1. Out of 1927 unbanked villages identified by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India in the State of Arunachal Pradesh 1877 villages have been covered by Banks Branches/CSPs/ IPPB outlets. As on 31.03.2021, there are 50 unbanked villages in the State, out of which 43 are allotted to APSCAB, 1 to BOB and 6 to ICICI. APSCAB raised certain constraints faced by the Bank. Smt. Ringu advised the Bank to adopt cluster approach and seek help from NABARD and ensure coverage by 30.04.2021. She also advised all other banks to ensure coverage by April, 2021. Shri S.S Baseeharan, DGM NABARD also assured that VSAT would be provided where ever it is deemed necessary.

(Action point: APSCAB/BOB/ICICI)

Agenda 5: Position of NPA

Banks are advised to submit the list of NPA accounts to the respective district administrations with a copy to the State Government. Banks should take advantage of National Lok Adalat as well as Lok Adalat to reduce NPAs in the bank.

(Action Point: All Banks)

Agenda 6: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

1. The House discussed the Credit linked Subsidy Scheme. Shri D.K Mahato explained the salient features of the Prime Minister's Awaz Yojana (PMAY) as there was no representative from the concerned Department of the Govt. As on December 2020, Banks have sanctioned 41 numbers of accounts with Rs. 5.07 crores. Only SBI and PNB have reported sanction of loans under the Scheme. SBI has accorded sanction of another 7 loans with Rs. 1.07 crores after December 2020 Quarter. The Finance Secretary advised all the Banks to sanction loan under the PMAY.

(Action point: All Banks)

2. There was a demand to open a new Branch at Seppa, East Kameng with the preferred Bank being Indian Bank. Shri Mrinal Das, Chief Manager, Indian Bank, Itanagar assured the House that a Bank Branch would be opened thereat and the Bank had initiated the process. Secretary Finance Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has advised the Indian bank to open by 30.09.2021.

(Action point: Indian Bank)

3. Canara Bank has also assured the House for opening a Branch at Chayangtajo, East Kameng in a previous SLBC Meeting which is yet to be complied with. Canara Bank was directed to open the branch thereat.

(Action point: Canara Bank)

4. Shri Hage Tari, Secretary, Industry, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, expressed his displeasure with respect to performance of some Banks in the implementation of PMEGP Scheme in the State. He pointed out that HDFC, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank and Bank of India has not sanctioned any PMEGP loan. The Govt. is very serious and the concerned Banks may be penalized.

(Action point: The Banks mentioned herein)

5. He further mentioned that Banks were yet to dispose of 25 applications even after close of the Financial year 2020-21.

(Action point: Concerned Banks)

As the meeting was drawing towards conclusion Shri Naresh Kumar, Chief Secretary joined the meeting and remarked that:

1. The performance of the Banks in terms of achievement in CD ratio is very poor. This is an area of concern.

2. Banks should take the implementation of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative seriously. Apart from State Bank of India and APRB no other Bank has sanctioned any significant number of SHG loans. He also said that Govt. is contemplating for imposing penalty like withdrawing all the Govt. deposits from the non performing Banks and reward the performing Banks.

Shri Susanta Kumar Sahoo, Dy. General Manager, SLBC, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Guwahati in his concluding remarks assured the Govt. that Banks in the State of Arunachal Pradesh would put up a good performance as per expectation of the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh in the financial year 2021-22.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Susanta Kumar Sahoo, DGM, SLBC.

The meeting was attended by

1. Shri Naresh Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
2. Smt. Y.WRingu, IAS, Secretary, Finance
3. Shri Hage Tari, IOFS, Secretary, Industry
4. Shri V.V.S Kharayat, Deputy Secretary, DFS
5. Shri Ramesh R S, CGM, SBI, NE, LHO Guwahati
6. Shri Silyadutta Biswas, DGM, RBI, Guwahati
7. Shri S.S Baseeharan, Dy. General Manager, NABARD
8. Shri Kamlesh Singh, DGM (B&O), Dibrugarh
9. Shri Susanta Kumar Sahoo, DGM,SLBC, LHO. Guwahati
10. Shri D.K Mahato, Regional Manager, SBI, Itanagar
11. Shri Abhishek Pratap, AGM, SLBC
12. Shri TseringThongdok, MD, APSCAB
13. Officials from State Government
14. Branch Managers/Officials from various Banks in Arunachal Pradesh including LDMs.
