

**MINUTES OF THE 51ST SLBC MEETING, SIKKIM HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2017
AT MAYFAIR HOTEL & RESORT, RANIPOL**

The 51st Meeting of State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for the State of Sikkim was held at Mayfair Hotels & Resort, Gangtok on 6th February, 2017.

The meeting was presided over by Shri Alok Kr. Shrivastava, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim.

Shri Alok Kr. Shrivastava, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim, Shri M.G. Kiran, IAS, Principal Secretary, FRED, Govt. of Sikkim, Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, CGM, State Bank of India, Bengal Circle, Shri A.K. Mahapatra, GM, Network-III, State Bank Of India, Bengal Circle, Shri Manabendra Misra, General Manager & O-i-c, Reserve Bank of India, Gangtok, Smt. Anjana Lama, GM, NABARD Gangtok were other dignitaries on the dais. The Controllers and Officials from member Banks and other Government Departments also attended the meeting.

1. Shri Sandip Kr. Chowbey, Convener, SLBC Sikkim and Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Gangtok welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and all the participants present in the meeting.

2. Shri Partha Pratim Sengupta, Chairman, SLBC on his opening remarks expressed his gratitude to the State administration and Government functionaries for lending full support and cooperation to the Bankers during demonetization drive. He stated about some of the important areas of concern for the forum as follows: i) The overall CD ratio of the state with credit from outside Sikkim was good at 94.9% which indicates that many projects of the state under corporate sector has been financed by the Banks. ii) He expressed his concern on low percentage of recovery of Bank's due and suggested the stakeholders for conduct of more FLCs to sensitize people on repayment and importance of credit. He also advised SBI RSETI for holding more FLCs throughout the state. iii) He urged Bankers for promotion and financing of SHGs in the state. iv) He emphasized on need for promotion of Stand Up India scheme, Mudra and other Government schemes in the state.

3. Shri Manabendra Misra, GM & O-i-c, RBI, Gangtok welcomed the dignitaries present on the dais and all the participants present in the meeting. He complimented Govt. of Sikkim on (i) having 100% Aadhaar enrolment in the state (ii) Gangtok declared as the cleanest tourist destination by Ministry of Tourism, Gol. (iii) Sikkim declared as the best state in education by India Today and iv) the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim awarded with Sustainable Leadership award during the month of October 2016. He extended his gratitude to the State Government functionaries and Banks for their support and close coordination during the demonetization drive.

He informed the house about regular conduct of SLIC meeting with partner organizations and Bankers chaired by Sri Arvind Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Sikkim. He appreciated the efforts made by MSME-DI, KVIC, DIC & SKVIB for facilitating promotion of MSME borrowers. He further expressed his concern on providing of banking facilities in villages identified under 'Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana' (i.e. Kitam Manpur & Tingvong). He requested SLBC convenor to take up the matter on a priority basis and expedite the process of providing banking services in these villages. He stated about the issue of poor connectivity as a major drawback towards promotion of digital banking in the state. He also requested the State Government to further escalate this issue to the Govt. of India.

5. Smt. Anjana Lama, GM, NABARD deliberated on various issues of concern and initiatives taken by NABARD as follows:

i) She informed the house about focus of Govt. of India on increasing credit flow under Agriculture sector and requested Banks for making substantial improvement under the same. She stated that the percentage of achievement under ACP is not satisfactory.

ii) She expressed her satisfaction on implementation of DEDs in the state and appreciated the performance of SISCO Bank for financing under this activity. She informed the house about guidelines on DED scheme and requested Bankers to adhere to the guidelines for disbursement, subsidy claim, parking of subsidy amount etc. She also said that as per survey conducted at field level, it was found that the number of milch animals purchased was much less than the amount of subsidy claimed. Hence, she requested Bankers to ensure the end use of fund.

iii) She notified the house about circular and guidelines on National Livestock Mission (NLM) issued by Gol for F.Y 2016-17, under which subsidy is provided for Poultry/ Piggery/ goatery etc. Subsidy under the scheme is available to SC / ST / BPL @ 50%, and to APL @ 35%. She requested Banks to sanction loan under the scheme and forward subsidy claims to NABARD.

iv) She urged Banks to promote SHG linkage programme and do credit linkage of SHGs. She informed that grant assistance is available to promoting agencies and Banks for promotion of SHG /JLG. Banks were also suggested for promoting Bee keeping activity.

She further stated that NABARD has sponsored SISCO Bank in setting up "PACS Development Cell" which caters to the agricultural credit demand of the rural farmers. They have also provided financial assistance to deposit mobilizing PACS and for issuance of Rupay Kishan Credit Card. She added that NABARD is providing grant assistance to the Banks for conduct of Financial Literacy Programme.

Then with the permission of the Chairperson the discussion of the Agenda items started in seriatim as follows:

Agenda No.1

Confirmation of the proceedings of the 50th meeting of SLBC held on 1st September, 2016 at Mayfarir Hotels & Resort, Ranipool

~ The House confirmed the proceedings of the 50th SLBC Meeting.

Agenda No.2

Follow-up of the Action Points that emerged from the 50th SLBC Meeting held on 1st September, 2016 at Gangtok:

1. Regular conduct of FLC by Banks

~ It was found that all rural branches had together conducted 28 nos. of FLC during the quarter. Banks were informed about procedure for availing financial grant from NABARD for conducting FLC.

2. Activation of BC/CSPs for covering unbanked villages.

~ A sub-committee of SLBC on Financial Inclusion is monitoring and reviewing the progress on activation of BC/CSPs on a regular basis.

3. Improvement on percentage of ACP achievement by Banks.

~ Banks having nil performance were directed to improve their achievement and report to the Lead Bank Office.

4. Financing of Dairy farmers under DEDs

~ It was found that the performance of Banks under DEDs was satisfactory.

5. Credit linkage of all eligible SHGs

~ In this regard GM, NABARD said that although the position of savings linkage is good the number of credit linkage by Banks is not satisfactory. She appealed to the Banks for doing credit linkage of SHGs.

6. Submission of consent form of beneficiaries under social welfare schemes by Banks to the Department of SJE & WD.

~ In this regard, Shri K.B. Pradhan, Joint Secretary, SJE & WD, Govt. of Sikkim said that as per discussions held during previous meeting Banks were instructed to collect consent forms from the beneficiaries (NSAP) and submit it to the Department of SJE & WD. Since, none of the Banks had submitted the consent forms he requested Banks for early submission of the consent form from their end. He requested Banks to ensure linking of Aadhaar Number with accounts of all the beneficiaries under NSAP. In response to this LDM said that the consent forms should be collected by the concerned department at the field level which can be further submitted to the Bank Branches for Aadhaar linkage.

Agenda No.3

Credit: Deposit Ratio / Credit + Investment: Deposit Ratio as on 30.09.2016

It was found during discussion that the overall CD ratio of the state with credit from outside Sikkim was good at 94.9%. However, the CD ratio without taking credit from outside Sikkim was just above the benchmark at 40.8%. The dignitaries on the dais expressed their concern on the Banks having very low CD ratio. The Chairperson expressed his displeasure to the Private sector Banks for having very poor performance and appealed the concerned Banks for escalating their advances.

Agenda No.4

Recovery of Bank's dues:

It was found during discussion that due to non submission of data on recovery by most of the Banks the overall percentage of recovery vis-à-vis demand was not correct. Convener, SLBC proposed for including new format on recovery with the total dues and percentage of NPA under each sector.

Agenda No. 5

Review of Performance under Annual Credit Plan 2016-17 for the quarter ended 30.09.2016

The overall achievement under ACP by all Banks including Non-priority sector for the first quarter 34.2% and that under priority sector was only 23.1%. The house discussed on nil performance of some of the Private Banks like Axis Bank, Indusind Bank, Yes Bank & Kotak Mahindra Bank. The dignitaries on the dais expressed their serious concern on non submission of Lead Bank Returns by these Banks. The Chairperson appealed to the Controllers of Banks for ensuring timely and proper reporting to the Lead Bank Office Since, the overall achievement vis-à-vis target under ACP was not satisfactory for the second quarter; Banks were appealed for making substantial improvement in the upcoming quarters.

Agenda No.6

Review of Special Programmes as on 30.09.2016

1. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP):

Since the process involved in implementation of PMEGP had changed from manual to online, the proposals were sponsored and submitted to the Banks only during the month of September 2016.

Therefore, out of 183 numbers of proposals sponsored only 9 proposals have been sanctioned. Dr. S.K. Bhuyan, Officer-in-charge, KVIC informed the house about relaxation in the condition of conducting EDP training before disbursement of 1st installment of loan in respect of North Eastern States. He requested Banks to follow the guidelines on online procedure for sanction and expedite the disposal of all the pending proposals at the earliest possible.

2. National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) Self Employment Programme:

A total of 49 Nos. of applications have been forwarded to the Bank Branches under Self Employment Programme (SEP-I) component of DAY-NULM. Banks were requested for early disposal of all the proposals.

Agenda No.7

Promotion of Self Help Groups:

In this context, representative from RMDD brought to the notice of the house about some of the issues on delay in opening of accounts and passbook updating at various Bank branches. He requested Banks to extend their full support in resolving these issues and encourage promotion of SHGs.

Agenda No.8

Kisan Credit Card (KCC):

Till the end of second quarter 891 nos. of KCCs have been issued by the Banks which was not satisfactory vis-à-vis target. The house discussed on allotment of higher targets with respect to the potential and achievement. In response to this GM, NABARD stated that the Potential Linked Plan is prepared by NABARD in consultation with Line Department and Banks in a Pre-PLP meeting. She further urged Banks to scale up their financing under Agriculture sector and consider it as priority concern.

Agenda No.9

Housing Finance:

Regional Chief, HUDCO deliberated on features of 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Housing for All' and requested Bankers for sensitizing borrowers on availing loan under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme.

Agenda No.10

Education Loan:

Banks were suggested for holding of more camps for sourcing proposals during the next academic session.

Agenda No.11

Performance under MSME

Shri K.D. Bhattacharya, Dy. Director, MSME-DI, Gangtok informed the house about notification on filing of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum (UAM) under the MSMED Act, 2006. He stated that MSME borrowers need to file UAM online for registration. He requested Banks to give emphasis on registration of MSME borrowers. He also suggested Banks for lending under various schemes of MSME for North Eastern States and credit guarantee schemes.

Agenda No.12

Financial Inclusion by Extension of Banking Services with opening of “Basic Savings Bank Deposit” account

Convener, SLBC suggested Banks having nil performances to come forward and take full participation in extending banking services in the state.

Agenda No.13

Weavers Credit Card Scheme

Since there was no sponsorship of proposals to the Banks, the Agenda Item was not discussed in the meeting.

Agenda No.14

Artisan Credit Card Scheme

Banks were instructed for early disposal of all the pending cases and in case of any rejection of cases Banks to give valid reasons for rejection.

Agenda No.15

Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDs)

In this context, the house appreciated the performance of the Banks. Later, LDM stated that more than 200 applications have been forwarded to the Banks which will further improve the achievement in the next quarter. With regard to procedure for subsidy claims under DEDs, GM, NABARD apprised the Banks that subsidy claims are to be made within two months from the disbursement of 1st installment in a prescribed claim format.

Agenda No.16

Evolving Action Plan for Remaining Un-banked villages:

In this regard Manager, RBI informed the house that RBI will be conducting conference of BCs on 10.02.2017 and requested all the participating Banks to send their BC/CSPs in the meeting. He stated that the progress on coverage of unbanked villages is very low due to two major constraints i.e. Functioning of Corporate BC and IT connectivity problem. As State Bank of India & Central Bank of India is a taking major part under this drive, he appealed to the concerned Bank to expedite the process of providing banking services in the remaining unbanked villages. He apprised the house about the focus of Govt. of India in extending credit facility to minority communities. He further stated that as per the instruction of Gol 'credit facility to minority communities' should be discussed as a regular Agenda Item in DLCC / SLBC meetings. He requested all Banks to give additional data on credit to minority to SLBC.

Agenda No.17

SBI Rural Employment Training Institute (RSETI)

Director, SBI RSETI apprised the house that the construction of institution building has started and all the ground level work has been completed. He also informed about having successfully conducted various training programme.

Agenda No.18

Joint Liability Group

DGM, NAARD gave a brief deliberation on guidelines of JLGs and requested Banks for doing credit linkage of JLG for increasing the credit flow under agriculture sector.

Agenda No. 19

REVIEW OF PROGRESS ON PRADHAN MANTRI JAN-DHAN YOJANA & SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES (PM4S)

The progress on PMJDY & social security schemes is being reviewed and monitored by a State Level Financial Inclusion Committee and the two meetings have already been conducted.

Agenda No. 20

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. 'Start Up Stand Up India' Scheme (SUI)

DGM, SIDBI deliberated on progress made by the Banks under the scheme. He said out that out of 30 scheduled commercial Banks only 11 Banks have so far financed under SUI and he appealed to all the non participating Banks to achieve their target during the upcoming quarters. He also advised the forum for wide publicity of these schemes at Block & Panchayat level by means of FLCs and display of banners and posters.

2. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)

It was informed to the Banks that applications will be sourced at the urban local body level and forwarded to the Banks. Banks were directed to follow the guidelines of the scheme and finance under this scheme.

3. Direct Benefit Transfer

In this regard, Smt. Sarika Pradhan, Additional Secretary cum PD, MGNREGA, RMDD, highlighted about some of the issues regarding implementation of DBT (i) due to non mapping of Aadhaar number in the NPCI only 63% have been converted to Aadhaar Based payment system. (ii) Need for SMS alert services to the MGNREGA account holders. (iii) Banks to ensure linking of Aadhaar Number with accounts of all the beneficiaries under MGNREGA. She further stated that since the deadline for 100% implementation of DBT is 31.03.2017 Bankers need to expedite the process from their end.

The Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim expressed his serious concern on unbanked blocks in the North and West district of Sikkim. He strongly appealed to the convener SLBC to expedite the process of providing banking facilities at Tashiding, Yuksom, Lingdong, and Dzongu. He appealed to the Bankers to explore every possibility of providing banking services in these villages.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to all the participants and supporters.

ACTION POINT THAT EMERGED FROM THE 51st SLBC MEETING

1. Providing banking facilities at Tashiding, Yuksom, Lingdong and Dzongu.
2. Submission of Lead Bank Returns by Axis Bank, Indusind Bank, Yes Bank & Kotak Mahindra Bank.
3. Disposal of pending proposals under PMEGP by 11.03.2017.
4. Improvement on position of credit linkage of Self Help Groups.
5. Banks to ensure Aadhaar linking with accounts of all beneficiaries under MGNREGA.
6. Consent forms of beneficiaries under NSAP to be submitted to the Banks by the department of SJE&WD, Gos.

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3.	Shri A.K. Mahapatra	GM, NW-III, State Bank of India, Bengal Circle
4.	Shri M.G Kiran	Principal Secretary, FRED, Govt. of Sikkim
5.	Shri Manabendra Misra	GM, RBI, Gangtok
6.	Smt. Anjana Lama	GM, NABARD, Gangtok
7.	Shri Satish Rao	DGM, State Bank of India, Siliguri Module
8.	Shri Sandip Kr. Chowbey	Regional Manager, SBI, Gangtok (SLBC Convener)
9.	Shri Gopal Lama	Lead District Manager, Gangtok
10.	Shri W.W. Tigga	AGM, RBI Gangtok
11.	Shri Olden Nongpluh	DGM, RBI Gangtok
12.	Shri Viren Mohun	Manager, RBI Gangtok
13.	Shri T.B. Tiwari	Chief Manager, Allahabad Bank, Gangtok
14.	Shri S.K. Pal	AGM & CRM, United Bank of India, Siliguri
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16.	Shri Ugresh Kumar	Sr. Manager, OBC, Gangtok
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19.	Shri Hinda Mohan Thapa	Sr. Manager, PNB, Gangtok
20.	Shri Ankur Saha	Sr. Manager, Dena Bank, Gangtok
21.	Shri Sanjoy Ghosh	Sr. Manager, Punjab & Sind Bank, Gangtok
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23.	Shri Rupamkar Darnal	Asstt. Manager, IDBI Bank, Gangtok
24.	Shri L.N. Mukherjee	CM, Central Bank of India, Gangtok
25.	Shri Bivash Lamichaney	AGM, SISCO Bank Ltd. Gangtok
26.	Shri Sulabh Topno	BM, Andhra Bank, Gangtok
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32.	Shri L.S. Paokhosei	Manager, Corporation Bank, Gangtok
33.	Shri Karma Jikmee Bhutia	Officer, South Indian Bank, Gangtok
34.	Shri Kumday Prasad	Asstt. Manager, Bharatiya Mahila Bank, Gangtok
35.	Shri Srinivas Babu	BM, Indian Bank, Gangtok
36.	Shri Sandip Sil	BM, Syndicate Bank, Gangtok
37.	Shri Nitish Kumar Karn	Vijaya Bank, Gangtok
38.	Shri Sayandip De	CSM, ICICI Bank
39.	Shri Premananda Das	Sr. Manager, UBI, Gangtok

40.	Shri Bicky Dewan	BM, Bank of India
41.	Shri S.S. Das	DGM, Bank of India, Zonal Manager
42.	Shri B.P. Upreti	Dy. General Manager
43.	Shri Subhashis Das	Manager, IDBI Regional Office, Siliguri
44.	Shri Eugene Ohara Lotha	Manager, Bank of Maharashtra, Gangtok
45.	Shri R.K. Agarwal	Dy. Director, National Horticulture Board
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47.	Shri Birendra.S. Rawat	Jt. Registrar, Cooperation Department
48.	Shri K.P. Sharma	Dy. Registrar, Cooperation Department
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50.	Shri Shanawaj Alam	Application Analyst, UIDAI
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59.	Shri R.K. Tamang	Inspector, DIC (East/North)
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61.	Shri K.D. Bhattacharya	Dy. Director, MSME-DI, Gangtok
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63.	Dr. S.K. Bhuyan	Asstt. Director, Officer-in-charge, KVIC, GoI
64.	Shri K.N. Sharma	Executive Officer, SKVIB, GoS
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66.	Shri Jayanta Kr. Dey	Dy. Manager, HUDCO, Dev. Office, Gangtok
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70.	Shri Pramod Kr. Singh	SDO, BSNL, Gangtok
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73.	Shri Soumen Ghosh	CM, RBFi, SBI, Zonal Office, Siliguri
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