

**MINUTES OF THE 44TH SLBC MEETING, SIKKIM HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2015,
AT MAYFAIR RESORT, RANIPOOL, GANGTOK**

The 44th Meeting of State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for the State of Sikkim was held at Mayfair Resort, Gangtok on 16th February 2015.

The meeting was chaired by Shri C.S. Krishnamurthy, GM, NW-III, SBI, Bengal Circle.

The meeting was honored by the presence of Shri D. Anandan Secretary, Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Sikkim.

Shri Manabendra Misra, General Manager and Officer-in-charge, Reserve Bank of India, Gangtok; Shri Raj P. Bhargava, General Manager and Officer-in-charge, NABARD Gangtok, Shri Satish Patwardhan, DGM, SBI, Siliguri Module were the other dignitaries on the dais. The Controllers and Officials from member banks and the high level representatives from the State Govt. Departments also attended the meeting.

2. Shri Biswanath Sen, Regional Manager, State Bank of India, Gangtok and Convener of SLBC for the State of Sikkim, heartily welcomed all the participants present in the meeting. He congratulated all the Bankers for having successfully completed account opening task under PMJDY.

3. In his inaugural speech the Chairman of the meeting Shri C.S. Krishnamurthy, GM, NW-III, SBI, Bengal Circle congratulated the forum on account of successfully completed Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana in the state. He expressed his gratitude to the State Nodal Officer for PMJDY, Bankers and all Govt. functionaries for their active role and cooperation in accomplishing the said task before stipulated time. He added that the same support and commitment is sought in a greater pursuit from the members of the forum in order to accomplish Financial Inclusion Plan in the state. The Chairman informed the House that SBI, Central Bank of India & Union Bank of India has a tie up with CSC e-governance and 56 BCs has been appointed by State Bank of India which will be activated by the end of February 2015. He also brought in notice of the House that the Clearing House has been established in Namchi which is in operation since

14.02.2015. Furthermore he advised the Bankers for taking necessary steps regarding conduct of FLCC camp, seeding of Aadhaar with Bank account and improving CD ratio of the state.

4. Shri Misra, GM & O-i-C, RBI, Gangtok welcomed the dignitaries present on the dias and all the participants present in the meeting. He also welcomed South Indian Bank as a new member of the forum. He apprised the House that the RBI, Gangtok has completed its five years in Sikkim and he conveyed his thanks to the Government Officials, all the stakeholders and Bankers in Sikkim for their cooperation to the RBI.

The following announcements were made by Shri Misra (i) RBI has given a letter of approval for establishment of 'C' category Currency chest in Mangan which will be in operation very soon. ii) State Level Security Committee meeting conducted on 02.012.2014. Four Banks appointed for conducting awareness camp on FI in four districts. lii) During an Outreach Programme in Mangshilla United Bank of India proposed for opening of full scale branch in Mangshilla.

Furthermore, he expressed his concern on providing banking facilities in the state and promotion of MSMEs. He expressed displeasure to the Central Bank of India for displaying their branch board in Damthang which has not been opened. Hence, Central Bank of India was instructed to remove the board.

5. Sri R. P. Bhargava, General Manager, NABARD, Sikkim apprised the forum of the following issues. (i) As per the State Focus Paper released by NABARD a credit potential of Rs. 486.86 crore has been showed for the financial year 2015-16 for the state of Sikkim. (ii) Keeping in view of low credit flow in the agriculture sector NABARD has prepared the Area Based Schemes (ABS) i.e. Dairy and Poultry, for all the four districts. Banks were requested to finance ABS in their respective area of operation. (iii) Banks were advised to finance under JLGs which is an important activity monitored by Ministry of Finance. (iv) The Govt. of India, Ministry of agriculture, has not parked any fund with NABARD under National Livestock Mission (NLM) till date and there is hardly any possibility that the subsidy will be forthcoming by March 2015. Banks should not claim subsidy in this regard, till further advice.

6. In his opening address, Shri D. Anandan Secretary, Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Sikkim congratulated RBI for completing five successful years in Sikkim. He also congratulated Bankers on behalf of Govt. of Sikkim for completing the task under PMJDY. He expressed concern on low C:D ratio of the State and low credit flow in Agriculture sector. He urged Rural Banks to conduct mandatory Financial Literacy programme and advised Banks to complete 100% seeding of Aadhaar in the State. He made an appeal to the Officials of Banks as well as Govt. functionaries for making use of SLBC forum to discuss issues relating to the State and coordinate so that the State would be benefited to a larger extent.

7. Thereafter, the Officers of RBI mentioned (i) the deadline of Roadmap on providing banking facilities in villages having population below 2000 has been advanced i.e. 14.08.2015 in order to realign with PMJDY. (ii) Banks to cover left out villages either by opening full scale branch or by USB or by BC model within stipulated time as per villages allotted to them. (iii) Bankers were apprised of the decisions taken in the 9th meeting of SLIC and EC on MSME held on February 06, 2015 in Gangtok. (iv) Banks were instructed to complete joint inspection of all the cases under PMEGP by February 15, 2015 wherever pending and dispose of all the pending cases by sanction or return of applications latest by March 31, 2015. (v) Banks are mandated not to accept any collateral security for loan given to MSME borrower upto Rs. 10 lacs.

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

Discussion held on Agenda seriatim and resolved that:

Agenda No.1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 43rd State Level Banker's Committee (SLBC) Meeting held at Gangtok (Sikkim) on 19.11.2014 at Mayfair Resort, Gangtok

~ In this context the Jt. Project Director, NULM, UD & HD expressed displeasure to the Lead Bank Office for not having noted their deliberations regarding restructuring of SJSRY to NULM in the minutes of 43rd SLBC. In response to this Lead Bank assured to make necessary modifications in the minutes.

Agenda No.2

Follow-up of the Action Points that emerged from the 43rd SLBC Meeting held on 19th November 2014 at Gangtok

1. Bank Branches to ensure completion of survey under PMJDY by the end of November 2014 and open accounts of left out households by 15th December 2014.

Action point since complied with.

2. The meeting of the SLCC (State Level Co-ordination Committee, Chairperson-Chief Secretary, GoS) on unauthorized collection of public deposit and shadow banking to be held soon

A request letter on the action point has been sent to the Chief Secretary vide Lead Bank Office letter no: LB/30/226 dated: 06.02.2015. The date for the meeting is yet to be finalized by the Chief Secretary.

3. DLRC Meeting to be convened in all the districts.

In this regard the GM, RBI advised LDM that if MPs are not available for the meeting then it could be conducted with Zilla Adhyaksas.

4. Monthly FLCC camp to be conducted by Rural Branches.

The Rural Bank Branches repeatedly reminded to conduct FLCC.

5. Sub-Committee on Financial Inclusion to meet once in a month.

In this context, the GM, RBI made a clarification to the House on the guidelines of roadmap for providing banking facilities to the villages with below 2000 population. He said that as per the circular, provisions for providing banking facilities is not described in terms of distance. Hence, Banks are required to cover villages by any of the mode i.e. either by opening brick and mortar branch or by establishing USB or by BC model (BCs in fixed location or visiting BCs in predetermined date).

6. SLBC Forum to be represented by only Controllers of the respective Banks.

Action point since complied with.

7. Financing of Joint Liability Group (JLG) to be included as an agenda item in the next SLBC Meeting.

Action point since complied with.

8. Sub-sector wise achievement under Agriculture to be furnished in the next SLBC Meeting.

Action point since complied with.

9. Roadmap 2013-16 on Financial Inclusion will be a main agenda item in SLBC meetings henceforth.

Action point since complied with.

10. Opening of Clearing House at Namchi and Gyalshing by SBI and CBI respectively.

The Convener SLBC apprised the House that Clearing House in Namchi is in operation since 14.02.2015. In context to Clearing House at Gyalshing, Controller, CBI informed the House that it will be in operation by 23rd February 2015.

11. SLBC Convener to write letter of displeasure to designated banks as specifically directed by GM & Officer-in-charge, RBI, Gangtok.

Action point since complied with.

Agenda No.3

Credit: Deposit Ratio / Credit + Investment: Deposit Ratio as on 31.12.2014

In this regard the Banks maintaining low CD ratio were questioned about their constraints for not lending in the state. In response to this some of the Banks stated that their deposit was higher due to short term deposits from SBS. Banks also said that they have disbursed considerable amount of loans after the quarter ended December 2014 which escalate their CD ratio in the coming quarter. The Banks having higher CD ratio also shared their good practices with the House. Controllers from Bank of Baroda and UBI mentioned that their deposit source is retail and mostly they are lending in other priority sectors like Education, Housing, and MSMEs sectors. However the Chief Guest expressed dissatisfaction to the Banks for not deploying the funds collected from the State.

It was found during discussion that the figures related to credit within & outside Sikkim pertaining to ICICI was wrongly reported to the Lead Bank Office. Hence, GM, RBI instructed ICICI Bank to submit rectified data to the Lead Bank Office.

Agenda No.4

Recovery of Bank's dues:

The banks were advised to take all necessary proceedings from their end and take required help from the District Authorities only in case of difficult recovery cases.

Agenda No. 5

Review of Performance under Annual Credit Plan 2014-15 including NPS for the quarter ended 31.12.2014.

Shri D Anandan, Secretary, Commerce & Industries, Govt. of Sikkim expressed his discontent on decimal performance under priority sector and poor handling of PMEGP cases by the Banks. He said that unless there is proper follow up on decisions taken in the meeting there will be no incremental improvement in terms of achievement of ACP.

The House discussed on low financing under KCC, JLGs, and other allied activities under agriculture. The GM, NABARD appealed to the Controlling Heads of the Banks for reviewing their branches with respect to their sub-sector wise target and initiate necessary actions for financing under priority sector. He added that the targets allotted are based on the potential and Banks should make an effort towards achieving it.

It was found that except for few Banks performances of many banks were not satisfactory and even NIL regarding industry and tertiary sector. Hence, the concerned Banks were suggested to make an improvement.

Agenda No.6

Review of other Priority Sector Advances and other Spl Programmes as on 31.12.2014

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

The Sponsoring Agencies apprised the House of the pending cases in the Banks. Banks were instructed to dispose of all the pending cases under PMEGP by 31st March 2015 without fail.

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

The Jt. Project Director, NULM, UD & HD informed the House that the target allotted under the scheme is for the Financial Year 2015-16. He said that the four district headquarters has been listed under NULM and by April 2015 proposals will be sent to the Banks. He further added that during the month of May 2015 Financial Literacy programme on NULM will be conducted in respective district headquarters.

Agenda No.7

Promotion of Self Help Groups:

In this regard the GM, NABARD highlighted the need for making SHGs credit linked.

Agenda No.8

Kisan Credit Card (KCC):

The above Agenda item was discussed during Agenda no.5

Agenda No.9

Housing Finance:

The Jt. Project Director, NULM, UD & HD asked Lead Bank office to provide data of the past three years on Housing loan disbursed under two categories i.e. loans disbursed upto 10 lacs and above 10 lacs. He said that on the basis of this data they will adopt strategies for implementation of Housing for All programme.

Agenda No.10

Education Loan:

The Banks were suggested for conducting camps for wide publicity of the scheme and identify beneficiaries for sanction of loan.

Agenda No.11

Performance under MSE

Shri D. Anandan appealed Banks to ask MSME borrowers to file declaration EM-I & EM-II with DIC so that the MSME units come under the fold of organization sector.

Agenda No.12

Artisan Credit Card:

The above Agenda item was not discussed as there was no sponsorship under the scheme.

Agenda No.13

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

The House appreciated the Bankers for having completed account opening drive under PMJDY.

Agenda No.14

Weavers Credit Card Scheme

The concerned department was requested for sponsorship of proposals.

Agenda No.15

Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDs)

The House discussed on the status of the pending cases under DEDs. The GM, NABARD instructed the Banks to claim subsidy amount under the scheme within two months.

Agenda No.16

Evolving Action Plan for Remaining Un-banked villages:

It was brought in notice of the House that a sub-committee on FI is monitoring the progress on a monthly basis. Banks were advised by the GM, RBI to adopt alternate mode particularly BC model for providing banking facilities to remaining unbanked villages. Keeping in view of the advanced deadline for coverage of villages Banks were suggested to make their BCs operational at the earliest.

Agenda No.17

Joint Liability Group

The GM, NABARD reiterated that the Banks are appealed for financing under JLGs and subsequently report to the Lead Bank Office. The progress under JLG is monitored on weekly basis by the Ministry of Finance.

Agenda No.18

SBI Rural Employment Training Institute (RSETI)

The Director, RSETI apprised the House of the important issues discussed during the LAC meeting. It was also decided during the meeting that EDP training will be conducted for a group less than 20 members also provided it will be funded by the sponsoring agencies.

Agenda No. 19

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)

The Chairman of the meeting appreciated all the Banks for their hard work and efforts to complete the PMJDY within timeline.

2. Direct Benefit Transfer for LPG (DBTL)

The representative from UIDAI mentioned that there is a disparity between the percentage of Aadhaar linkage done by the distributor and Banks for the LPG consumers. He advised Banks to extend support for doing Aadhaar linkage for all the LPG subscribers at the earliest possible. He apprised the House that there are four permanent Aadhaar enrollment centers in the district headquarters and appealed the banks to percolate this information through their branches. Furthermore he advised LDM to get promotion materials of DBTL from ONGC for propagation through Bank branches.

3. Credit Flow to SC/ST in Sikkim

Controllers of Banks were highlighted the information of credit flow to these section of community as the matter is being monitored by Parliamentary Committee.

4. Calendar for DLCC & SLBC for the year 2015-16

The calendar for DLCC & SLBC for the year 2015-16 has been circulated to all the members.

5. Sansad Adarsh Gram

It was apprised by the LDM that Shri P D Rai, MP, Sikkim has adopted village Kitam Manpur in South District under Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana and has requested to open a bank branch in this village preferably of Dena Bank. The Controllers were advised to look into the matter.

ACTION POINT THAT EMERGED FROM THE 44th SLBC MEETING

1. DLRC Meeting to be convened in all the districts.
2. Monthly FLCC camp to be conducted by Rural Branches.
3. Banks to finance under Joint Liability Group (JLG).
4. Banks to activate BCs for covering unbanked villages within stipulated time i.e. 14.08.2015.
5. Banks to complete Aadhaar seeding of all LPG subscribers.
6. LDM to get promotional materials of DBTL for propagation through Bank branches.
7. Central Bank of India to start clearing House by 23rd February 2015.
8. ICICI Bank to submit rectified data on credit within and outside Sikkim to the Lead Bank Office.
9. Bank branches to dispose off pending PMEGP cases within 31.03.2015.
10. Lead Bank Office to intimate the targets under NULM to the Bank Branches and the concerned department for the Financial Year 2015-16.

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4.	Shri R. P. Bhargava	General Manager & Officer-in-Charge, NABARD, Gangtok
5.	Shri S. Patwardhan	DGM, State Bank of India, Siliguri Module
6.	Shri Biswanath Sen	Regional Manager, SBI, RO, Gangtok (Convener)
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18.	Shri Rupamkar Darnal	AM, IDBI Bank, Gangtok

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