

Minutes of the 81stState Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) Meeting, Sikkim State for the second Quarter ended 30thSept, 2024 held at Hotel Ramada, Gangtok on 16.11.2024

The 81stState Level Bankers' Committee Meeting for Sikkim State for the Quarter ended 30thSept 2024 was held at Hotel Ramada, Gangtok on Nov 16th, 2024. The meeting was Chaired by Shri RavindraTelang, IAS Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim.

Shri Thotngam Jamang, Regional Director, RBI Sikkim, Shri Jitendra SinghRaje, IAS Commissioner cum Secretary-Urban Development Department, Shri M.C.P. Pradhan, Secretary & Controller Finance, Shri Goda Ravishanker, GM RBI, Shri N. K. Singh, SLBC Convenor & GM SBI LHO Kolkata, Shri Ajay Kumar Sinha, GM, NABARD, Gangtok, were the other dignitaries present on the dais.

The Meeting had the presence of Secretaries and Senior officials from State Government Departments, Senior officials from Central Government agencies, Senior officials from Banks, officials from RBI, NABARD, SIDBI and other Stakeholders.

At the outset, Shri Nand Kishor Singh, SLBC Convenor-cum-General Manager, SBI extended warm welcome to all the participants and congratulated the banks in achieving the CD ratio of 67.89% in the second quarter of 2024-25, which has shown a substantial increase of 415 basis points on Y-O-Y basis.

To give a brief about the performance of banks at the end of 2ndQtr of 2024-2025, under Agriculture Sector, banks were able to achieve 35.89%, under MSME Sector 67.58%, under Other Priority Sector the achievement is 44.55% and under Non- Priority Sector the achievement is 73.38% of the ACP 2024-25 target.

He further deliberated that although, all the banks present in the State of Sikkim have been participating actively in the economic development of the State, performance of some of the banks are below average and hence extra efforts from these Banks will be appreciated.

He further emphasized that all banker colleagues to take utmost care and ensure timelines and correctness while uploading data in the SLBC India Portal.

Coordinator, SLBC Shri Gadadhar Ray, thereafter gave presentation on the performance of the banks during the second quarter of 2024-25, which was discussed in seriatim as under:

Agenda No.1

Credit: Deposit Ratio as on 30.09.2024

The overall CD ratio of the State stood at 67.89% at the end of second quarter of 2024-25.

Regional Director, RBI appreciated the Banks for achieving CD ratio more than 60% in the State of Sikkim. He further said that Banks with low CD ratio have been told to visit RBI office, with action plan for achieving the desired level.

Bank wise review was done by the Chairman of the Committee in respect of all banks having CD ratio below 40%. The Chairman of the Meeting expressed displeasure on low performance by some Banks and told them to achieve minimum 40% benchmark in the coming quarters of FY 2024-25.

(Action – Following banks having CD ratio below 10% will visit RBI Office and submit action plan for achievement of minimum 40% CD ratio in 3rd quarter of 2024-25: Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First bank)

Agenda No. 2

Review of Performance under Annual Credit Plan 2024-2025 including NPS for the quarter ended 30th Sept 2024

The overall achievement of Banks under Priority and Non-Priority Sector at the end of second quarter of 2024-25 stood at **67.58%**. Considering the benchmark of 50% in the second Qtr, the achievement of more than 50% was appreciated by the house.

The Chairman of the Committee observed that performance of a few banks under Priority and Non-Priority sector were found to be below 50%. He took review of those banks and the reason for low performance was examined. Additional Chief Secretary further deliberated that the people in Sikkim are ready to avail loans so banks should come forward and lend more.

(Action – Following Banks having low Priority & Non-Priority Sector advance will visit RBI Office and submit action plan to achieve the desire level in the coming quarters of 2024-25: YesBank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDFC First Bank)

Agenda No. 3

Performance under Priority Sector Advance under ACP 2024-25

The overall achievement under Priority sector advances stood at 54.10% at the end of second quarter of 2024-25.

The Chairman of the meeting took review of Banks, whose performance was below 50%. Officials from the banks assured the Chair that they would achieve the minimum threshold target of 50% by end of third quarter of FY 2024-25.

The Chairman of the Committee deliberated that line departments should support the Banks to get loans/proposals. There should be healthy coordination between various State government departments and banks.

(Action – Following Banks having low Priority Sector advance will visit RBI Office and submit action plan to achieve the desire level in the coming quarters of 2024-25: Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDFC First Bank)

3.1 Agriculture and Allied activities:

The performance of banks, under Agriculture Sector stood at **35.89%** at the end of second quarter of 2024-25. The Chairperson of the Committee reviewed the performance of the Banks.

Secretary Agriculture, GOS submitted that there is need for more financing to FPO by the Banks. Also a workshop on FPO can be organized with all the stakeholders.

(Action – Workshop for FPO to be organized: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, AH & VS, Horticulture, SLBC and NABARD)

3.1.1 Kisan Credit Card (KCC):

3.1.2 KCC Animal Husbandry:

3.1.3 KCC Fisheries:

In this regard, SLBC Sikkim organized a meeting with all stakeholders on 26.09.2024, where targets were given (600 Nos under KCC Fisheries and 300 Nos under KCC-AH & Dairying) to Banks for achievement under KCC– Fisheries and KCC- AH & Dairying.

He emphasized that the State has vast potential in the field of animal husbandry and fisheries and also dairy sector is quite enterprising as the returns start coming immediately.

He suggested that banks should improve financing under the Agriculture Sector individually and in co-ordination with the Agriculture Department.

Coordinator SLBC appraise the house that SLBC SUB-Committee meeting on Agriculture & Allied Sector for September 2024 Qtr was held on 05.11.2024 under the Chairmanship of Director, Agriculture, Government of Sikkim with active participation from all stake holders. All major issues relating to agriculture and allied activities have been discussed in the said meeting.

3.2. MSME Sector:

It was observed that the achievement of the banks in MSME Sector stood at **67.58%** at the end of second quarter of 2024-25, which was viewed satisfactory by the house.

3.3. Other Priority Sector:

The overall achievement under this sector recorded at **44.55%** at the end of second quarter of 2024-25.

Agenda No. 4

Achievement under Non-Priority Sector:

The overall achievement under this sector stood at **73.38%** at the end of second Qtr of 2024-25.

Agenda No.5

Review of Government Sponsored Schemes as on 30.09.2024

5.1. Prime Minister’s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)

Agency Wise-Summary:

Agency Name	Budget for FY 2024-25	Sponsored	Sanctioned	Budget Achievement %	Rejection	Pending
D I C	50	51	22	44	3	26
SKVIB	38	205	89	234	14	102
KVIC	38	8	4	11	0	4
TOTAL	126	264	115	91%	17	132

It was observed that a total of 264 proposals were forwarded to the banks by the agencies (namely DIC, SKVIB, KVIC) out of which 115 proposals have been sanctioned and 132proposal are pending. The achievement of target at the end of second quarter of 2024-25 stands at 91%.

The Chairperson of the meeting told Banks to clear all pending proposal on priority basis notlater than 31.12.2024.

Dy Secretary, DIC submitted that updation of data in the PMEGP portal should be done by the Banks, so that there is no delay in the training process.

5.2. Skilled Youth Startup Scheme (SYSS)

It was observed that subsidy amounting to ₹15.91 cr is yet to be received by banks from the Govt of Sikkim. Dy Secretary, DIC submitted that subsidy amount of Rs.5.00 Cr have been sanctioned under the scheme in the current FY 2024-25.

Chairman of the meeting appraised that the Commerce & Industries department should do in-depth study to understand what benefit the society has received by availing these schemes.

Regional Director, RBI said that some loans under this segment are turning stressed account, which is a matter of concern.

5.4. PM Svanidhi Scheme

It was observed that total 1311Nos. of applications have been sanctioned by the banks under the PM SVANIDHI scheme as on 30.09.2024. Good performance of the banks was appreciated by the house.

5.5. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana – (MUDRA)

The total achievement under PMMY (Mudra) was 5666loan accounts amounting to Rs.88.23 Cr, which was viewed satisfactoryby the house.

The achievement under PMMY in the second quarter is as follows:

- (a) Shishu–2457 loan proposals amounting to ₹9.82cr
- (b) Kishore –2862 loan proposals amounting to ₹50.71cr
- (c) Tarun – 341 loan proposals amounting to ₹27.70cr

The Chair urged the Banks to pay special attention towards disbursement of loans under MUDRA and banks having low performance were advised to improve their performance in coming quarters.

5.6 Stand – Up India

Under Stand-Up India total 68 loans have been disbursed amounting to Rs.10.62 Cr during the second quarter of 2024-25.

The Chairperson of the meeting asked all banks to take initiative to achieve the target as per the mandate of Stand-Up India Scheme.

(Action: All banks)

Agenda No. 6

Promotion of Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

It was noted that as against the target of ₹50 cr to be lent to SHGs, banks had disbursed ₹32.58 cr, thus achieving target of 65%. Coordinator, SLBC appraised the house that SLBC Sub-Committee on SHG Credit Linkages for September 2024 Qtr was held under the Chairmanship of Director Finance, Govt of Sikkim on 11.11.2024 with active participation from all the Stakeholders.

Shri Mahendra Pradhan, Director Finance & Chairperson of SLBC Sub Committee on SHG Credit Linkage gave a brief on the discussions held in the said meeting. He further deliberated that thrust was given on activation of dormant SHGs with active support from SRLM. He further said that targets have been allotted to all Banks for opening of SHGs saving bank accounts.

CEO, SRLM requested that SRLM may be informed before conducting the FLCs by the banks, so that they can also participate.

(Action – Banks, SRLM)

Agenda No.7

Housing Finance (Priority Sector)

The overall achievement under this sector recorded at **33.34%** at the end of second quarter of 2024-25.

It was observed that under Housing loan-Non Priority Sector 1437 loan proposals were sanctioned by the banks amounting to Rs. 190.15 Cr.

Agenda No.8

Achievement under Education Loan (Priority Sector)

The achievement under this sector recorded at **25.84%** at the end of the second quarter of 2024-25.

It was observed that the State Government through its financing agency viz., SIDICO is lending at lower rate of interest resulting in lack of interest in availing bank finance, however, there is ceiling on the loan amount so Banks can finance high value education loans.

Agenda No.9

Miscellaneous:

9.1 SBI Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI)

It was observed that 4941 trainees (Cumulative) were trained under RSETI out of which 3433 (Cumulative) had already been settled as on 30.09.2024. The percentage of settlement is **69.48%**.

9.2 Social Security Schemes-SSS (PMJDY, PMSBY, PMJJBY, APY)

Coordinator SLBC asked the banks to ensure that all eligible population has been covered under PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY. He also reminded the banks that saturation of SSS was the top most priority of Government of India.

He further informed the house regarding the ongoing Janasuraksha Campaign for PMJJBY & PMSBY beneficiaries by the GOI. Period of campaign is 15.10.2024-15.01.2025.

9.3 Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payments Ecosystem:

Coordinator SLBC apprised the house that SLBC SUB-Committee meeting on Digitization and Connectivity for Sept 2024 quarter was held on 05.11.2024 under the Chairmanship of Director, Information & Technology, Government of Sikkim with active participation from all stake holders.

RD, RBI asked the house to achieve 100% digitization for the Gyalshing district in the coming quarters.

(Action: All banks in the district of Gyalshing)

9.4 Financial Literacy Camps conducted by rural branches:

(A) FLCs conducted by the rural branches :

There are 107 rural branches in Sikkim, total 630 Financial Literacy Camps have been conducted till the end of Sept 2024. There was a shortfall of 12 camps, which need to be covered in the upcoming months.

(B) FLCs conducted by the Financial Literacy Centre:

Total 58 Financial Literacy Camps were conducted by the Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL) in different districts in the State in the FY 2024-25.

It was proposed for opening of two new Financial Centre in Sikkim (1) at Soreng District by State Bank of India, (2) Pakyong District by Central Bank of India

(Action: State Bank of India & Central Bank of India)

(C) Banking outlets/Banking Correspondences/Customer Service points operating in Sikkim:

As on 30th Sept 2024, there are 296 active CSPs operating in the State of Sikkim.

9.6 Central KYC records registry (CKYCR)

Banks showing below 100% on boarding were advised to ensure complete on boarding.

9.7 (a) Status of opening of Brick and Motar Branches in Sikkim:

SL NO.	PLACE	DISTRICT	ALLOTTED BANK	EXPECTED DATE OF OPENING
1	Dastoor Banquet (Near PragatiChowk)	Soreng	IDBI Bank	31.01.2025
2	Khechuperi	Gyalshing	ICICI Bank	31.12.2024

9.7 (b) Status of opening of BC/CSP in Sikkim:

SL NO.	PLACE	DISTRICT	ALLOTTED BANK	EXPECTED DATE OF OPENING
1	Daramdin	Soreng	IDBI Bank	31.03.2024
2	Chandmari	Gangtok	Central Bank of India	31.03.2024
3	Thangu	Mangan	AXIS Bank	30.11.2024

(Action: All the above Banks to ensure commitment made by the Banks officials in the SLBC Meeting)

9.8 Opening of new RSETI in Sikkim:

Shri Jamang, RD, RBI advised that new RSETIs may be opened in all the districts to give impetus to generation of local employment opportunities. In this connection, a reference is also invited to the 74th SLBC meeting chaired by Shri (Dr) Bhagwat Karad, Hon'ble Minister of state for Finance, GoI and the 75th SLBC meeting chaired by Shri Vivek Joshi, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, GoI in which it was decided that Central Bank of India will open RSETI in Soreng district (Aspirational district) and State Bank of India will open one RSETI in any of the border districts (i.e., Mangan).

In other districts, Lead banks may consider doing a survey after opening of RSETIs by CBI and SBI in Soreng and Mangan districts respectively.

(Action: SBI, CBI)

9.9 (a) AGRI UDAAN Programme

The scheme aims at empowering innovative start-ups in the agri-business sector and providing them with the necessary resources, mentorship and funding to scale their ventures successfully.

(b) Digitisation of Land Records

Goda Ravishanker, GM, RBI requested the land records deptt to apprise the house regarding the extent of digitization of land records. As RBI has launched Unified Lending Interface (ULI), onboarding the land records of the State is imperative. SLBC Sikkim may contact the concerned department to obtain the details.

(Action: SLBC)

Conclusion:

GM NABARD appraised the house that there is an ongoing campaign, "Nationwide KCC campaign-2024-25" by the Ministry of Fisheries, AH & Dairying-Govt. of India as per circular No. M02022/142020-CDD(E-15981) dated 2nd Sept 2024 issued by the Ministry of Fisheries, AH & Dairying-Govt. of India. The campaign period is from **15.09.2024-31.03.2025**.

In his address, Shri ThotngamJamang, Regional Director, RBI Sikkim, thanked banksfor participating in the SLBC meeting. He told that RBI has recently launched ULI(Unified Lending Interface) this is an Indian Lending eco system.

He thrust upon Digitization of Land record, which will help citizens to avail various loans from banks without carrying physical documents. All data can be retrieve from one place.

He called upon Banks to lend generously for the growth of their business and development of the State.

Chairperson of the meeting Shri RavindraTelang, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Sikkim in his concluding remarks explained the role for Banksin development of the society and the economy.

The financial resources available with the banks need to be channelized to important sectors of the economy. Thus meetings like DLCC & SLBC may play crucial role for the development of the State.

Banks play a vital role to achieving people their goal. He expressed concern that in some of the banks are utilising funds in activates outside the State of Sikkim. Banks should look into how the funds can be utilized within the State.

He advised bankers to work for increasing the CD ratio of the State. There is a need to change the mindset and realign it with the changing environment.

He asked banks to examine the huge business opportunities coming up in the State. He also advised the State government departments to capitalize the resources and develop their pace and come forward for contributing towards the growth of GDP of the State.

Mr Kumar Nitesh, RM, SBI, proposed Vote of thanks.