



United Bank of India
Convener of State level Bankers' Committee, Tripura

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Minutes of the 131st Meeting of SLBC, Tripura held on 20-02-2020 at Pragna Bhawan, Agartala.

The 131st SLBC meeting of Tripura State was held at Pragna Bhawan, Agartala on 20th February 2020 to review the performance of Banks up to December, 2019. Dignitaries in the meeting included,

Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura,
Shri Ashok Kumar Pradhan, MD & CEO, United Bank of India
Shri S.K. Rakesh, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura

A list of participants is also annexed.

The gist of the deliberations and the emerging Action Points are as follows.

Achievement under ACP : The banks disbursed Rs 5539.52 crore upto December 2019, which was 71% of the Annual Target of Rs 7762 crore under ACP for 2019-20. The achievement under Agriculture sector was 66%, where as it was 79% and 61% under MSME and Other Priority Sector respectively. Shri S.K. Rakesh, Addl Chief Secretary, Govt of Tripura advised Banks to achieve the full ACP targets uniformly by March 2020, including those Banks which have an achievement percentage of less than 50% up to December, 19.
(Action Point 1: All Banks)

CD Ratio:

- CD ratio of the banks in the State improved to 56% as on 31.12.2019. Banks with low CD ratio (30% or less) were advised to strive towards attaining parity with the CD Ratio of the State.
- As directed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, UCO bank having a low CD Ratio and ACP achievement up to December 2019 has been advised to furnish an action plan for increasing their lending to achieve parity with the average ACP achievement of the State and CD ratio.
- District wise CD Ratio has been reviewed and bankers have been advised to ensure credit disbursement in all the districts for better growth and development in all districts.
(Action Point 2: All concerned Banks)

Agriculture:

33143 KCCs were sanctioned by Banks amounting to Rs. 150.66 Crores during FY 2019-20, thereby achieving 47 % of the Annual Target (71,317 Nos.) as on December 2019.

- As directed by the Govt of India on 06-02-2020, the KCC Saturation drive for providing KCC loans to PM KISAN beneficiaries, State Govt has provided SLBC with updated list of 1.90 lakh PM KISAN beneficiaries, of which 44071 have been identified who have not availed KCC loans. The banks with support from Dept of Agriculture, ARDD & Dept of Fisheries along with NABARD are to achieve KCC saturation of the uncovered farmers among PM KISAN beneficiaries by 29th February 2020.
- Convenor Sri M.R.Ray stressed that achievement of the DFS targets under PM-KISAN apart all proposal received should be taken to logical conclusion by way of sanction and disbursement. Effort should be made to cover all 1.90 lakh left out farmers under PM-KISAN.
- State Level Technical Committees have finalized the uniform scale of finance pertaining to working capital finance of dairy and fisheries, which was duly circulated on 30.11.2019.



- Bankers requested the State Government to provide farmers with land cultivation certificate for financing KCCs in order to bring landless farmers under the aegis of institutional finance. In this regard, Reserve Bank of India observed that State Govt may also explore introduction of Model Land Leasing Act in the State to achieve the purpose.

(Action Point 3: Banks/State Govt/ Line Departments)

PMFBY & other Insurance:

- As advised by Shri S.K. Rakesh, Addl Chief Secretary, Govt of Tripura, SLBC is to write to National Insurance Company Ltd for their consideration and co-operation in the development of poultry and fisheries units in the State by providing insurance coverage for the same.
- ARDD, Govt of Tripura to explore tie-up arrangement with insurance companies for coverage of fisheries and poultry units financed by Banks.
- PMFBY: For Rabi Season 2019-20, a total of 1488 loanee farmers and 5148 non-loanee farmers were enrolled for availing insurance coverage under PMFBY in the State. Banks are to ensure coverage of all loanee and non-loanee farmers under PMFBY.

(Action Point 4: Banks/State Govt/SLBC/NABARD/ Line Departments)

Self Help Groups (SHGs):

- Against the TRLM SHG credit linkage target of Rs.62.13 crores in 4489 accounts, the Banks have collectively sanctioned Rs.36.53 crores in 2576 accounts as on 31.12.20 thus achieving 59% of the yearly target (amount wise).

Smt Saumya Gupta, Secretary Rural Development, pointed out that though there is an improvement in the figures over the last quarter, Credit uptake of SHGs in North Tripura, Unokoti & Khowai Districts was not encouraging and requested LDMs to ensure better performance of SHG credit linkage in the concerned districts. She also requested banks to clear all pending proposals to achieve the target for the current fiscal by March 2020.

(Action Point 5: All Banks)

Rubber Production & Smoke Houses:

- A total of 300 proposals under Swavalamban and 338 proposals under PMEGP for setting up rubber processing units with smoke houses have been sponsored to Banks, while sanctions have been accorded to 34 Swavalamban & 41 PMEGP proposals respectively.
- Bankers have been requested to expedite the sanction of such cases, as development of Rubber industry in the State is an important issue under the vision document of the State Government. The Hon'ble Chief Minister urged Bankers to recognize the attractive profitability of the rubber industry in the State and expedite loan disbursements in this sector
- It has been decided to ensure addition of an extra 10-15% of project cost for construction of smoke houses in hilly areas in line with the decision taken in the last SLBC meeting.
- Draft copy of Tri-partite agreement to be signed by Bank with beneficiary & Manimalayar Rubbers Pvt Ltd has been shared with Banks for execution before disbursement of loans.

(Action Point 6: All Banks, Industry Dept, State Govt)



Dairy Development Scheme:

- Banks have collectively sanctioned Rs. 597.76 lakhs in 395 accounts under DEDS as on 31.12.2019, including those under the Dairy Development scheme of ARDD. List of beneficiaries have already been sent to Gomati Co-Operative Ltd & ARDD by participating banks.
- Bankers have been advised to focus on investment in the Dairy projects in North Tripura & Dhalai.

(Action Point 7: All Banks, ARDD)

Opening of Banking Outlets in unbanked centres:

- **On the issue of opening of Outlets in five (5) centers which were pending for long:**
 - SLBC will write to ICICI Bank and Axis Bank for expediting the process of branch opening at Nabincherra & Chandipur respectively.
 - SLBC to write to Bank of Baroda for expediting the process for opening of branch at Ishan Chandra Nagar. The House was informed that Bank of Baroda has restricted the opening of new branches post amalgamation.
 - Canara Bank informed about opening of a fixed point BC outlet March 2020 at Charipara.

(Action Point 8: SLBC, Concerned 4 allottee banks)

Long pending Actions:

- (i) SBI have been advised to open a branch at Kathalia in this Financial Year. Also, initiate the process for opening a banking outlet at Kanchanbari bazaar as advised in the 129th SLBC. SBI is also to open a branch at Ranirbazar.
- (ii) TGB & TSCB has been advised to open a branch at Manikpur and Karamcherra respectively by the end of this Financial Year.
- (iii) TGB & TSCB to convey the decision for opening a banking outlet at Jamthum Bazar & Ganganagar respectively to DIF at the earliest.

(Action Point 9: SBI, TGB, TSCB, SLBC)

Government Sponsored Loan Schemes:

- Out of 4488 PMEGP proposals sponsored, 569 proposals have been accorded sanction by branches for FY 2019-20 as on 31.12.2019 while in case of Swavalamban, 5262 applications for the current fiscal year have been sponsored till Dec 2019, of which sanction has been made in 291 proposals. Banks are to expedite the process of sanction/disbursement by March, 20.
- Delay in release of subsidy of Swavalamban loans of FY 2018-19 was discussed with a positive note and State Govt has assured quick resolution of the issue.

(Action Point 10: All Banks, DIC, KVIB, KVIB)

Education Loans:

- All Banks have accorded sanction in 530 cases with aggregate sanction amount of Rs. 1184.27 lakhs, as on December 2019, against the annual target of 500 cases, which was duly appreciated by the State Govt. Bankers to continue financing education loans with the target for FY 2020-21 set at 1000 sanctioned cases.

(Action Point 11: All Banks)



Housing Loans & PMAY:

- As advised by Shri S.K. Rakesh, Addl Chief Secretary, Govt of Tripura, TGB is to share list of loans sanctioned under PMAY to Urban Development Department, Govt of Tripura for follow up regarding subsidy claims pending with National Housing Bank.
(Action Point 12: TGB, Urban Development Department)

PMMY and SUI loans:

- All Banks have made an achievement of Rs. 844.79 crores with 187802 numbers of accounts as on 31.12.2019, against the annual target of Rs.1556.70 Crore i.e. 54 % of the target under PMMY. Bankers need to intensify sanctions under PMMY.
- Stand Up India program needs special focus as only 33 loans have been sanctioned in this year.
(Action Point 13: All Banks)

NPA and Recovery:

- Convener of SLBC observed that the amount of NPA of all Banks taken together was Rs.773.77 crores as on December 2019 which showed a considerable increase over that of March 2019 (Rs. 574.13 crores). The overall increase in percentage terms from 3.98% of March 2019 to 5.02% of December 2019 is a major area of concern for Banks. The intervention of the State Govt was sought to create awareness among borrowers to repay their dues in time.
- The State Govt. was requested to provide necessary co-operation in the process of recovery from NPA borrowers, particularly in Govt. sponsored schemes (where NPA in PMEGP & Swavalamban schemes stands at an alarming 23% and 17% respectively) and speedy disposal of PDR & SARFAESI cases.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister expressed his concern over the rise of NPA in PMEGP and Swavalamban and advised Banks and Industry Department to ensure selection of beneficiaries who are well conversant about the project being financed.
(Action Point 14: All Banks & State Government Depts)

Tourism:

- Tripura Govt has drafted a new tourism policy to be discussed in the cabinet meeting. The policy is for the period from 2019 to 2024 and will help the bankers to tap the potentials.
- 58 proposals under the tourism scheme "Paryatan Sahayak Prakalpa" have been forwarded to various bank branches for extending credit support to eligible beneficiaries after undergoing suitable training arranged by Tourism Dept. State Govt has decided to provide trade licenses to the beneficiaries for motorized boats, which will also facilitate insurance coverage of bank's financed assets as well as for the safety of passengers.
- For effective implementation of the scheme of motorized boats, a project report will be prepared by Tourism Department for onward circulation among Banks.
(Action Point 15: All Banks, State Govt)

Other Issues:

- Opening of ATMs in the locations identified by Dhalai District Administration:
SLBC is to allocate the same among the Banks.
- A core committee of major Banks will convene on monthly basis for reviewing the progress of various developmental schemes being implemented through Banks in the State.
(Action point 16: UBI, SBI, UCO Bank, TGB & TSCB)



- Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura gave his suggestions in course of discussion in each of the agenda. Gist of his suggestions, advices and observations are as follows:

(i) 5000 goats killed every day for the purpose of consumption and skins traded through agencies to outside states like Tamil Nadu etc. Bankers should identify such traders and can be extended need based finance to the traders so that the hides are traded as well as MSME units for indigenous use of the goat / sheep skins for manufacturing of related products to create employment in the State.

(ii) The daily demand for eggs is 500000 in the State. Bankers can extended finance in this sector in order to develop the layer units for increasing trading of eggs in the State.

(iii) Banks to formulate their business targets in commensuration with the development projections of the State.

(iv) Banks' exposure to agriculture sector needs to increase substantially in general, particularly in dairy development, piggery, poultry and pig rearing.

(v) He emphasized the Government's desire to develop the poultry sector in order to make the State self-sufficient in egg production.

(vi) He also advised banks to support the tea industry in the State which has a good potential for further growth.

(vii) Banks are to ensure that policy level decisions taken by the State Govt at various fora should invariably be communicated by the Banks to their field functionaries to keep them updated on the new and emerging scopes for lending in various sectors.

(viii) Emphasis should be given on field visit by bank officials and connect to the people.

Conclusion: Summing up the discussion, Shri Ashok Kumar Pradhan, MD & CEO, United Bank of India, thanked Shri Biplab Kumar Deb, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tripura for his gracious presence in the SLBC meeting, providing guidance to the SLBC to propel the State towards all round growth. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


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