STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, KERALA

(Under Lead Bank Scheme)

Convenor: केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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(All Members of SLBC)

Dear Sir,

Sub: Minutes of the 139TH Meeting of SLBC, Kerala

We are forwarding herewith the minutes of the 139th Meeting of SLBC, Lakshadweep held on 05th April 2023 at Hotel Residency Tower, Thiruvananthapuram.

Developments on action points initiated/to be initiated at your end may please be intimated to us so as to apprise the next meeting of SLBC, KeralaThanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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MINUTES OF THE 139th MEETING OF STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, KERALA

Held on 05.04.2023 (Wednesday) at Hotel Residency Tower, Trivandrum

The 139th SLBC meeting commenced at 11:30 a.m. The List of participants is as per annexure.

Sri. S. Premkumar, Convenor, SLBC& General Manager, Canara Bank welcomed the dignitaries and participants to the 139thState Level Bankers' Committee Meeting of SLBC Kerala and touched upon the following.

- There is a prominent level of credit take-up which is an indication that individuals and businesses are confident in the economy and are willing to borrow money to invest in their future.

- The state has also been focusing on developing its manufacturing sector and promoting entrepreneurship. Kerala Industries Department's 'One Lakh Enterprises in One Year' programme is one among the various initiatives to create more employment opportunities in the State of Kerala.

- The State Government has also been taking steps to address social issues such as income inequality and poverty. The state Government has implemented several welfare schemes to support low-income households and marginalized communities. Additionally, the state has been investing in education and healthcare to improve human capital and promote inclusive growth.

- There is a 9 % growth in MSME financing under the sector compared to last year due to the efforts made by the banks in Kerala and the measures and initiatives taken by the Kerala Government to stimulate the State's business environment, integrating development strategies encompassing policy reforms and business reengineering processes.

- The financing under agriculture has registered a 19 % growth when compared to December 2021. Sustainable agriculture is the key to the new age farming. It minimizes the use of pesticides that harm the health of the farmers and the consumers. Developing an efficient, self – sufficient and economical production system will generate decent income for farmers. The convenor urged bankers to extend maximum support in this area.

Achievement under Annual Credit Plan (ACP).

- The banks of Kerala achieved 88% of the ACP target as at Dec 2022. The performance under primary sector is 103%, secondary sector showed 94% growth and the tertiary Sector performance 38% needs improvement.
- The total credit outflow amounted to Rs 3,01,388 crores, an increase of Rs.97,973 crores over the previous year. The deployment of credit to the core areas and sensitive segments in the State has been showing very good improvement during the last 9 months.

Growth of business

- Convenor pointed that the performance of the Banking sector of Kerala was satisfactory. The commercial Banks in the State had crossed a total business figure of Rs. 11,64,651 Crores in December 2022.

- As of December 2022 the Deposits were recorded at Rs. 6,95,984 Crores and Advances were recorded at Rs. 4,68,667 crores. Convenor stated that during the period Sep 2022 to Dec 2022, the increase recorded by banking system in the State with an impressive addition of Rs. 11,173 crores under Deposits and Rs.10,695 crores under Advances.

- CD ratio has increased to 67% from 64%, YOY.

- Convenor pointed out that even though there is reduction of NPA of Rs.394 Cr. in absolute figure, there is an increase of 2 % NPA during December Quarter and the overall NPA percentage is 3.46%.

- Convenor asked the participants to look into ways to further improve banking services for the benefit of our customers and to explore new business opportunities that will drive growth in all sectors.

While concluding his address, Convenor once again welcomed all the dignitaries of the meeting.

Sri. Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia, Chairperson, SLBC Kerala &Executive Director, Canara Bank, welcomed all the participants to the deliberations and touched upon the Global, National and State scenario.

- World economic outlook predicts the global growth at 2.8% for the financial year 2023 and 3.1 % for 2024 which is much below the average levels mainly due to war in Ukraine and the associated cost-of-living crisis across the world.

- The global inflation is expected to fall by 6.6% in 2023 and 4.3% in 2024 still above the pre pandemic levels.

- India has been successful in avoiding the headwinds faced by other countries. Still, monetary policy is tightened to fight the current inflation.

- Economic trends in the manufacturing and service sectors of India recorded an increase from 57.2 in January to 59.4 in February, reflecting very strong growth in activity and the highest in last 12 years.

- Kerala's economy has also posted a very strong recovery in 2021-22 after the COVID pandemic with Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) recording a robust growth of more than 12 %. This is a very creditable record, since it is the highest growth of the State recorded since 2012 and particularly in the light of the fact that preceding year the various sectors recorded negative growth.

- Agriculture and allied activities, industry and tertiary sectors grew 4.6 percent, 3.8 per cent and 17.3 per cent respectively in 2021-22 over 2020-21.

- The overall picture in the State is at a satisfactory level with both resource mobilization as well as credit deployment.

- Commercial banks have recorded a Total business of Rs. 11.64 lakh Crores in the State. There was an increase of Rs. 21,869 crores over the previous quarter.

- The Deposits increased by Rs. 11,174 crores reaching a level of Rs. 6.95 lac crores and Advances increased by Rs. 10,695 crores recording the level of Rs. 4.68 lac crores. NRE deposits made an y-o-y growth of 4 %, with an outstanding level at Rs. 2.48 lac crores.

- Percentage achievement under ACP in Priority Sector December 2022 is 88% of the Annual budget.

- The performance under primary sector at 103% and the secondary Sector performance at 94% are satisfactory, the tertiary sector made a growth 38% from 24 % compared to last quarter.

- Performance of Banks under priority sector, agriculture and weaker sections, is above the mandatory levels of 40%, 18% & 10% of Gross credit, with outstanding levels around 47%, 23% and 25% respectively.

- The state Government. is extending all possible support to the banking fraternity in the State. A cordial and mutually supporting relationship continues to exist between Banks and the State Government in Kerala.

- The State government plans and sustained efforts to strengthen the industrial sector of the State. The "Make in Kerala" project by the State Government to give impetus to the micro, small and medium-scale industries and is expected to increase domestic production, as well as employment, entrepreneur, investment opportunities in Kerala.

- The SLBC forum has been actively assisting the State Government in its endeavors to lift the vulnerable sections of society.

Before concluding, Sri. Hardeep Singh Ahluwalia thanked everyone present and requested all participants to actively participate in the meeting.

Sri. Thomas Mathew, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India in his speech addressed the following:

- As we head into to another challenging year with global growth slowing due the war in Ukraine, monetary tightening and effects from the pandemic, the Indian economy remains resilient and is expected to be the fastest growing major economy in the world. Our financial sector remains stable; the worst of inflation is behind us; and the Indian Rupee has exhibited least volatility among its peer currencies.

- As you are aware, India has assumed the G20 Presidency for 2023 with the theme 'VasudhaivaKutumbakam: One Earth, One Family, One Future'. India's priorities under the G20 Presidency which, include cooperation in key global economic policies, strengthening multilateral development banks and global financial safety net, mitigating debt vulnerabilities, mobilising resources for climate action and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as building smarter cities of tomorrow, and addressing risks and opportunities arising from rapid technological advancements in finance industry.

- On the basis of an assessment of the current and evolving macroeconomic situation, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided in February 2023 to increase the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.50 per cent. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 6.25 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.75 per cent. The MPC also decided to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward, while supporting growth.

- As you all would be aware Reserve Bank of India has been conducting Financial Literacy Week (FLW) every year since 2016 to propagate financial education messages on a particular theme among members of public across the country. FLW 2023, was observed from February 13-17, 2023, on the theme "Good Financial Behavior- Your Saviour'. The theme aligns with the overall strategic objectives of the National Strategy for Financial Education: 2020-2025 which aims at building financial resilience and well-being while creating awareness among members of public. The focus this year is on creating awareness about savings, planning and budgeting, and prudent use of digital financial services. The inauguration of FLW 2023 in the state was held on February 13, 2023 at Thiruvananthapuram.

- Digital payments offer benefits of speed, convenience, safety and security. The existing infrastructure has made digital payments available and accessible, but it is necessary to create more awareness which can increase acceptance and enhance adoption. The Reserve Bank of India on March 06, 2023 launched the Mission 'Har Payment Digital' as part of Digital Payments Awareness Week (DPAW) 2023. This is part of RBI's endeavour to make every person in India a user of digital payments. DPAW 2023 was observed from March 6 to 12, 2023. The campaign theme is "Digital Payment Apnao, AuronkobhiSikhao" -meaning adopt digital payments and also teach others about the merits of using digital payments. This would encourage every person to become a digital payment user. The Bank will also initiate a '75 Digital Villages' programme in observance of 75 years of Independence. Under this programme, Payment System Operators (PSOs) will adopt 75 villages across the country and convert them into digital payment enabled villages. I would like to call upon all the SLBC members to make this mission a success and ensure that the customers who outside the net are also brought into the digital fold.

- The Reserve Bank of India had announced a facility to enable all in-bound travellers visiting India to make local payments using Unified Payments Interface (UPI) while they are in India. To start with, it is available to travelers from G-20 countries, at select international airports (Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi). Eligible travelers would be issued Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) wallets linked to UPI for making payments at merchant outlets. Delegates from G20 countries can also avail this facility at various meeting venues. Travelers visiting India can now experience the convenience of UPI payments at over five crore merchant outlets across India, that accept QR Code-based UPI payments.

- Incidentally, the launch of cross-border payment linkage between India and Singapore using their respective Fast Payment Systems, viz. UPI and PayNow was launched on February 21, 2023. The UPI-Pay Now linkage will enable users of the two fast payment systems in either country to make convenient, safe, instant, and cost-effective cross-border funds transfers using their respective mobile apps. Funds held in bank accounts or e-wallets can be transferred to / from India using just the UPI-id, mobile number, or Virtual Payment Address (VPA). An Indian user can remit up to ₹60,000 in a day (equivalent to around SGD 1,000) and to begin with the facility would be provided by a few select banks , with more banks expected to be included going forward.

- After successful completion the project of Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payment Ecosystem, it is heartening to note that SLBC has started to work on the saturation of Jan Suraksha Schemes in the state. The coverage of the Social Security Schemes such as Atal Pension Yojana (APY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) to each and every eligible customer in the state would go a long way in enhancing the financial security of every individual. Incidentally, Department of Financial services has already advised all the banks to conduct a saturation campaign from April to June 2023 in all the Gram Panchayats, with a view to ensure saturation of PMMJBY and PMSBY in the country. I would like to request all the SLBC members to work wholeheartedly towards achieving this major milestone for the next Financial Year.

- As I have already mentioned in the last meeting, SLBC and the banks in the state need to step up to ensure the availability of timely credit to the MSMEs in the state. I call upon this august gathering to take up the challenge to ensure that credit outstanding to MSME sector in Kerala achieves a target of ₹1,00,000 crore by March 2024.

- RBI, Thiruvananthapuram has been conducting Financial literacy Programmes in the remotest locations of the state viz, at Parambikulam, and Sholayur in Palakkad and Gavi in Pathanamthitta, in coordination with the Lead Bank Offices of the two districts, especially for the benefit of the Tribal Inhabitants staying in these forests. These programmes have helped us to understand the difficulties faced by the inhabitants in accessing banking services. It was informed to us that due to poor network and road connectivity the inhabitants in these areas were not able to have access to efficient banking services. However, as a result of the co-ordinated action by RBI, ESAF Bank, LDM, Palakkad and the Local Government Authorities, now a banking outlet of ESAF has been set up in Sholayur, which will allow the inhabitants to have access to banking and other financial services.

- Similarly the non-availability of a road through Kerala and very poor mobile connectivity continue to be major issues hampering the residents of Parambikulam. At present the residents are forced to travel about sixty kilometres additionally, through Tamil Nadu, for reaching the nearest bank branch. This entails huge cost for the poor residents and which is keeping them away from accessing their bank accounts. The issue of poor network quality and the need for upgradation of the mobile network in the area needs to be looked into urgently. I call upon this august gathering to ensure that we provide the residents of Parambikulam and Gavi, also access to efficient banking services.

- The CD ratio of the state has been displaying an upward trend, since the last quarter, and it gives me immense pleasure to note that the CD Ratio of the state as of December 2022 has improved to 68.15% as against 68.03% as of September 2022. I hope that when we review the annual performance, the CD Ratio target of 70% set during the 137th SLBC meeting would be achieved.

- It is also heartening to note that the banks in the state have done well in achieving the targets under Annual Credit Plan (ACP) during the third quarter of 2022-23, particularly in the primary and secondary sectors with 103% and 94% of the target being achieved, respectively. The total PSL achievement stands at 88 % of the target, while total ACP achievement stood at 120%. However, the performance under the tertiary sector continues to be very low at 38% and needs improvement. The banks need to give more attention towards loans for education and housing in the coming months.

Shri R. Shankar Narayan, General Manager, Regional Office, Nabard in his address highlighted the various initiatives being taken by NABARD and RBI to expand financial inclusion. He further called upon all the bankers to give more credit support to various central sector schemes especially ACABC scheme and also make more efforts to scale up term lending in the State. He also thanked the Hon'ble CM for guiding the deliberations and giving valuable inputs to bankers.

Dr. V, P foy IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala addressed the forum and stated the following:

- The Banking sector in the State of Kerala could make many milestones in the last financial year which includes the expansion of digitalisation in all districts of the State.
- The CD ratio of the State has increased remarkably from 63% to 68% due to the concerted efforts of all members of the banks and the Government departments. Chief Secretary urged all banks to continue the same efforts to bring the CD ratio to 75% in this financial year.
- Through digitalization the resources can be utilized to bring the banking requirements of the State completely under the formal banking system.
- Agriculture and MSME sectors have increased growth due to State Governments Entrepreneurship programme and other initiatives.
- Banking sector still need to focus on priority sectors lending, advances to SC/ST etc.
- The Chief Secretary concluded his speech by welcoming the Hon'ble Chief Minister for inaugurating the function.

Shri Pinarai Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Kerala, in his inaugural speech addressed the following points:

- Inflationary pressure across the globe has forced Central Banks to increase interest rates. The situation in India is also not different. The increase in interest rates has already impacted the economies of USA and Switzerland. In India, RBI is making very careful interventions.
- It is really appreciable that the nationalized banks in India survived the global economic crisis of 1991 and 2008. He opined that in the current situation also, the banking industry in India is strong and secure.

- Post Covid, the economy is now showing a positive growth.

- In the financial year 2021-22, the economic growth of Kerala was 12.01% which was higher than the national average of 8.40%.

- As per 15th Finance Commission report, Kerala is in the forth position among other Indian States in terms of per capita income and highest in per capita consumption due to the high NRI remittance. 35.79% of total deposit held by banks in Kerala is from NRIs.

- The major contributor of Kerala economy is Service sector, which is about 64%, agriculture sector about 10%, and the remaining 26% is from manufacturing sector. The Government is implementing various measures beneficial to secondary sector. Government is focused in increasing the agriculture production and generation of employment and for that various policies have been drafted.

- Government is focusing on value addition in Agriculture sector and MSEs in Industrial sector.

- 2022 was observed as the year of Entrepreneurship and more than 2 lakh employment have been generated.

- IT sector and start ups plays an important role in making Kerala as a knowledge economy.

- After a decade, our agriculture sector has reported a growth of 4.6% in 2021-22. For improving the basic infrastructure in agriculture, banks can play a pivotal role and through that the production and productivity of agricultural sector can be improved. Banks should focus on lending to MSME sector and agriculture sector.

- The CD ratio of neighboring States is more than 100% and banks must take earnest efforts to improve the CD ratio from the current level of 68%. The commercial banks should support the emerging enterprises financially to stimulate the economy.

- He specifically mentioned the issues faced by Cashew Industries in Kerala and proposed to conduct the meeting in his presence to discuss on the issues.

- A One Time Settlement has to be considered for those loans which were turned to NPA during the COVID period.

- Government has created an industry friendly environment in the State of Kerala and he urged for whole hearted support from Scheduled Commercial Banks.

Smt. M G Jayasree, Deputy Director General, Department of Financial Services, addressed the forum and pointed the following.

- DFS has launched a 3 month Jansuraksha campaign to cover 12 Crore PMJJBY accounts and 35 Crore PMSBY accounts which started from 1st April 2023 by scheduling at least one camp at each Panchayat.
- The enrollment for Jan Suraksha schemes including APY in the State has to be increased since currently it is less than the National average.
- Wayanad is included in the Aspirational Districts Programme, which aims to ensure inclusive growth in all sectors in the District.
- All Lead Banks are requested to ensure availability of banking services to all the villages in the State.
- Banks need to record the coordinates of banking outlets in Jan Darshak App.
- The CD Ratio needs to be increased for all the districts in the State.
- Private Banks also need to contribute towards financial inclusion since the Government is concerned about the contribution of private banks to the financial inclusion programme.

FORUM THEN MOVED ON TO THE DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Adoption of Minutes of 138th SLBC Meeting

The forum unanimously adopted the minutes of the 138th SLBC Meeting, held on 18th January 2023, which was forwarded to the members, vide SLBC letter no: SLRM K/138/Minutes/AN dated 02th March 2023.

2.1. Pending Issues in Primary Sector

2.1.1 Doubling Farmers' Income by year 2022 (Suggested by Reserve Bank of India)

Convenor SLBC informed the forum that there has been a growth of 18% in the KCC in the state of Kerala. Considering the growth of the term loan component , it has grown by only 9%. The Convenor urged the banks of the state to focus on term loan and as well as promote projects coming under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund. State Government has decided to continue the DPR clinics started in association with the VAIGA which will help the farmers to submit full proof DPR as per the requirements of the banks. The forum instructed the bankers to focus on term loan lending and hoped a 40% growth in the coming financial year.

(Action: Banks and Department of Agriculture)

2.1.2. Credit Delivery Framework for Tenant Farmers (Agenda by Reserve Bank of India)

In the state of Kerala, there is a huge amount of cultivable land lying vacant as the owners are not interested for the same. SLBC Kerala together with department of Agriculture had formulated a draft tri-partite arrangement for lease land cultivation and the final approval is pending with Government of Kerala. The banks shall be in a position to lend under towards lease land farming once the arrangement is approved/ finalised.

(Action: Department of Agriculture)

2.1.3 Extension of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme for Animal Husbandry Farmers and Fisheries

SLBC Convenor appraised the forum that more than 10000 beneficiaries have been financed under this scheme. The forum discussed the inclusion of fish vendors under the KCC scheme. The forum decided since trading activity cannot be considered under KCC, the same cannot be financed under the KCC scheme unless new guidelines have been issued. The forum also opined that the fish vendors can be financed under the existing MSME loan schemes

(Action : All banks)

The forum urged fisheries department to share the data of fishermen, so that they can be financed under the above schemes.

(Action : Department of Fisheries)

2.1.4 Agenda Suggested by Reserve Bank of India

2.1.4.1 Enhancing Credit Delivery to Agriculture Logistics and Supply Chain Ecosystem

The forum observed that the number of warehouses registered with central registry is very less in Kerala and the registered go downs are utilized by FCI. Banks are requested to ascertain the need ofgodowns in addition to the efforts taken by Agriculture Department. The existing warehouses financed by the banks shall encouraged to be registered so that to issue e-NWR.The limit of produce loans has been increased from 50 lakhs to 75.00 lakhs if e-NWRs are submitted.

(Action: Banks and Dept of Agriculture)

The GM, NABARD opined a mapping initiative has to be started in association with various state departments for having the information of the storage facilities available in the state of Kerala.

2.1.5 Agenda Suggested by Director Agriculture

2.1.5.1. Credit under Agriculture Infra Structure Fund

The Convenor opined that the banks are showing a positive intend towards financing the projects referred to them under AIF. The scheme guidelines related to AIF has been modified and several activates has been included under the scheme for financing. Banks were also requested to identify the customers and educate them regarding the AIF schemes.

The forum reviewed the performance of Banks under AIF scheme.

(Action: Banks and Dept. Of Agriculture)

NABARD informed the forum regarding the Fisheries Infrastructure Development fund, which can be useful for the fisherman community

In line with the discussions, Hon'ble Chief Secretary to the State and The RBI General Manager opined that there should be a common digital platform for reducing the paper works in applying for any government schemes. As part of the general discussions, the forum urged the bankers to shift to digital methods and reduce manual interventions in credit dispersal.

2.1.5.2 Agenda suggested by Directorate of Agriculture regarding recovery of ineligible beneficiaries under PM-KISAN Scheme

The recovery under the ineligible accounts is around 2 crores only and still several accounts are still under hold for recovery. This is a reason for so many customer complaints. The Agriculture Department appraised the forum that the SOP has been finalized and same will be communicated immediately.

(Action: Directorate of Agriculture)

2.1.6 Agenda Suggested by NABARD - ACP

The Convenor appraised the forum that ACP was fixed based on the PLP devised by NABARD. Though ACP is fixed on basis of the PLP, DFS has given a higher target which has been achieved by the state this year.

NABARD pointed out that the state has been performing exceedingly well considering the ACP and the LDMs should continue the same trend in the next financial year also.

2.2 Pending Issues in Secondary Sector

2.2.1 Agenda Suggested by the Director of Industries and Commerce – Review of MSME Schemes part of Atma Nirbhar Bharath

The forum reviewed the performance of Banks under Atma Nirbhar Bharath schemes and advised banks to extend maximum loan under the scheme since the ECLGS scheme is valid till March 2023.

Verifying the pendency list attached with the agenda item it is seen that some of the banks are keeping the PMFME proposals pending for more than 30 days. The projects recommended under the PMFME schemes are mostly viable. The forum advised banks to clear PMFME applications on a priority basis and in any cases the pendency should not be more than one month.

RBI addressed the issue related to PMFME, in which the GM RBI advised the banks to disburse the loans immediately once sanction process is completed, as several complaints are being received in this regard.

(Action: Banks)

2.2.2 Agenda suggested by KVIC – Review of PMEGP

The KVIC appraised the forum that the a target of 69 crores margin money was allotted to the State and the banks of the state had disbursed till now 73 crores for which the banks were appreciated. Considering the sanction figures also state has achieved 200 percent of the sanction target. KVIC hoped this performance continues for the next year also.

The Convenor discussed regarding the issues related to the claiming of margin money like Aadhar mismatch issue, hypothecation issues, site inspection delay. KVIC in reply said that regarding the physical verification a technical issue is there with the outsourced agency and same will be taken up with the higher ups.

2.2.3 Agenda Suggested by Reserve Bank of India – Brining Kerala State Government PSU into TrEDS Platform

The forum sought the support of the Government Departments for making the TrEDS mandatory for all the state PSUs to use TrEDS platform.

(Action: Industries Department and SLBC)

2.2.4 Agenda suggested by Finance Department - Bill Discounting System of Government of Kerala

The Convenor raised a concern to the forum that in addition to the bills banks are insisting for other collateral securities also. The promissory note itself can be considered as the security and the Government is paying the same without any single day delay so scheme guidelines to be followed while Bill Discounting is done. The Convenor advised the bankers not to insist for collateral security.

(Action: All the banks)

2.3 Pending Issues in Tertiary Sector

2.3.1 Noting of Equitable Mortgage created in favor of the banks in Revenue Records (Pending since March 2014)

The Deputy Registrar from Co-operative Department addressed the forum regarding the issue and opined that a comprehensive proposal regarding the same has been submitted to the Government. Once the same is approved, the same can be implemented. Presently the file is pending with the law departments approval.

The Convenor added that Karnataka and other states have implemented the same long before.

The Deputy Registrar opined that the State has implemented the Digital Document Execution System for financial contracts. Only few banks have implemented the same and progress is very slow. Already same has been communicated to the banks of the state and SLBC. If the system is followed by all the banks we can do away with stamp papers. Around 15 types of financial contracts can be executed by this system.

Hon'ble Chief Secretary opined of putting a cutoff date for the above so that after the same all the banks to follow the above procedure. The forum advised the banks to use the online system more for easing the procedure and going paperless.

(Action: Land and revenue and AllBanks)

The Revenue Department assured the forum that the works regarding noting of charge is in the final stage and the same will be finalized within a month in discussion with the NIC.

2.3.2 Agenda Suggested by Reserve Bank of India

2.3.2.1. Revamp of Lead Bank Scheme standardized system for data flow

Kerala bank appraised the forum that 13 districtsCBS migration has completed and still Malappuram is yet to complete. The testing of same is ongoing and Kerala bank will also transform to standardised data flow as the testing is completed.

(Action: Kerala Bank)

2.3.2.2. PRAGATI Meeting: Review of Social Security Schemes - PMJJBY and PMSBY

The Convenor appraised the forum that Wayanad has been adjudged as the second best performer under Social Security Schemes of all the 112 aspirational districts and appreciated the Wayanad LDM for the same.

GM, RBI explained the RBI plan to deepen the social security schemes (PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY) by saturating all house hold with social security schemes. DFS campaign will be a push for the ongoing RBI campaign. The data regarding the covered and uncovered households data is with the Panchayats, with the help of the LSGD department the campaign can be a great success.

The LDM Palakkad appraised the forum regarding the steps taken by the LDO to propagate the social security schemes in Palakkad in association with the DFS campaign. "Oppam" a campaign to saturate the social security schemes in Palakkad has been devised. The District Collector has assured all help regarding the same.

The Convenor, SLBC advised all the banks to actively to participate in the ongoing campaign.

RBI opined taking the help of Asha workers and LSGD department, the saturation can be achieved easily.

(Action: Member Banks, SLBC, LDMs)

2.3.2.3. Review of CD Ratio -Suggested by RBI

The forum observed that there is an improvement in CD ratio and advised the major banks in the State of Kerala whose CD ratio less than 50 % to work with proper Action plan to bring up their CD ratio.

SBI and Federal bank was advised by the forum to improve their CD ratio.

(Action:Banks)

2.3.3 Education Loan Repayment Support Scheme

The forum reviewed the status of ELRS Scheme. Application pending in the portal to be cleared immediately.

(Action: Banks)

2.3.4 Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) - Reimbursement of Training Expenses of BPL Candidates to "AA" Rated RSETIs

The RSETI Director informed the forum that the funds to be received from Central Government. All the states except Kerala has ecieved the same and claims from 2012 is pending to be received. The claims to be forwarded from the Kudumbasree department and that is not yet done.

The Kudumbasree Director in reply appraised the forum that the claims had been forwarded from Kudumbasree to MoRD and The MoRD has asked for a audit report regarding the same. The Audit report is completed and the same will be forwarded by this month end.

The Hon'ble Chief Secretary instructed the Kudumbasree to speed up the process.

(Action: SLRM, Kudumbasree and RSETI Director)

2.3.5 Status of Land allotment for RSETIs buildings

The Hon'ble Chief Secretary opined of conducting a special meeting regarding the land allocation of RSETIs.

(Action : Revenue Department, SDR, Kudumbasree and Banks)

2.3.6 Agenda suggested by Higher Education Department - Central Sector Interest subsidy Scheme

The forum instructed the bankers to closely follow up the claiming of CSIS as the same is resulting to many complaints from the students. Banks to advice the controlling office to follow up regarding the same.

(Action: Member Banks)

2.3.7 Agenda suggested by Reserve Bank of India – Issues of Inactive Banking Correspondents.

GM, RBI raised concern regarding the unbanked villages for which the SLBC Convenor replied that banking outlets are present in those villages also but it has not been mapped properly in the JDD app. The same will be resolved shortly.

GM, RBI appraised the forum regarding the issue regarding Parambikulam as there is no network available banking services cannot be provided even though IPPB is present. There are several areas facing such issues which to be resolved for extending banking services to all the people in the remote areas.

(Action: Banks)

2.3.8 Agenda Suggested by Higher Education Department - Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme.

Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Government of Kerala informed the forum regarding the low off take in CSIS subsidy in our State, the decrease shall either due to non-claiming of subsidy by the bank or there is decline in lending towards educational loan purpose and these issues need to be addressed.

The forum noted the observation and advised member banks to ensure proper claiming of CSIS subsidy. LDMs shall discuss the CSIS scheme details in block and district level bankers' forum.

(Action: Banks, LDMs)

3.3.1 Agenda suggested by Reserve Bank of India – Issues of inactive Business Correspondents

Representative from RBI requested the member banks to update the details of inactive BC in the BC registry.

Banks are reporting large number of BCs, the number of BCs reported should be in accordance with the financial inclusion angle of RBI and they are to be enabled with all the eligible activities suggested by RBI. All the Banks are requested to review the situation and update the BC registry.

(Action: Member Banks)

2.3.8 <u>Agenda suggested by Indian Bankers Association regarding - SVAMITVA Scheme</u>

The programme of digital survey of land recording is progress.

3. FRESH ISSUES

3.1 Primary Sector

3.1.1 **Agenda by NABARD – KCC portal for submission of claims under Interest subvention Schmeme**

The GM NABARD appraised the forum regarding the current status of the portal. From the coming financial years all the claims which are part of the portal only will be considered. KGB has started the claim process through the portal.

KGB Chairman, raised a concern regarding the Aadhar mismatch issue existing in the portal. The same has been raised to the concerned departments also.

(Action: All the banks)

3.1.2 **Agenda suggested by Department of Agriculture -Dip in coverage of loanee farmers under PMFBY/RWBCIS**

GM, RBI raised concern regarding the high rejection rate in crop insurance. The Representative of Agriculture Insurance Company responed that previous years area approach was taken and this year on onwards individual approach will be taken where case to case basis claims will besanctioned considering the gravity of the same.He also added even though the insurance scheme is not made mandatory by the Central Government, Banks to educate regarding the same to the farmers.The forum noted the same and instructed the insurance companies to take a localised approach for claim settlement.

(Action: AIC)

3.2 Secondary Sector

3.2.1. Agenda suggested by Industries Directorate regarding issuance of poultry bird Insurance.

Exorbitant premium is being charged for the poultry bird insurance due which farmers are finding it difficult to avail the policy, moreover insurance must be there where ever loan fasciitis is availed. Considering the same, the forum instructed the banks to take a call on the same and adopt other procedures other ways to secure the loan.

(Action: Banks, SLBC)

3.2.2 Agenda suggested by Tourism Department - "Tourism Working Capital Support Scheme"

Convener suggested banks to clear all the pending applications under Tourism Working Capital Support Scheme.

3.3 Tertiary Sector

3.3.1 Agenda suggested by DFS - Diversification of Income Avenues of Fair Price Shop Owners for improving their Financial Vaibility.

The Convenor appraised the forum that already Fair Price Shop Owners have been trained for diversifying their income sources and banks will be financing the viable projects.

(Action: SLBC)

3.3.2 Agenda suggested by Reserve Bank of India - Access to Financial Services at Parambikulam

The forum already discussed regarding the same.

(Action: Banks)

3.3.2 Agenda suggested by LDM Palakkad and Malappuram - Regarding Revenue Recovery of amount more than 10 lakhs.

The Convenor appraised the forum that earlier the DRT amount was restricted to 10.00 lacs and now the cut off has been increased to 20.00 lacs. But subsequent changes in the Revenue recovery amount has not been made. Same has to discussed with the concerned Department for modification.

(Action :Revenue Department)

Sri.Sreekumar R, Deputy General Manager, Canara Bank proposed the vote of thanks to all participants and the meeting concluded at 2.15 pm

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