STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, KERALA

(Under Lead Bank Scheme)

Convenors: केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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(All Members of SLBC)

Dear Sir,

Sub: Minutes of the State Level Review Meeting (SLRM) and 131st Meeting of SLBC, Kerala

We are forwarding herewith the minutes of the State Level Review Meeting (SLRM) and 131st Meeting of SLBC, Kerala held on 24th September, 2020 by Video Conference.

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, Kerala.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Minutes of SLRM 2020 and 131st Meeting of State Level Bankers Committee, Kerala

Held on 24.09.2020(Thursday)
Board Room, 6th Floor, Canara Bank, Circle Office,
M G Road, Thiruvananthapuram
&
Video Conferencing

The plenary session of the State Level Review Meeting of SLBC Kerala for 2020 and 131st SLBC meeting commenced at 3.30 p.m. with Dr. Vishwas Mehta IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala and Smt. A. Manimekhalai, Chairperson, SLBC Kerala & Executive Director, Canara Bank in the chair.

The List of participants is as per annexure.

Sri. N Ajit Krishnan, Convenor, SLBC Kerala & General Manager, Canara Bank welcomed the participants. In the welcome speech, the Convenor touched upon the following.

- The Convenor stated that SLBC had issued several Advisories regularly during the lockdown period regarding functioning of bank branches, providing essential banking services including credit dispensation when it was direly needed and also prompt disbursal of Central and State Government's assistance.
- In co-ordination with the Central and State Governments, various Schemes were implemented and devised to assist the people of the State to overcome their economic downturn.
- The Convenor stated that everybody has to work hand in hand to transform this challenge to opportunity in order to trigger economic growth in the State and improvement of living conditions of the common man.
- Banks play a crucial role in the economic development of the State.
- The key to the overall development of the State lies with bank credit by assisting in catalysing the capital formation in both private and public sectors. Off-take in bank credit is being considered as a major indicator of resurrection in economic activities.

With this, the Convenor, SLBC welcomed the members.

Smt. Manimekhalai, Executive Director, Canara Bank and Chairperson SLBC Kerala welcomed the members and in her address stated the following:

- The world is passing through an unprecedented pandemic induced condition with a series of lockdowns, quarantines and unlocks which disrupted the human life and economic activities.
- Government of Kerala has taken tremendous efforts and become a successful model in containing the spread of pandemic and deserves a lot of appreciation.

- It is now time to move forward by observing all Covid health protocols and restart the economic activities as calibrated with reopening of different sectors by Government of Kerala.
- Banks as financial institutions have initiated necessary steps to reach out and deliver all the relief measures to the affected by implementing all Government of India schemes such as GECL, PM KISAN and PMSVA Nidhi. Banks in Kerala together disbursed almost Rs.4590 Crores under ECLGS to MSME borrowers till 16.09.2020.
- Only 84% of ACP target is achieved under primary sector for June Quarter of FY 20-21 as against 92% for the quarter of the year 19-20. The Chairman requested all banks to work for achieving ACP targets for the upcoming quarters.
- CD Ratio of State was 66% as at 31.03.2020 which is reduced to 64.21% as on 30.06.2020. The Chairperson requested all banks to work for improving the CD ratio.
- As financial health keepers of country, an extra ordinary effort from banking sector is required and bankers have a crucial responsibility of keeping the wheel to the economy upon running amid all odds.

Dr. Vishwas Mehta IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala in his address stated the following:

- During this pandemic situation, everybody has to live through this virus and normalcy has to be restored.
- The Chief Secretary appreciated the efforts taken by bankers and pointed out the challenges faced by bankers and reminded all to be more careful until a permanent resolution of vaccine is available.
- MSMEs from small to large units had suffered a lot. People lost employment, sources of revenue and landed into debts. They have no way to repay the debts and this is an unprecedented crisis. Even financially sound people are suffering today.
- One of the greatly affected sectors is Tourism Sector. Agriculture sector also got affected, but a lot of programmes are happening in that sector.
- The Chief Secretary also mentioned about the returning NRIs and requested support from all to formulate ways to help them.
- At this time of pandemic situation, everybody has to stay together as all are going through a tough time and have to be resilient and strong so that basic infrastructure of our State may not be suffered. All stakeholders should work together in order to achieve the needs of the common citizens and those who are affected during the COVID time.
- After this the Chief Secretary welcomed all the participants and hoped that it would be possible for the next meeting be conducted in a physical mode.

Smt. Reeny Ajith, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India in her address stated the following:

- The pandemic is raging leaving the global and domestic economic activity, severely impacted, with agriculture and allied activities being the only sector left untouched. The state also had a triple lockdown in July 2020. In these difficult times, it has to be remembered that yeomen services continued to be rendered by medical fraternity without fatigue; the essential services such as Police and Fire Force and also the selfless services of the bank employees in the state. The Regional Director appreciated the untiring efforts of each and every banker in the state who continued to ensure that the banking services are rendered to the common man.

- COVID-19 had rendered economic outlook uncertain and left financial markets under severe stress. In this unprecedented context, Reserve Bank had initiated a slew of monetary and regulatory actions starting from March 2020, to ensure the flow of finance in the economy. The actions by RBI had breathed a lease of fresh life into the markets and as a result the financial market conditions have eased significantly, mainly driven by the cuts in the policy repo rate and the targeted infusion of liquidity. During the second quarter of the year, the economy has started to show some green shoots, though the growing number of COVID-19 cases and the localised shutdowns cause serious impact.
- In the wake of the pandemic, all banks, NBFCs and other regulated entities were permitted to give moratorium on debt servicing for all loans till August 31, 2020. This was a boon to the common man and to the broader economy which was under severe stress due to the sudden brakes imposed by the lockdown. Further, the measures taken by RBI also brought back confidence in the financial markets. While the moratorium on loans was a temporary solution in the context of the lockdown, the resolution framework is expected to give durable relief to borrowers facing Covid related stress.
- Reserve Bank had also initiated a slew of other monetary and regulatory actions to ensure the flow of finance in the economy and the Regional Director highlighted the other actions undertaken by RBI.

Monetary and Liquidity Measures

The Policy Repo rate was reduced to 4 %, which along with the faster transmission of the rate cuts have brought down the effective lending rates and thus reduced the burden of the borrowers. Borrowing costs in financial markets have dropped to their lowest in a decade on the back of abundant liquidity. Similarly, RBI decided to continue with the accommodative stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, while ensuring that inflation remains within the target.

Developmental and Regulatory Policies

Additional special liquidity facility of ₹10,000 Crores provided at the policy repo rate to the National Housing Bank and NABARD to augment the flow of finance to the housing, non-bank finance companies (NBFCs) and micro-finance institutions.

Resolution Framework for COVID-19-related Stress

The disruptions caused by COVID-19 have led to heightened financial stress for borrowers across the board. A large number of firms that otherwise maintain a good track record face the challenge of their heightened debt burden, owing to weakness in the cash flow generation abilities. In order to help them, window has been provided to enable lenders to implement a resolution plan in respect of eligible corporate exposures - without change in ownership - as well as personal loans, while classifying such exposures as standard assets, subject to specified conditions.

Restructuring of MSME debt

A restructuring framework for MSMEs is already in place. With COVID-19 continuing to disrupt normal functioning and cash flows, the stress in the MSME sector has got accentuated, warranting further support. Stressed MSME borrowers will be made eligible for restructuring their debt under the existing restructuring framework, provided their accounts with the concerned lender were classified as standard as on March 1, 2020. This restructuring will have to be implemented by March 31, 2021. The Regional Director urged all the bankers to ensure that necessary action is completed within the prescribed time limit.

Review of Priority Sector Guidelines

Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines have been reviewed to bring sharper focus on inclusive development. An incentive framework is now being put in place for banks to address the regional disparities in the flow of priority sector credit. While higher weightage will be assigned for incremental priority sector credit in the identified districts having lower credit flow, a lower weightage would be assigned in identified districts where the credit flow is comparatively higher. PSL status is also being given to start-ups; and the limits for renewable energy, including solar power and compressed bio-gas plants, are being increased. In this connection, special mention was made about the transformation and growth achieved by the state of Sikkim, which has become the leader in our country in Organic Farming. The Regional Director called upon the government representatives and the bankers to work on promoting Organic Farming in the state, which would help the farmers add greater value to their produce.

Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payments Ecosystem

During this pandemic, the need to ensure that each and every citizen is able to access financial services in a digital mode, becomes paramount in the light of the need to maintain social distancing. In November 2019, SLBC-Kerala had identified Thrissur district to make the district 100% digitally enabled within one year. SLBC has been advised to devise a time bound roadmap for all branches of member banks located in the identified district for on-boarding merchants/ traders/ businesses/ utility service providers to facilitate fully digital transactions by October 2020. SLBC has sought the permission of RBI for extension of this time period which is under consideration of our Central office. The Regional Director called upon all the stakeholders to maximise the efforts to achieve 100% digitalization in Thrissur.

National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-2024 Universal Access to Financial Services

Reserve Bank of India launched the "National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-2024", which sets forth the vision and key objectives of the Financial Inclusion policies in India to help expand and sustain the financial inclusion process at the National level through a broad convergence of action involving all the stakeholders in the financial sector. Accordingly, it is mandatory that access to banking and financial services is available in every village within a radius of 5 kilometers. In this connection, the Regional Director called upon the august gathering to urgently assess the level of banking in the villages and ensure that universal access to financial services is provided in these areas. That would definitely give a fillip to the economic activities in these areas. SLBC has informed that all villages and hilly hamlets in the state are having access to banking services.

National Strategy for Financial Education (NSFE): 2020-2025

A review of the progress made was undertaken, notably the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), the National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE), in consultation with all the Financial Sector Regulators (RBI, SEBI, IRDAI and PFRDA), DFS .The NSFE document intends to empower various sections of the population to develop adequate knowledge, skills, attitude and behavior which are needed to manage their money better and plan for their future. The Regional Director requested the forum members to bestow their personal attention in providing necessary assistance and support in implementing the recommendations in a time bound manner to move towards our shared vision of a financially aware and empowered India.

Low CD Ratio of the State

The Regional Director drew the attention of the house to a matter of grave concern: the low CD ratio in the State. It is observed from the data provided by the SLBC that two banks with the largest reach in the state namely SBI and Federal Bank have very low CD ratio at 49.1 % and 43.2%respectivelyduring March 2020, which slipped to 46.7% and 40.2% respectively during June 2020.Similarly other Kerala based private sector banks, which have greater presence in the state, such as CSB Bank Ltd (35.5%), Dhanlaxmi Bank (50.5%) and South Indian Bank (58.4%), also had low CD ratio as on June 30, 2020.Consequently, the CD ratio of the state is dragged to a lower level to 63%.While reduction in credit during the June quarter is understandable due to reduced economic activity, it is noted that other PSBs and private sector banks achieved a healthy range around 80% even for June quarter. While appreciating their performance, the Regional Director asked SBI and Kerala based private sector banks to introspect and urgently reorient their credit strategy for the betterment of the state, especially when the state is coming out of multiple floods and pandemic.

Sri. Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, Govt: of Kerala stated the following:

- Covid pandemic had a very significant impact on the State's economy and in its revenue. All the indications showing that the State's GDP will fall negative this year around 10 to15 %. The impact on state revenue is also very significant and is expected a loss of almost Rs.33000 Crores, mainly due to fall in GST collection during lockdown period.
- Despite the virus, we tend to keep the economy going and to live with the virus with appropriate caution. This will lead to some rebound happening in the economy. In agriculture sector, rebound is happening and it is hoped that the same will also happen in other sectors like MSME etc.
- State Government was very proactive and implemented economic revival package subsequent to the COVID pandemic situation. Almost Rs.20,000 Crores were spent in terms of various types of subsidies, reliefs, free distribution of food grains, grocery kits, ex-gratia payments and lump sum payments to BPL families.
- State Government's approach is different from that of Government of India. The role of bankers is crucial in channelizing the credit linked packages of Government of India to the vulnerable section of economy, agriculturists, street vendors, real estate sector, MSME sector. The ACS requested SLBC to focus and to make sure that people of these vulnerable categories in Kerala economy are able to access those packages like Credit linked Guarantee Scheme, Credit line for real estate sector, MSME sector, street vendors, saturation coverage for farmers, diary and fishermen under KCC.
- The Credit Deposit ratio has decreased from 67% to 63% which is quiet disturbing and more focus has to be given in order to improve the ratio.
- The ACS appreciated that the data given by SLBC is helpful in analyzing and to get a clear idea on the progress of various schemes.
- The fall in revenue of Government by Rs.33000 Crores is going to met primarily through an additional borrowing limit that is being sanctioned by Govt: of India of about 2% which amounts to about Rs.18000 Crores.
- The ACS requested support from the Bankers side as the Government as well as large section of population are relying on bank credit to get through this tough time.

  The SLBC Convenor replied by assuring that SLBC will provide all the requested data and SLBC Sub Committees will be held on various sectors including MSME, Agriculture, Allied Activities, Fisheries and ensure maximum dispensation of credit facilities to the eligible persons within the state, and will inform the developments and bank wise data flow of credit dispensation.

Sri. P. Balachandran, Chief General Manager, NABARD in his address stated the following:

- The performance of banks during the last year with 102% achievement is good and the CGM congratulated all bankers and Government officials. There is a dip in June quarter and that can be made up during the rest of the year. Dip in the agriculture advances is a concern because it is the sector which is performing well even during COVID time.
- NABARD is providing sufficient refinance to the client institutions like Kerala Gramin Bank, Kerala State Cooperative Banks and Kerala State Co-operative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank and by 10th September 2020, they had been able to cross almost Rs. 6000 Crores refinance which includes Rs. 2500 Crores which has been given as Special Liquidity Finance which was part of COVID related measures that RBI had taken to induce liquidity in the system. Beyond that, NABARD is able to provide long term as well as short term refinance assistance to the client institutions and they are in turn able to provide necessary finance to farmers and other people. Compared to previous year, NABARD's refinance position during this half year is better.
- NABARD has introduced three special refinance schemes during this period specifically focusing on certain areas. During 1980s and 1990s, refinance was used as a development tool and later on, its significance had come down. Now again NABARD is refocusing on that and trying to introduce refinance as a development tool. One of the areas which is important to NABARD is development of PACS (Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies) as multi service centre and so developed new refinance schemes which are applicable to co-operative sector where the refinancing is provided at 3% and in turn, the State Co-operative Bank is supposed to provide it at 4%. It can develop agriculture infrastructure schemes related to primary processing, storage and agriculture service centres and agriculture information centres and including the entire value chain of agriculture and by linking it with Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, which the Government of India has introduced. There will be a boost in agriculture sector of the State and leads have already been received from around 200 PACS where some kind of investments around Rs.300 Crores to Rs.350 Crores are likely to happen.
- Second scheme introduced is open to all client banks including Commercial Banks and Small Finance Banks. There are special banking plans in the project area, i.e watershed projects and tribal development projects where NABARD will be associated with NGO/agency to improve livelihood of people in those areas. These project areas have a lot of plan supports. The entire system has been improved and by providing credit support, further developments in these areas are possible. This refinance is also provided at 3% which client banks are supposed to give at 1% + 6months MCLR rate. All the priority sector loans in this watershed areas and tribal development areas can be supported with this refinance. NABARD had already asked District Development Managers in the districts of Palakkad, Kasaragod and Wayanad where most of the projects are located, to develop banking plans with the help of NGO agencies and mostly by end of September 2020 they will be

approaching the banks with the banking plan. These are automatic refinance schemes and there is no need to prepare separate Detailed Project Report and anything like that.

- Third scheme introduced is for micro food industries. Focus is especially on individual entrepreneurs as well as SHGs. Micro food industries with investment upto 25 lakhs can be covered under this special refinance scheme. It is provided at 4% and banks have to lend with certain margin. With this refinance support and with support available from Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme (*PM FME* Scheme) scheme where the focus is on micro food industries, there will be a great development in the sector.
- Government of Kerala has come out with the State level and District level Committees for FPOs as well as AIF. Regarding FPOs, many districts had held District level meetings already, some proposals were received by districts and it is expected that more number of FPOs will come. Government of India scheme which is floated for 10000FPOs is there in which NABARD has been given 4000 FPOs. Existing FPOs are also doing well and requests on finance had come from them which has been done by banks. Agriculture sector is doing relatively well compared to other sectors and banks will also able to improve agricultural financing.
- The CGM raised a concern on the reduction in Kisan Credit Card issuance and noted that there are certain issues in the data submitted by Co-operative Banks due to merging and requested Co-operative Banks to look at the same and rectify.

Smt. Ishita Roy IAS, Principal Secretary & APC, Department of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare informed the following:

- As part of Atma Nirbhar scheme of Govt: of India and as initiatives of Govt: of Kerala, in Agriculture sector, more importance is giving to empowerment of farmers and considering farmers activities as an entrepreneurship intervention.
- Subhiksha Keralam scheme is a programme which needs the active participation of LSGD, Animal Husbandry, Dairy, Co-operative sector, Fisheries, and Irrigation. It envisages Fallow Land Cultivation, Inter Cropping, strengthening of agriculture marketing, Supply Chain Management, improving cold storages and Integrated Packhouses.
- Under five major segments viz. Fallow Land Cultivation, Integrated Farming, Marketing, Post Harvest Management and Supply Chain Management, the department had made recommendations to banks and also regarding the credit recommendation. The Principal Secretary requested an additional credit support of Rs.150Crores under Subhiksha Keralam.
- In the meetings with NABARD, proposals for improving post harvest infrastructure, a project for agriculture export promotion taking VFPCK as nodal agency and a proposal for Cargo Management at Trivandrum had been made. These projects amount to around Rs.500 Crores and NABARD had in principle agreed to support these projects. The Principal Secretary also requested for support from SLBC.

- The Principal Secretary requested for credit sanction without considering the scale of finance fixed by banking sector with minimum amount of Rs. 25000 to farmers for crop cultivation as it is under Subhiksha Keralam Programme as a part of fallow land cultivation.
- Regarding KCC saturation, out of 30 Lakhs farmers, only 15 Lakhs farmers are benefitted and it was suggested to drive a campaign to cover at least another 10 Lakh farmers during this pandemic situation to support the farmer without considering the scale of finance with a minimum of Rs.25000.
- Even during the pandemic time, kickoff schemes to promote doubling of farmers income not only vegetables, paddy and pulses but also fruits, flowers and medicinal plants, had been formulated with the assistance of Secretary Finance. Special Agriculture Zones to obtain maximum productivity from unit area for a given crop is under process. Both Planning Board and Financial Department had been very gracious and kind to support these programmes.
- For profit maximization in agriculture, focus is not only on Integrated Farming models but also on Precision Farming, Protection Cultivation and Hi-tech Agriculture.
- Steps have been taken to tweak the current marketing system and also to refine it by investment in cold storages and chain food processing.
- The Principal Secretary informed that as discussed with NABARD, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund and related projects will be handled separately.
- The Principal Secretary requested SLBC to take a lead in promoting the following:
    - Improvement in Marketing, Post Harvest losses, Supply Chain Management
    - New model of Farming - Integrated Farming under Subhiksha Keralam
    - Digitalisation in entire agriculture sector so that land issues also can be resolved.
- Kerala is the only state which is coming up with Farmers Welfare Board.
- The APC concluded her speech by requesting SLBC to deliberate all the issues and requested all the stake holders to support the small and marginal farmers.

The SLBC Convenor replied that Subhiksha Keralam, Supply Chain Management and Agriculture Logistics are agenda items of the forum and assured to find best ways to support them.

Dr. K. Ellangovan IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industries stated the following:

- Regarding ECLGS, as per Govt: records, total exposure is Rs.49000 Crores and there should be around Rs.9800Crores under this scheme as a 20% additional capital. So as per reports only about Rs.4590 which makes around 56% is disbursed. As per SMA2 classification, SMEs should not have any due on pay for 91 days as on February 2020 and it is a huge setback for the State as two consecutive floods of 2018 and 2019 severely affected SME Sector. Regarding the SMA2 classification, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has written to Hon'ble Prime Minister and the same has been forwarded to Hon'ble Finance Minister. The Principal Secretary appealed before the forum for a resolution of the same. i.e, Kerala specific relaxation should be given to SMA2 classification as the scheme is now benefitted only to a part of the beneficiaries. Out of the sanctioned amount, more than Rs 1000 Crores is pending for disbursal. The Principal Secretary urged all banks to disburse the amount as soon as possible so that MSMEs should be benefitted.

- Regarding CGSSD Scheme, it is specifically for those MSMEs who could not be given assistance under ECLGS scheme. The Principal Secretary requested the forum to identify those MSMEs who can be given subordinate debts. CGSSD scheme will be very helpful to Cashew sector and can upstart the process.
- Regarding department of NORKA, Kerala is one of the worst affected States in terms of returnees from abroad due to COVID 19. As on 24.09.2020, more than a lakh people have returned losing their job out of the total number of returnees which actually cross five lakhs. This is a serious issue and not more than 20% could think of remigration especially in Middle East countries. These people have to be rehabilitated and in this context NDPREM Scheme (NORKA Department Programme for Returning Migrants) has significance. Although Govt: has given a huge boost for the scheme and there is 15% credit linked subsidy for returning migrants, more than 735 applications are pending with several banks. Only 400 applications were approved and requested banks to come forward and promote the NDPEM scheme. Also requested banks to ensure that fishermen category could get some help through this scheme as many banks have rejected the applications from the fishermen who were returning from abroad.
- Kerala Govt: is doing several activities for bringing investments and to make industrial licensing smooth and fast and as a part of this, Kerala MSME Facilitation Act 2019 has been envisaged. As per this Act, an entrepreneur who wants to invest and belongs to MSME and does not belong to red category of Pollution Control Board will be able to take automatic certificate of approval from the system. More than 4035 people as on 24.09.2020 have taken certificates and are starting their enterprises. This certificate is valid for three years and within these three years they have to go to the formal channel and take industrial licensing. There is grace period of six months after three years. Bank's doubt is that, if the enterprise is not getting licenses at the end of these three years and six months, what happens to their loans. The Principal Secretary strongly appealed from Department of Industries that the acknowledgment certificate issued from Kswift software is a deemed license for industrial enterprise and Govt. of Kerala stands by this certificate issued because it is a very well secured software and has taken all precautions based on affidavits and undertakings from those people. The Principal Secretary requested banks to give them loans based on the acknowledgement certificate so that they can go on with their enterprise activities.

The SLBC Convenor replied that all the points mentioned by the Principal Secretary were noted and NDPREM is an agenda item of the forum on which there will be deliberations.

Smt. Vasuki IAS, Director, Dept. of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare stated the following:

- Under Subhiksha Keralam very good credit support has been extended so far and various financing institutions have released credit support to the tune of Rs. 102 Crores and in this financial year, another Rs. 50 Crores of credit support is expected for fallow land cultivation particularly.
- In Kerala, KCC saturation is not satisfactory and there is a need to bring another five lakh farmers under Kisan Credit Card and that would need additional credit support of around Rs.1250 Crores. Under PM Kisan, there are 30 lakhs farmers and only 15 lakh farmers are issued with KCC.
- Regarding lease land farmers, there was a talk regarding tagging of land. The *ReLIS* software of Revenue Department is not yet ready to do the tagging. The director requested revenue department and banks to have another meeting regarding this so that the issues relating to credit support to lease land farmers can be resolved.
- Agriculture is one of the potential sectors and hence the Government of Kerala has launched its flagship program Subhiksha Keralam. Apart from this, discussions are happening on agriculture infrastructure fund, Kerala is allotted with target credit of 2400 Crores. A lot of convergence from industries department as well as agriculture department and various other credit institutions for encouraging agriculture entrepreneurship in Kerala. Also Agriculture Product Export Development Authority has come forward with their support and the department is creating a very big plan to promote export oriented as well as local market and to develop agriculture entrepreneurship in Kerala towards food processing industries.
- Agriculture sector is a huge employment provider and slowly the younger generation entrepreneurs are willing to take some risk and try out food processing industries. The food processing and agriculture sector are not affected by COVID pandemic. The Director opined that the food processing is an evergreen sector and realizing the potential, role of young people in this sector is very vital. Specific support is expected from banking sector and 15 banks had already come up to provide interest subvention under AIF for any agriculture related enterprises and it can be done as a campaign as not many people are aware of such interest subvention availability and hence Govt: came out with a press release to make people aware of the same. The Director requested SLBC to plan for a District level Campaign on AIF with the support district level departments.

Sri. N Ajit Krishnan, Convenor, SLBC Kerala & General Manager, Canara Bank escalated the following issues before the Chief Secretary:

- Regarding Tenancy Act, a model land leasing act may be formulated and there should be a solution to the bankers for credit dispensation to tenant farmers without much problem.
- Registering the EMT in the land revenue records or Thandaper Register which will help banks to protect their security. The facility is presently available for co-

operative banks and it may be extended to commercial banks also at a nominal fee and that will be an income generation for the Government.

- Digitalisation of land records is a long pending agenda. It is understood that it is in final stage and will be very helpful to the bankers once it is completed.
- There is a request for e-stamping of bank guarantees given by the Banks, now e stamping is available for Rs.1lakh and above. The Convenor requested to extend the facility to banks for e stamping of Bank Guarantees.
- The Convenor brought to notice of the Chief Secretary regarding the letter from DFS on the *incidents of unruly behavior on bank employees*. The Convenor also reiterated the contents of the letter and thanked Government of Kerala for the support.

The Chief Secretary assured the full support from Government side and appreciated the efforts of SLBC.

Smt. Rani George IAS, Secretary, Tourism & Cultural Affairs in her address stated the following:

- Kerala tourism is passing through a crisis as everybody knows that COVID 19 has resulted in no business and no income for tourism sector for almost six months now. The secretary thanked SLBC and the SLBC Convenor for supporting tourism sector with the working capital assistance scheme. Government Order has been issued and the Secretary requested all SLBC members to support the sector by giving loans under working capital assistance scheme. It is a loan upto Rs. 25 lakhs and the Tourism Department had prepared detailed guidelines on the areas and organization which would be supported by Tourism Dept:. The Dept: developed an online portal through which various organizations can apply to Tourism Department and the department will forward the same to the concerned state level officials of different banks. The Secretary requested banks to entertain the working capital loan requests from travel and hospitality sector and to sanction the loans.

Sri. Puneet Kumar IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of SC/ST Development in his address stated the following:

- SC advances and ST advances over the last three years had been steadily increasing. The figures of March 2017, 2018 and 2019 shows a steady increase but in March 2020, it is showing a very steep decline in SC and ST advances. These are the sections which are most affected by COVID and requested bankers for supporting SC ST sector so that they can meet their economic activities.

The SLBC Convenor replied that the matter will be discussed during the review and will take steps to give more assistance to the sector.

Shri. V.R Premkumar IAS, Director, Industries & Commerce in his address stated the following:

Regarding ECLGS and CGSSD, both may be reviewed in all DLRCs. The feedback from General Manager is that LDMs are not been made aware of CGSSD. The Director requested DLRCs to push both schemes and to have campaigns regarding the same.

The forum then proceeded with the agenda.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES of the 130TH SLBC

The forum unanimously adopted the minutes of 130th SLBC2020 held on 18thJune2020 circulated vide SLBC letter no SLBC/K/130/Minutes/AJS dated08th Sep 2020.

2. PRIMARY SECTOR

The SLBC Convenor briefed the performance under Annual Credit Plan 2019-20:

Review of performance under Annual Credit Plan 2019-20

Bankwise performance – Primary Sector:

- For 2019-20, target was Rs.71537Crores and Achievement was Rs.73034Crores and percentage achievement for 2019-20 was 102%.
- For 2020-21, target is Rs.73908Crores and 1st quarter achievement is Rs.18852Crores and percentage achievement for 1st quarter 2020-21 is 25.50%.

Share of Primary Sector disbursement:

Public Sector Banks - 46%, Private Sector Banks - 20%, KGB - 17%, Cooperatives - 15%, Small Finance Banks - 2%

District wise performance under primary sector:

Nine districts crossed 100% ACP target i.e, Thrissur – 135%, Kollam – 132%, Palakkad – 122%, Wayanad – 113%, Kannur – 113%, Kozhikode – 112%, Trivandrum – 106%, Kasaragod – 104%, and Malappuram - 103%

Five districts below 100% achievement are Kottayam – 87%, Idukki – 87%, Alappuzha – 76%, Ernakulam – 73% and Pathanamthitta – 73%

Agriculture Advances

A. Growth in Agriculture Advances

Growth of Agriculture advances in the year 2019-20 has been very low compared to 2017-18 and 2018-19. In 2019-20 it's just about Rs.1418 Crores addition from Rs.80803 Crores to Rs.82221 Crores. The slow progress in the sector was due to redemption of agriculture gold loan due to stoppage of subsidy.

B. Banking Group wise Growth in Agriculture Advances

Public sector Banks constitute about 55.60% share in agriculture sector, 27.26% from Private Sector Banks, 14.68% from KGB and 2.46% from Small Finance Banks.

C. Share of NPA in Agriculture Advances

Agriculture NPA is 3.61% out of total agriculture advances. For March, the NPA is around Rs.2964 Crores (i.e, Public Sector Banks- Rs.1330Crores, Private Sector Banks – Rs. 1435Crores, KGB – Rs.164 Crores and Small Finance Banks- Rs.34 Crores)

In the June quarter 2020, NPA is around Rs.2321 Crores.

2.3 Performance under Kisan Credit Card Scheme

The outstanding amount under KCC has increased by Rs.1128Crores year on year. The reduction in the number of KCC was due to the change number now reported by the Kerala State Co operative Bank. The Convenor requested Cooperative banks to recheck and submit the data as there seemed to be some discrepancies in the data provided by them.

2.4 Pending Issues in Primary Sector

Sri. Vinod Kumar V, LDM Alappuzha, the leader of Group I presented the report of the group.

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

The Group Leader stated that as mentioned by CGM NABARD, NABARD is offering some refinance schemes and is promoting Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs). Around 130 FPOs already exist in the State. Newly introduced Agriculture Infrastructure Fund provides opportunity to create post harvest infrastructure to enhance income opportunities to farmers.

Concessional and long term refinance facilities are available with NABARD for facilitating investment credit in agriculture and allied sectors by Cooperative banks and RRBs.

The Group Leader also stated that reducing cost of production has also to be considered and for that, mechanization and technology upgradation is required and it should be farmer friendly.

Costs of machineries are high. Procurement of machinery by individual farmers may be difficult and if it is done by Panchayat or Krishi Bhavan, farmers can use it on rental basis. Procurement of fertilizers, pesticides, manure etc and distribution to individual or group farmers can also reduce cost of production. Field level trainings can also be given to farmers.

Insuring of crop is a necessity to mitigate the risks due to the natural calamity, bad weather conditions, etc. To support farmers, department should take steps to fix an affordable premium.

The SLBC Convenor stated that there is a need to restrategize the procedures and the points discussed also will be considered. The SLBC Sub Committee on Agriculture will review the progress on doubling of farmer's income. The suggestions from agriculture department, procedures and schemes formulated also add speed to the aim on doubling of farmer's income by 2022. NABARD had already given framework to measure the progress and on the basis it the progress will be reviewed.

(Action : SLBC, Banks, LDMs and Government Department)

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

The SLBC Convenor stated that the agenda had already been discussed earlier in the forum.

The forum decided to pursue the agenda.

(Action:* Revenue Department*)

2.4.3Extension of Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme for Animal Husbandry Farmers and Fisheries

The Group Leader stated that many applications are pending with the banks and requested SLBC to take necessary steps to extend the campaign period till 31.10.2020.

The SLBC Convenor requested member banks to ensure that bank branches are properly sensitized to dispense the KCC limit based on eligibility and to adhere the Government call on issuance of Kisan Credit Card. This will also help in achieving the doubling of farmer's income and for that, the activities of fisheries and dairy farmers have to be taken in right perspective.

The Convenor requested member banks to make sure that the correct data is readily available so that the progress can be furnished to DFS and State Government on a weekly basis.

(Action: SLBC and Banks)

2.4.4. Agenda Suggested by Lead District Manager Alappuzha

MARKING OF 'BANK'S HYPOTHECATION CLAUSE' IN AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE POLICIES.

The forum requested Agriculture department to take necessary steps to incorporate "Bank's hypothecation clause' in agricultural insurance policies and advised the SLBC to write to the department.

The forum decided to pursue the agenda.

(Action: SLBC,* Department of Agriculture*)

2.5 FRESH ISSUES

2.5.1 Minutes of the meeting of SLBC Sub-Committee on Agriculture to discuss the progress of KCC to farmers for Agriculture and allied activities on 14.07.2020

The forum unanimously adopted the minutes of SLBC Sub Committee held on 14th July 2020 circulated vide SLBC letter no SLBC/AGRI SC/113/2020 dated20th July 2020.

2.5.2 Minutes of meeting with Department of Dairy, Govt. of Kerala regarding the changes proposed in the tripartite arrangement letter.

The forum unanimously adopted the minutes of the meetingheld on5th August 2020 circulated vide SLBC letter no SLBC/Dairy/127/2020 dated 19thAugust 2020.

2.5.3 Agenda Suggested by RBI

A. Enhancing Credit Delivery to Agriculture Logistics and Supply Chain Ecosystem

Sri. V R Praveen Kumar, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India stated that stimulus package under PM's Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to be utilized by the Banks to strengthen farm infrastructure and also to popularize the negotiable warehouse receipt loan scheme so that liquidity of farmers can be increased.

The SLBC Convenor replied that all banks have schemes for financing under negotiable ware house receipt and requested the Banks to popularize the same in the Kerala State.

(Action: SLBC,* Banks*)

B. A Monograph on the State of Sikkim's Organic Transformation

RBI made a presentation on Sikkim model in the SLBC forum. The forum requested the Department of Agriculture and Kudumbasree to support the efforts and explore the possibility of implementing the theme in our State.

(Action: Dept: of Agriculture)

2.5.4 <u>Agenda Suggested by SLBC (Loan against Paddy Receipt Sheet to registered Paddy growers under SUPPLYCO - Renewal of MoU)</u>

The SLBC Convenor stated that the MOU executed by member Banks and SUPPLYCO is expiring on 30.09.2020. Inorder to continue the PRS loan scheme, a fresh Government Order and clearance from the respective bank Board is required. The forum requested Supplyco to immediately clear the overdues and to take up with the Government for fresh Government Order.

(Action: Supplyco)

2.5.5 <u>Agenda Suggested by Dept. of Agriculture</u>

The SLBC Convenor noted that the credit dispensation issue had already been discussed by Dept of Agriculture and the matter would be taken up and the moratorium issue is also resolved.

Regarding the request from Department to sanction a minimum loan amount of Rs.25000 to farmers for cultivation without considering the scale of finance, the Convenor opined that it should be discussed in a State Level Technical for a decision.

(Action: SLBC, Member Banks, KSCB)

2.5.6 <u>Agenda Suggested by NABARD District Monitoring Committees (D-MC) under Central Sector Scheme on formation and promotion of 10000 FPOs (Table Agenda)</u>

The forum advised the LDMs of Trivandrum, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Eranakulam and Kozhikode to act as Member Secretary of D-MC for the district where DDMs are not physically sanctioned by NABARD.

(Action : LDMs)

3. <u>Issues in Secondary Sector & Government Sponsored Scheme (Group II)</u>

The SLBC Convenor **briefed the performance under Secondary sector:**

3.1 <u>Performance under Secondary Sector</u>

The target under secondary sector for 2019-20 has not reached and the percentage achievement is 99%. Target for the year 2019-20 was Rs.35077 Crores and the Achievement is Rs.34744 Crores.

3.1.1 Banking GroupWise Performance under Secondary Sector

Share of secondary sector disbursement is as follows:

Private Sector Banks – 50%, Public Sector Banks – 33%, Cooperatives – 11%, KGB – 4%, Small Finance Banks – 2%

3.1.2 District wise Performance under Secondary Sector

Six districts had crossed 100% achievement and they are: Thrissur – 213%, Idukki – 148%, Kollam – 145%, Aleppey – 142%, Malappuram – 116% and Wayanad – 109%.

However eight district could not achived the target viz. Trivandrum – 87%, Pathanamthitta – 38%, Kottayam – 54%, Ernakulam – 85%, Palakkad – 55%, Kozhikode – 77%, Kannur – 55%, Kasaragod – 85%

For the year 2020-21 target is Rs.35430 Crores. June quarter touched 20% of target which amounts to Rs.7098Crores with Wayanad – 35% and Aleppey-30%. Palakkad had done only 5% during the June quarter, Kottayam-9%, Pathanamthitta and Kasaragod 15% and Ernakulam 17%.

3.2 <u>MSME Advances (Priority)</u>

A. Growth in MSME Advances

MSME advances increased by Rs.2448 Crores i.e, from Rs.54446 Crores in March 2019 to Rs.56894 in March 2020.

Target for the year 2020-21 is Rs 57284 Crores and in June quarter, the State has added only Rs.390 Crores under MSME advances.

B. Banking Group wise Growth in MSME (Priority) – Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Bank wise share in MSME sector is as follows:

Public Sector Banks – 50.43%, Private Sector Banks – 45.55%, KGB – 2.06%, Small Finance Banks – 1.96%

C. Sector wise classification of MSME

Manufacturing sector – 25.07%, Services Sector – 58.48%, Retail Trade – 16.45%

D. Sector wise performance under MSME

	Micro Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises
Manufacturing sector	8.94%	12.02%	4.10%
Service Sector	25.97%	25.53%	6.98%
Retail Trade	9.06%	5.69%	1.7%

E. Share of NPA in MSME Advances

NPA in MSME is 8.52% of total MSME advances which amounts to Rs. 4846 Crores (Public Sector Banks – Rs.3031crores, Private Sector Banks – Rs.1589Crores, KGB – Rs.218 Crores, Small Finance Banks – Rs.7 Crores)

For June 2020-21, NPA is Rs.4798 Crores (Public Sector Banks – Rs.3078 Crores, Private Sector Banks – Rs.1532 Crores, KGB – Rs.182 Crores, Small Finance Banks – Rs.7 Crores)

3.3 <u>Advances to Weaker Section</u>

There has been an increase in advances to weaker section. ie, an addition of Rs.7737Crores year on year.

Representative from RBI raised concern regarding the accuracy of data submitted LDM Pathanamthitta, Allapuzha, Eranakulam, and Thrissur. The figures reported to RBI and SLBC are different. Hence the LDMs to re-examine the data submitted to SLBC.

3.4 <u>Advances to SC/STs</u>

Advances to SC/STs have a negative growth.

SC advances went down by Rs.665 Crores from March 2019 to March 2020 and in June the advance is Rs.4839 Crores. The Convener requested banks to re-examine the data provided and to analyse the same. ST advances also declined by Rs.183 Crores and show a negative trend. In June it got increased to Rs.1192 Crores.

3.5 <u>DRI Advances</u>

DRI advances show a consistent downward trend from 2017 onwards and it is Rs.14 Crores as on March2020. The Convener requested banks to re-examine the data provided and to analyse and work on the same.

3.6 Credit Flow to Minority Communities

As on March 2020, 70% achievement has been there and as on June 2020, it is about 64%.
A representative from RBI stated that there is a mismatch in the data provided to RBI and SLBC by the districts Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Ernakulam and Thrissur.

The SLBC Convenor asked the corresponding LDMs to check the data and revert and to ensure the integrity of data as this is getting published and goes to the regulators and other authorities.

3.7 Total Outstanding Under MUDRA Loans (PMMY) as at March 2020

Total outstanding under Mudra loan is Rs.11646 Crore out of which Shishu is Rs.2958Crores, Kishore Rs.5410Crores, Tarun Rs.3278Crores.

3.8 Loan Outstanding under Stand up India Programme as at March 2020

Under Stand up India for women beneficiaries, total amount of loan outstanding is Rs.361 Crores and for SC/ST, its Rs.31 Crores as at March 2020.

3.9 Loan Outstanding under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana as at March 2020

A total of Rs.1274 Crores is disbursed under PMAY urban and rural together and the total number of accounts is 21107. In June 2020, the amount disbursed is Rs. 21 Crores with 1291 accounts.

3.10. Cumulative enrollment under Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana as at March 2020

It includes all social security schemes PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY and the total number is 5266443.

(Action : SLBC, Banks LDMs)

3.11 FRESH ISSUES IN SECONDARY SECTOR

Sri. Sivadasan K M, LDM Calicut, the leader of Group II presented the report of the group.

3.11.1 Minutes of Area Specific Scheme to tourism industries & Government Order

An Area specific scheme has been formulated by SLBC in consultation with tourism department, the scheme was circulated with member banks.

The forum unanimously adopted the minutes and approved the scheme.

3.11.2 <u>Agenda Suggested by the Director of Industries and Commerce</u>

A. Sharing the data of eligible loan accounts, details of loan sanctioned and disbursed by financial institutions under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) to MSME Sector in the State.

The Convenor SLBC mentioned that out of Rs. 5431 Crores loan *sanctioned under ECLGS, only* Rs.4590 Crores *has been disbursed and another Rs. 841 crore is pending for disbursement. Since it is an emergency Line of Credit to restart the business and money is immediately needed to* the people, remaining amount have to be disbursed at the earliest.

SLBC to furnish the data regarding ECLGS to DFS every Wednesday and it is found very difficult due to the late and incorrect figure submission. The Convenor requested all banks to submit the correct data in time.

3.11.3 Agenda Suggested by Director of Industries and Commerce (Regarding accepting of Acknowledgement Certificate for setting up of MSME units instead of Local Body Licences)

The Convenor noted that the agenda has already been discussed earlier in the forum and to have meeting to discuss and examine whether this certificate from Kswift portal is sufficient for bankers to extend loans to parties and also can seek legal views if required.

(Action : SLBC and Department of Industries)

3.11.4 Agenda Suggested by KSCB (CGTMSE Membership for Kerala State Cooperative Bank)

The Convenor stated that SLBC had written a letter regarding the CGTMSE membership of KSCB to SIDBI and is yet to receive communication from them and will take up the matter once again so that it can be resolved.

(*Action* : SLBC)

3.11.5 Agenda Suggested by the NORKA department – NDPREM Scheme

The Convenor noted that the agenda has already been discussed earlier in the forum.

3.11.6 Agenda Suggested by KVIC – Information note on PMEGP

4. <u>ISSUES IN TERTIARY SECTOR (Group III)</u>

The SLBC Convenor **briefed the performance under Tertiary Sector:**

4.1. <u>Performance under Tertiary Sector</u>

In 2019-20, tertiary sector target was Rs.41867 Crores and achievement is Rs.29303 Crores and the achievement percentage is only 70%.

For2020-21, target is Rs.38237 Crores and in June, 14% has been sanctioned amounting to Rs.5178 Crores.

Convenor SLBC requested member Banks to achieve the target in the current financial year.

Banking GroupWise Performance under Tertiary Sector

Share of tertiary sector disbursement is as follows:

Public Sector Banks – 45%, Private Sector Banks – 15%, Cooperatives – 36%, KGB – 2%, Small Finance Banks – 2%

4.1.1. <u>District wise Performance under Tertiary Sector</u>

Five districts had crossed 100% of the target and they are: Palakkad -151%, Kollam – 131%, Wayanad – 126%, Kasaragod – 122%, Idukki – 115%

Kozhikode – 98%, Thrissur – 86%, Malappuram – 76%, Alappuzha – 65%, Kottayam – 61%, Trivandrum – 60%, Ernakulam – 49%, Pathanamthitta – 44%, Kannur – 16%

4.2. <u>Outstanding Performance under Education Loan</u>

A. Growth in Education Loan

Rs.1361 Crores has been added Y-O-Y and the figure is Rs. 11202 Crores for March 2020

B. Banking Group wise Growth in Education Loan

Public Sector Banks – 82.54%, Private Sector Banks – 11%, KGB – 5.72%, Small Finance Banks – <1%

C. Education Loan NPA over the years

For March 2020, the Education Loan NPA is Rs.1348Crores and is comparatively quite high.
Public Sector Banks – Rs.967Crores, Private Sector Banks – Rs.180Crores, KGB – Rs.201 Crores.

For June 2020, EL NPA is Rs 1406 Crores with Public Sector Banks – Rs.1042 Crores, Private Sector Banks – Rs.171 Crores, KGB – Rs.193 Crores.

D. Percentage share of EL NPA in Total EL Outstanding

Education loan NPA is 12% against the loan outstanding.

E. Banking Group Wise Share Education Loan NPA

Public Sector Banks –72%, Private Sector Banks – 13%, KGB – 15%, Small Finance Banks – <1%

4.3. <u>Outstanding Performance under Housing Loan</u>

A. Growth in Housing Loan

Rs.1578 Crores added over March 2020 which amounts to Rs.28964 Crores

B. Banking Group wise Growth in Housing Loan

Public Sector Banks –70.43%, Private Sector Banks – 19.32%, KGB – 10%, Small Finance Banks – <1%

C. % Share of NPA in Housing Loan

For March, Housing Loan NPA is 3.34% of HL outstanding which amounts to Rs.967 Crores with Public Sector Banks – Rs.614 Crores, Private Sector Banks – Rs.148 Crores, KGB – Rs.201 Crores and Small Finance Banks – Rs.2Crores.

For June it is Rs. 668 Crores with Public Sector Banks – Rs.397 Crores, Private Sector Banks – Rs.119 Crores, KGB – Rs.149 Crores and Small Finance Banks – Rs.4Crores.

4.4. <u>Status of Creating Banking environment for the visually challenged</u>

Total number of outstanding ATMs is 8699, number of talking ATMs is 7103 (82%) and number of ATMs with Braille keypad is 7494(86%).

4.5 <u>Pending Issues in Tertiary Sector</u>

Sri. Anil D, LDM Palakkad, the leader of Group III presented the report of the group.

4.5.1 Agenda Suggested by Reserve Bank of India

A. National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-2024 – Universal Access to Financial Services

The Group Leader stated that SLBC has given confirmation to RBI that banking facilities are available in 5 locations namely Konni Thazham (Pathanamthitta Dist), Kottakamboor, Edamalakudy, Elappally (Idukki District) and Thiruvazhiyode (Palakkad District). RBI had written to Central Office regarding the same and awaiting reply from Central Office. Once the reply is received, the agenda can be dropped.

B. Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payments Ecosystem

Due to COVID 19 pandemic, the measures initiated had stopped for the time being and SLBC had already taken up the matter with RBI to allow some more time for the meaningful completion of the programme. In this pandemic situation, more plans have to be adopted for digital transactions and that will be helpful to the public also.
The Convenor stated that the digitalisation process would have to speed up and it is to be ensured that 100% digitalization is completed by this month of October as it is a requirement in this pandemic situation since many things have already moved to the digital platform.

(Action : All stake holders of Thrissur Digitalisation programme)

C. **Revamp of Lead Bank Scheme standardized system for data flow**

The Group Leader stated that Demo website is ready for testing; Member banks can upload the data into the website and flag if any issues persist. Regarding Pathanamthitta district, some issues with block codes and taluk codes were there and had been rectified. Once the testing is over, it can go live.

The Convenor stated that many banks are yet to give the confirmation regarding the readiness to upload the data in the prescribed format and requested member Banks to give a confirmation in this regard.

(Action : SLBC, Member Banks)

D. Matters related to Financial Literacy Counselors (FLCs)

D(i) Delay in Appointment of Financial Literacy Counselors & Infrastructure facilities to the Financial Literacy Counselors

The Group Leader stated that a survey had been conducted in the blocks which are vacant in the State and found that around 2 to 3 blocks in Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta districts have long pending vacancies and requested banks to take note of the same and make sure that they are being filled.

D(ii) Infrastructure facilities to the Financial Literacy Counselors

The Group Leader stated that a few banks are yet to confirm that they are providing adequate infrastructure facilities for the FLCs and requested banks to confirm the same and also provide the reason if FLCs are not provided with adequate infrastructure facilities*.*

E. PRAGATI Meeting: Review of Social Security Schemes – PMJJBY and PMSBY

The SLBC Convenor drew the attention of the forum to the letter received from RBI Central Office to all SLBCs and UTLBCs regarding Pragathi meeting that was held and reviewed by Hon'ble Prime Minister in January 2020. The Convenor requested all banks to reach the target given by corresponding Central Offices and ensure that the social security measures are fully implemented, as the State was exposed to natural calamities in the last couple of years.

A representative from PFRDA stated that the contribution of SLBC Kerala on APY is appreciable. The target for the financial year 2020-21 has been shared with all banks and SLBCs. Overall target for SLBC Kerala is around 3.25 Lakhs for which 10%has been achieved till 31st August 2020. To encourage the participants, PFRDA has rolled out a campaign named 'APY Citizen Choice Campaign' and the duration of the campaign is two months from 1st September 2020 to 31st October 2020. The representative requested for active participation of all the bankers and as per the reports available apart from the banks like SBI, Canara Bank, Central Bank of India and IDBI, all other banks are lower than the State average of 10 to 11%.

4.5.2 Noting of Equitable Mortgage created in favour of the banks in Revenue Records *(Pending since March 2014)*

Land Revenue Commissioner stated that noting of Banks charge of Equitable Mortgage and its incorporation in software is in the final stage so that the mortgage taken by a particular land holder can be made available online and it can be made use of by bankers.

(Action : Department of Revenue)

4.5.3 Agenda Suggested by Additional Chief Secretary, GOK

The Convenor stated that Government of Kerala has replied to the letter by SLBC and the issues are clarified and decided to drop the agenda.

4.5.4 Agenda by LDM Calicut

The forum decided that Village Officers may be permitted to open zero balance accounts and requested the revenue department to sort out this issue.

The Convenor replied that this issue can be taken with the department separately.

(Action : Revenue Department)

4.5.5 Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) – Reimbursement of Training Expenses of BPL Candidates to “AA” Rated RSETIs

SLBC convenor stated that the Kudumbasree and SLBC had taken up the matter with MoRD and awaiting reply from MoRD.

(Action : Kudumbasree and SLBC)

4.5.6 Agenda suggested by Indian Banks’ Association regarding E-Stamping of Bank Guarantees.

The Group Leader noted that the agenda had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.
The agenda may be pursued.

Other points discussion

- *The SLBC Convenor also mentioned regarding the sharing of cost of printing of dairy applications as requested by DFS and State Government and requested the member banks to share the amount.*
- *The Convenor mentioned about the letter received from Assistant Director General Mr. L K Das, Govt: of India, Ministry of Economics and Information Technology, UIDIA. The letter is actually addressed to four banks in the State – Dhanlaxmi Bank, CSB, South Indian Bank, and Federal Bank with copy marked to SLBC requesting to take up the matter in SLBC meeting with regard to the operation of Permanent Enrollment Centres (PECs) in these banks. The Convenor requested these banks to do necessary publicity on PECs.*

The forum approved the performance under various sectors as at March2020 Quarter provided in the background notes supplied.

The 130th meeting of SLBC, Kerala concluded with the above deliberations.

Sri. B Chandrasekhara Rao, General Manager,Canara Bank proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting concluded at 6.30 pm.

List of participants is annexed.

CO-CHAIRPERSON OF THE MEETING			
SL NO	**INSTITUTION**	**NAME**	**DESIGNATION**
1	**Government of Kerala**	**Dr. Vishwas Mehta IAS**	**Chief Secretary**
2	**Canara Bank**	**Ms. A. Manimekhalai**	**Executive Director**

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA			
SL NO	**INSTITUTION**	**NAME**	**DESIGNATION**
1	**Department of Finance**	**Sri. Rajesh Kumar Singh IAS**	**Additional Chief Secretary**
2	**Industries & Commerce**	**Dr. K. Ellangovan IAS**	**Principal Secretary**
3	**Department of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare**	**Smt. Ishita Roy IAS**	**Principal Secretary & Agricultural Production Commissioner**
4	**Department of SC/ST Development**	**Sri. Puneet Kumar IAS**	**Principal Secretary**
5	**Tourism & Cultural Affairs**	**Smt. Rani George IAS**	**Secretary**
6	**Kudumbashree Mission**	**Sri S Harikishore IAS**	**Executive Director**
7	**Dept. of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare**	**Dr. K. Vasuki IAS**	**Director**
8	**Industries & Commerce**	**Shri. V.R Premkumar IAS**	**Director**
9	**Land Revenue Commissioner**	**Sri. K Biju IAS**	**Land Revenue Commissioner**

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA		
SL NO	**NAME**	**DESIGNATION**
1	**Smt. Reeny Ajith**	**Regional Director**
2	**Sri. V R Praveen Kumar**	**General Manager**

NABARD		
SL NO	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Sri P. Balachandran	Chief General Manager

PUBLIC SECTOR BANKS			
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1	Bank of Baroda	Deepu Joseph Thomas	Senior Manager
		D Prajith Kumar	Regional Head
2	Bank of India	Parimalacharya Gururacharya	DGM
		Pappu	Zonal Manager
3	Bank of Maharashtra	Saju G Pillai	Chief Manager
4	Central Bank of India	P.V Saisubramani	Deputy General Manager
5	Indian Bank	Sri A K Vijayan	Deputy General
6	Indian Overseas Bank	Ramesh Kumar S	AGM
7	Punjab & Sind Bank	Kesava Amarnath R	Chief Manager
8	Punjab National Bank	Shri Surinder Kumar Raizada	Deputy General Manager
9	State Bank of India	Santhosh Sadasivan Nai	Deputy General Manager (FIMM)
		Shivanananda. H.S	Deputy General Manager (Abu)
		Asok Kumar. S	Asst General Manager (Lead Bank)
10	UC Bank	K Sreenivasa Rao	Zonal Head (In Charge)
11	Union Bank Of India	Manjunathaswamy C J	Deputy General Manager
		Satish C	Lead District Manager

CONVENOR BANK (CANARA BANK)		
1	Mr. N Ajit Krishnan	SLBC Convener & General Manager
2	Mr. B Chandrasekhara Rao	General Manager
3	Mr. Santhosh A V	Deputy General Manager
4	Mr. Sanjumon V	Divisional Manager
5	Mr. Ajas A	Senior Manager
6	Mr. Sankar K	Manager
7	Mr. Arun G S	Officer
8	Mr. Sreejith R	Officer

REGIONAL RURAL BANK			
SL NO	INSTITUTION	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Kerala Gramin Bank	Mr. Nagesh G Vaidya	CHAIRMAN

PRIVATE SECTOR BANKS			
SL NO	INSTITUTION	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	AXIS BANK	Maya Kannath	Senior Manager
2	CATHOLIC SYRIAN BANK	Nil	Nil
3	CITY UNION BANK	PAUL ANTONY	DEPUTY MANAGER
4	DHANLAXMI BANK LTD	Mr. Sunil K, Regional Office, Trivandrum	Chief Manager
5	FEDERAL BANK	Shri. Aravind K	Deputy Vice President
		Shri. Jacob Eapen K	Assistant Vice President
6	HDFC BANK	Jitheesh Janardhanan	Assistant Vice President
7	ICICI BANK	Tony Thomas	Regional Coordinator

8	**IDBI BANK LTD**	**Smt. Nadia Farook**	**Assistant General Manager**
		Shri NikhiL Umenia	**Assistant Manager**
9	**INDUS IND BANK**	**Santhosh Nampoothiri**	**AVP**
10	**JAMMU & KASHMIR BANK**	**Mr. Mahadevan G**	**Branch Head**
11	**KARNATAKA BANK**	**PRASANDAN. T**	**Assistant General Manager**
		SREEJITH KUMAR. V	**Senior Manager**
		JAFFAR SHARIFF. M	**AFO-Regional Office**
12	**KARUR VYSYA BANK**	**-**	**-**
13	**KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK**	**Nil**	**Nil**
14	**LAXMIVILAS BANK**	**-**	**-**
15	**SOUTH INDIAN BANK**	**Mr.Peter A D**	**Deputy General Manager**
16	**T.N.MERCANTILE BANK**	**Bharath**	**Assistant Manager**
17	**YES BANK**	**Aravind Ap**	**Branch Service Leader**
18	**Bandhan Bank**	**Mr. Arun R**	**Branch Head**
19	**IDFC First Bank**	**Bijesh Chandra R**	**Branch Manager**
20	**RBL Bank**	**Hariharan S**	**Branch Manager**
11	**KARNATAKA BANK**	**Prasandan. T**	**Assistant General Manager**

CO-OPERATIVE BANKS			
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1	**KSCB**	**G K Maya**	**Chief Risk Officer**
		Balagopalan P	**Deputy General Manager**
2	**KSCARD**	**Elizabeth George**	**ADM**

LEAD BANK OFFICES			
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1	Indian Overseas Bank	Mr. Sreenivasa Pai G	LDM Tvm
2	Indian Bank	Smt. Reena Susan Chacko	LDM Kollam
3	State Bank of India	Mr. V. Vijayakumaran	LDM Pathanamthitta
4	State Bank of India	Mr. Vinodkumar V	LDM Alappuzha
5	State Bank of India	Mr. A.A.JOHN	LDM Kottayam
6	Union Bank of India	Mr. Rajagopalan G	LDM Idukki
7	Union Bank	Mr. C Satish	LDM Ernakulam
8	Canara Bank	Mr. Anilkumar K K	LDM Thrissur
9	Canara Bank	Mr. Anil D	LDM Palakkad
10	Canara Bank	Mr. Kunjhiraman T P	LDM Malappuram
11	Canara Bank	Mr. Sivadasan K M	LDM Kozhikode
12	Canara Bank	Mr. Vinod G	LDM Wayanad
13	Canara Bank	Mr. Frony John P	LDM Kannur
14	Canara Bank	Mr. N Kannan	LDM Kasargod

SMALL FINANCE BANK			
SL NO	INSTITUTION	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	ESAF	Suresh KP	Asst.Vice President
2	Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	Thariq Sait M I	State Leader – Kerala

PAYMENTS BANK			
SL NO	INSTITUTION	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	India Post Payments Bank	Divakara NR	AGM
2	Airtel Payments Bank	-	-