

SLRM 2023, SLBC Kerala Agenda & Background Notes

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 139th SLBC Meeting

The minutes of State Level Review Meeting, held on 5th April 2023 was circulated vide SLBC letter no SLBC/139/Minutes/74/AJS dated 31st May 2023.

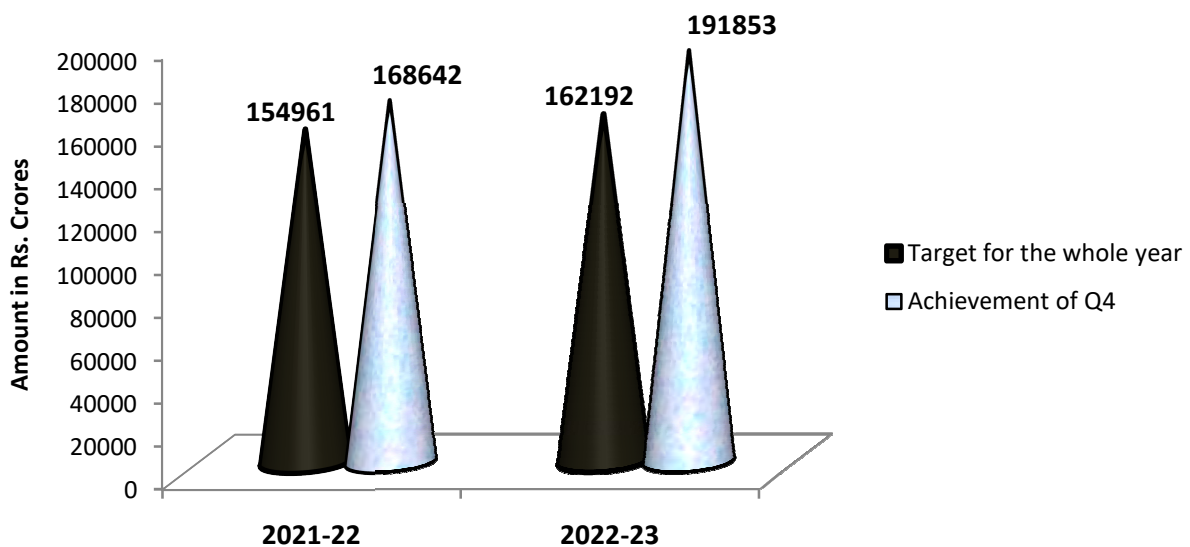
The house may adopt the said minutes.

2. ISSUES FOR GROUP DISCUSSION ON PRIMARY SECTOR (GROUP 1)

2.1 Review of performance under Annual Credit Plan 22-23.

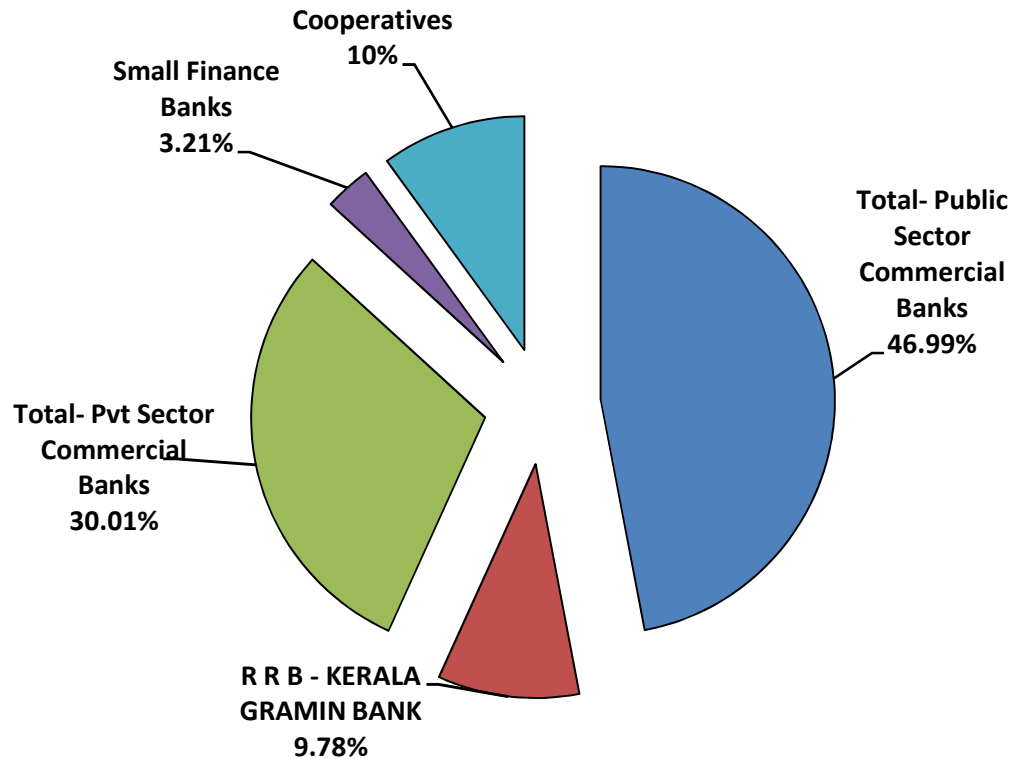
2.1.1 Bank Wise performance – Primary Sector

	(Rs. in Crores)	
Priority Sector	2021-22	2022-23
Target for the whole year	154961	162192
Achievement of Q4	168642	191853
% of achievement for Q4	109%	118%



Banking GroupWise Performance under Priority Sector

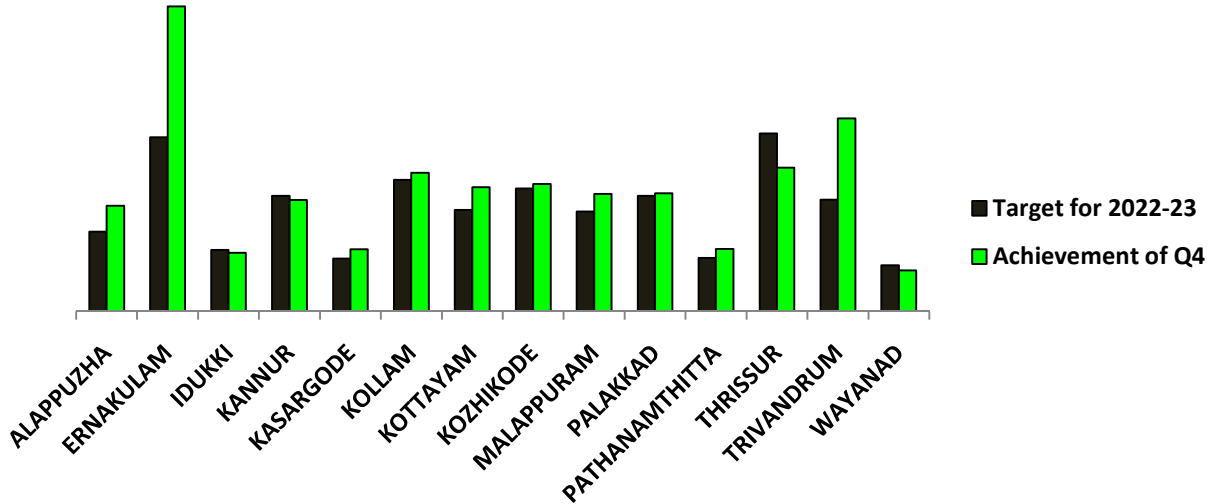
Share of Priority Sector Disbursement



District wise Performance under Priority Sector

Rs. in Crores)				
Sl. No.	District	Target for	Achievement of Q4	% Achievement
1	ALAPPUZHA	8950	11876	133%
2	ERNAKULAM	19566	34258	175%
3	IDUKKI	6902	6576	95%
4	KANNUR	12960	12513	97%
5	KASARGODE	5940	6962	117%
6	KOLLAM	14771	15576	105%
7	KOTTAYAM	11400	13933	122%
8	KOZHIKODE	13815	14301	104%
9	MALAPPURAM	11200	13201	118%
10	PALAKKAD	12977	13253	102%
11	PATHANAMTHITTA	6000	7007	117%
12	THRISSUR	20000	16146	81%
13	TRIVANDRUM	12550	21657	173%
14	WAYANAD	5160	4594	89%
TOTAL		162192	191853	118%

Priority Sector Target Vs Achievement

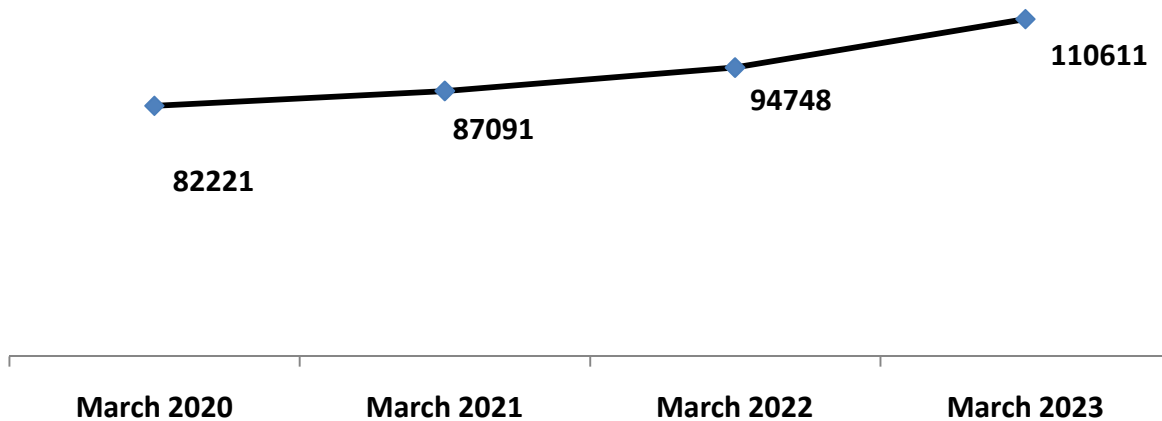


Growth in Agriculture Advances

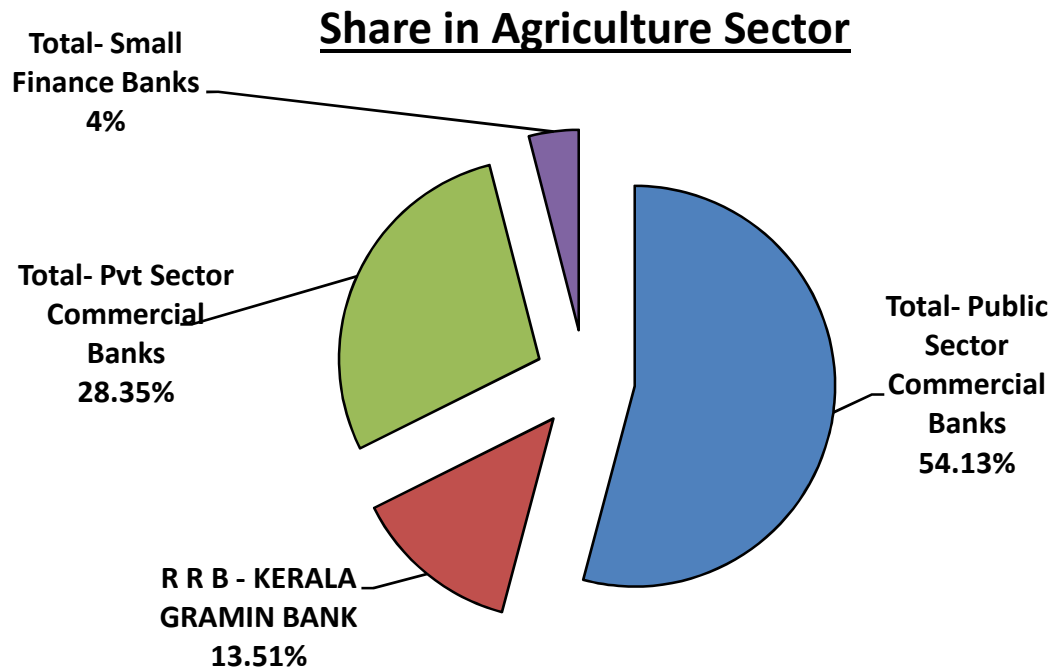
(Rs. in Crores)

Agriculture Advances over the years			
March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023
82221	87091	94748	110611

Agriculture Advances

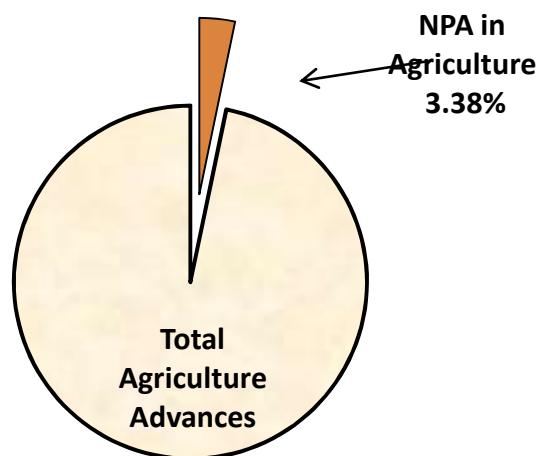


Banking Group wise Growth in Agriculture Advances



% Share of NPA in Agriculture Advances

Share of Agriculture NPA

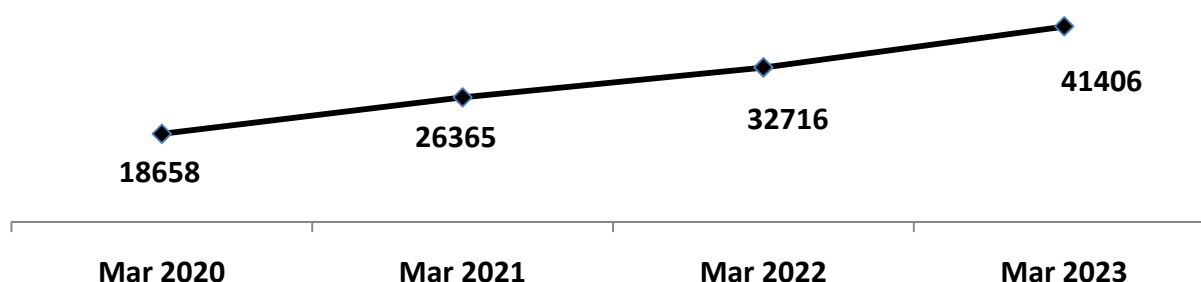


Performance under Kisan Credit Card Scheme (Refer Annexure 10.16***)**

(Rs. in Crores)

Parameter	Outstanding			
	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	Mar 2023
KCC	18658	26365	32716	41406
(including Co-op. Banks)				

KCC Outstanding (including Co-op. Banks)



3. PENDING ISSUES

3.1 Pending Issues in Primary Sector

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

RBI vide their letter no.FIDD.CO.LBS.BC No. dated 29 September 2016 had advised all SLBC Convenor Banks/Lead Bank to include 'Doubling of Farmers Income by 2022' as a regular agenda under Lead Bank Scheme in various for a such as SLBC,DCC, DLRC and BLBC.

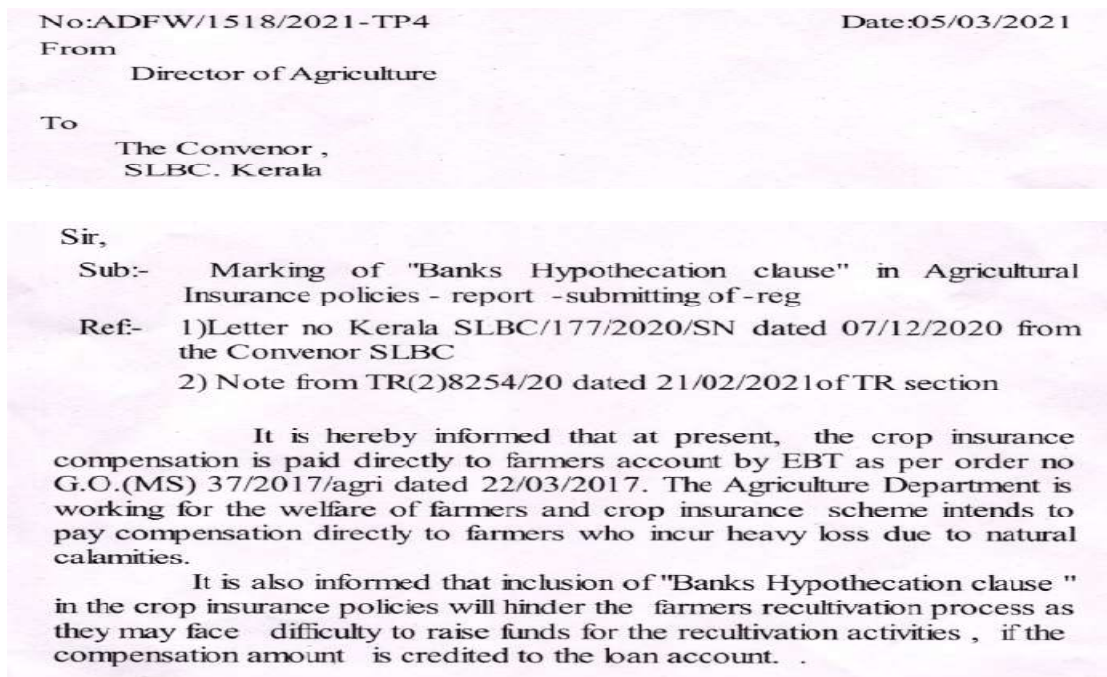
Progress during the first three years in increasing farmers' income was nullified by the devastating flood especially in the agricultural sector. The state is recovering from the loss.SLBC has initiated natural calamity measures to overcome the disaster. Limited credit exposure to thelease land farming sector in Kerala was an issue pointed out in SLRM.

During 130th SLBC the forum observed thatthere is a need to adopt new strategies for ensuring the target of doubling the farmers' income by 2022. The two consecutive floods in 2018 and 2019 nullified the progress made and now the pandemic has also played havoc with the program. Hence there is a need to re-strategize the process.

Action Taken:

1. SLBC has made the following recommendation to the State Government on issues related to lease land farming vide letter **Ref: Kerala SLBC/95 /78/GN/2018 dated 13th July 2018** regarding Reducing Stamp duty & Registration fees on lease deeds for lease land cultivation. 134th SLBC forum approved the draft guidelines formulated by Department of Agriculture in consultation with SLBC for promoting lease/tenant/licensed farming in the State of Kerala. The major component of the proposed scheme is a tripartite agreement to be executed between Land owner – Licensor(s), Representative of LSGI and Licensee cultivator (s). A government order in this regard may be issued.
2. The Sub-committee on Agriculture decided focus on saturation of Kisan Credit Card to agriculture and farmers engaged in the allied sector besides “SUBHIKSHA KERALAM” Scheme launched by Government of Kerala. Integrated farming, market interventions to reduce the role of middleman, promoting organic farming methods, food processing etc. to be promoted.
3. SLBC has written to Department of Agriculture regarding marking of Hypothecation clause in the State Agriculture Insurance Scheme. Now the PMFBY scheme is made voluntary. In order to protect the interests of farmers, they may be given an option to choose between PMFBY and State Insurance Scheme.

SLBC had taken up the matter with Director of Agriculture and the reply received as follows;



133rd SLBC forum has opined that crop insurance coverage in the State of Kerala is less than 1% and need improvement.

During 135th Smt. Ishita Roy IAS, Additional Chief Secretary & Agricultural Production Commissioner informed concerns regarding the issues with regard to the hypothecation clause in the State Crop insurance policy. Banks hypothecation clause in the insurance policies will hinder the farmers to go for re-cultivation purpose since also will be a hurdle raise fund.

The SLBC Convenor replied regarding incorporation of hypothecation clause in State crop insurance for crediting the compensation in KCC Account of the borrower, Kisan Credit Card limit is in the nature of a revolving cash credit facility without any restrictions in number of debits and credits the compensation credited to the KCC account can be utilized by the farmer for their re-cultivation purpose. PMFBY insurance allows crediting of insurance claims in KCC account of the farmer.

In Kerala, Crop insurance coverage is very less compared to rest of India. Moreover, Crediting of State Crop Insurance claims to Kisan Credit Card account of the farmers will enable the Bankers to encourage to bring more farmers under crop insurance bracket. In the 139th SLBC meeting the forum advised the insurance companies to take a localized approach while settling the claims.

4. In consultation with RBI, selected SLBCs and other stakeholders NABARD has developed the benchmarks/indicators for monitoring and reviewing the progress under Doubling of farmers' income by 2022. Review report is attached as annexure.
5. Banks shall focus on term lending, activities like precision farming, minor irrigation facilities. State horticulture Mission is providing Open Precision Farming-Assistance to Beneficiaries, and the projects shall be financed by the member banks. The details of the scheme already shared with the member banks.
6. ***Number of Kisan Credit Card issued to farmers has increased by 5,98,528 numbers compared to March 2016 and marked an increase of 33.21% Growth).***

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

RBI is considering to introduce a framework to extend credit delivery for tenant farmers. The existing tenancy laws may be reformed so that both land owner as well as the tenant farmers are benefitted. The framework is in streamline with the Model Land Leasing Act released by NITI Aayog. This may be added as a regular agenda to be raised in the State Level Bankers' Committee meetings and the government of Kerala would be appraised the need of such framework.

Action Taken:

Directorate of Agriculture has suggested the following agenda during 132nd SLBC meeting;

b. Loan to leased land farmers

Subhiksha Keralam is a flagship programme of Government of Kerala to sustain food security in which fallow land cultivation is the major component. Fallow land cultivation is carried out mostly in leased land. To encourage cultivation in fallow land the government has issued norms of lease land cultivation as per G.O.No 1400/20 (Tripart agreement). This may also be considered by the SLBC and direct all the participating banks for lending sufficient credit support to these farmers for successful implementation of Subhiksha Keralam .

132nd SLBC forum decided to work on the possibility of how the tripartite agreement can be made beneficial to bankers and farmers so as to enhance credit delivery to the tenant farmers. Director of Agriculture has submitted points to be considered on the proposed license agreement received from the Government to create a template for license agreement between land owners (particularly those who have uncultivated land) and potential cultivators of land.

After two rounds of discussions SLBC sub-committee on Agriculture held on 08.09.2021 has finalized the modalities for issuing Kisan Credit Card scheme for Lease/licensed farmers. The scheme guidelines and model format is attached in Agenda item.

134th SLBC forum approved the draft guidelines formulated by Department of Agriculture in consultation with SLBC for promoting lease/tenant/licensed farming in the State of Kerala. The major component of the proposed scheme is a tripartite agreement to be executed between Land owner –Licensor(s), Representative of LSGI and Licensee cultivator (s). A government order in this regard may be issued.

135th SLBC meeting *Principal Secretary & APC* has informed that the finalization of tripartite agreement is under consultation of Legal Department.

136th SLBC meeting ACS, Planning has informed that inter departmental consultation is over and the Government Order will be issued.

There is no progress in the agenda item.

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

Reserve Bank of India vide circular FIDD.CO.FSD.BC.12/05.05.010/2018-19 dated February 04, 2019, issued guidelines to all Scheduled Commercial Banks (including Small Finance Banks and excluding Regional Rural Banks) for extension of KCC Scheme to Animal Husbandry Farmers and Fisheries, to meet their working capital requirements.

State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) and District Consultative Committees (DCCs) shall ensure smooth extension of the KCC facilities to Animal Husbandry Farmers and Fisheries and monitor/ review the progress in the respective fora meetings.

Department of Financial Services, DFS has decided to launch a special saturation drive in the form of weekly "District Level Camp" for a period of 3 months w.e.f. 08th November 2021 to ensure maximum coverage of farmers engaged in Animal Husbandry and Fisheries under KCC.

Standard Operating procedure for holding the weekly camp is given below.

1. **"District-level KCC Camp"** will be held for the spot scrutiny and in-principle acceptance of applications for processing and sanction of KCC to eligible beneficiaries.
2. State Animal Husbandry Department/ State Fisheries Department will appoint District Nodal Officers respectively for this campaign and both Nodal Officers will regularly coordinate with LDM for the weekly camps in the district.
3. The applications will be sourced by the Nodal officers from eligible farmers for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries activities, through District Veterinary Surgeons, District Fishery Officer, field supervisors of district milk unions and CSC.
4. A KCC Coordination committee will be constituted at district level for scrutiny of sourced applications with the composition as follows:
 - (a) Lead District Manager- Convenor
 - (b) DDM, NABARD - Member
 - (c) District Nodal Officer, Department of Animal Husbandry - Member
 - (d) District Nodal Officer, Department of Fisheries - Member
 - (e) Bank's representatives at District Level -Member

The Coordination Committee will function under the overall supervision of the District Magistrate.

5. During this Campaign **'District level KCC Camp'** will be organized at least once a week.
 - a) A preliminary scrutiny of the applications will be conducted as per the standard checklist and applications found complete in all respects will be accepted by banks with a proper acknowledgement to the applicant.
 - b) Acknowledgement with running number for accepted applications.
 - c) The accepted application forms will be sent to bank branches/ handed over to representatives of Banks concerned, and a record of the same will be maintained at LDM office.
 - d) The concerned Bank branch in the District will process the accepted applications within 15 days of their receipt, as per the extant policy/guidelines.

- e) Logistics and other incidental support for holding the District-level KCC Camp, will be facilitated by the Department of Animal Husbandry (DAH&D, Department of Fisheries (DoF) and District Administration.
- f) Monthly Status of the proposal will be intimated by the bank branches to LDM. The LDM will share the details with the Dist. Magistrate and Nodal Officers for communicating the status to the applicants.
- g) Pending finalization of online portal by DAHD, data on the application submitted during the Camp will be shared on a monthly basis with the and Department of Fisheries.

Action taken

“District-level KCC Camp” has been organized in all the 14 districts for the spot scrutiny and in-principle acceptance of applications for processing and sanction of KCC to eligible beneficiaries in close coordination among District Dairy, Fisheries department and Lead District Managers.

Department of Financial Services vide continued the nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign till 31st July, 2022.

*Department of Financial Services vide letter F.No..3/52/2022-AC dated 14 September,2022 has resumed the nationwide **Fishery KCC** Campaign from 15th September 2022 to 15th March 2023.*

During 137th SLBC meeting LDM Palakkad had informed that in palakkad district the dairy applications are routed to a particular bank as per the instructions from State office hence the actual number of applications is not reflected in the portal. The SLBC convener requested the department to route all the applications to the district level committee.

As per the letter dated 31st March 2023 vide letter F.No. 30035-01/2018-Fy.(T1)(Pt.) from Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, resumption of the Nationwide Fishery KCC campaign from 1st May 2023 to 31st March 2024 has been informed to all the banks.

In the 139th SLBC meeting it was informed to the Department of Fisheries to share the list of beneficiaries of the same so that banks of the state can utilise the same to provide KCC to the eligible persons.

The details of camps conducted as follows;

Details KCC AH Camp Data as on 31.03.2023					
BANK NAME	No of Applications Received	No of Applications Accepted	No of Applications Sanctioned	Pending	Rejected
Bank of Baroda	139	139	67	2	27
Bank of India	142	142	98	0	27
Bank of Maharashtra	8	8	8	0	0
Canara Bank	7345	7335	6936	0	15
Central Bank of India	38	38	23	0	3
Cooperative Bank	717	717	590	9	53
IDBI Bank Ltd.	5	5	0	3	2
Indian Bank	609	609	583	0	16
Indian Overseas Bank	320	320	219	5	18
Punjab National Bank	140	140	90	2	20
State Bank of India	2121	2116	1758	0	95
UCO Bank	37	37	35	0	2
Union Bank of India	597	597	314	68	30
Grand Total	12218	12203	10721	89	308

Details Fisheries AH Camp Data as on 31.03.2023					
BANK NAME	No of Applications Received	No of Applications Accepted	No of Applications Sanctioned	Pending	Rejected
Bank of Baroda	52	48	22	0	15
Bank of India	191	191	70	0	33
Canara Bank	749	744	553	0	77
Central Bank of India	32	31	7	0	14
Cooperative Bank	12	12	2	0	4
IDBI Bank Ltd.	2	2	2	0	0
Indian Bank	110	110	68	0	30
Indian Overseas Bank	287	287	270	3	9
Punjab National Bank	22	22	11	0	7
State Bank of India	790	759	422	0	192
UCO Bank	22	22	18	0	0
Union Bank of India	547	546	461	47	21
Grand Total	2393	2351	1906	50	402

2.1.4 Agenda Suggested by Reserve Bank of India - Enhancing Credit Delivery to Agriculture Logistics and Supply Chain Ecosystem

As per the third advance estimates of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, food grains production estimates in 2019-20 are 3.7 percent higher than the final estimates of the previous year. Rabi procurement is in full flow in respect of oilseeds, pulses and wheat, benefiting from the bumper harvest although some delays are reported owing to transportation and labour issues. Additionally, as per latest information available, kharif season sowing was higher by 44 per cent over last year's acreage. These developments will support farm incomes, improve the terms of trade facing the farm sector and strengthen food security for the country.

2. In this context, there is a need for taking full advantage of the bumper harvest and increase in net sown area in the ongoing crop cycle by enhancing the investment credit provided to agriculture logistics and supply chain sector through enhanced lending against Warehouse Receipts (WRs), including Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (NWRs) and electronic NWRs, and promoting agriculture infrastructure investment as is provided under the PSL guidelines.

3. The Prime Minister's Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan Stimulus Package, *inter alia* includes, setting up of ₹. 1 lakh crore agri infrastructure fund to strengthen the farm gate infrastructure wherein the prime focus is on development of post-harvest infrastructure including development of warehouse, silos, storage and grading units, cold chains, logistic facilities, supply chain services etc. Guidelines on this have been issued by the Govt. of India.

4. Accordingly, lending for augmenting the farm gate and supply chain infrastructure, including against WRs/ NWRs/ e-NWRs may be included as one of the key action points in your current Annual Credit Plan/ District Credit Plan.

Action Taken

131stSLBC opined that all banks have schemes for financing under negotiable ware house receipt and requested the Banks to popularize the same in the Kerala State and informed LDMs to include the same as one of the Key point in the Annual Credit Plan/District credit plan.

Regarding Agri Infrastructure Fund, Banks are extending maximum support and SLMC meetings and DLMC meetings are monitoring the progress of the scheme. In the Agriculture sub-committee held on 15.07.2021, Special officer monitoring Agri Infrastructure fund had explained the scheme in detail and discussed about various other Central Sector Schemes that can be considered along with Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.

In 134th SLBC meeting, Regional Director, RBI informed banks to ensure the adequate lending under warehouse receipt and negotiable warehouse receipt, since the priority sector lending limit under these two instruments have been enhanced from 50 lakhs to 75 lakhs per borrower. Credit limit other than warehouse receipt shall be continuing with existing 50 lakhs. This policy change should be note by member banks and the progress report in lending should be submitted on time.

In 135th SLBC forum noted that WRDA (Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority of India) is implementing the electronic negotiable warehouse receipt system, which would help farmers to avail loans from Banks by pledging negotiable warehouse receipts. The registration process shall be online and contactless but one major concern is that only 10% of the Storage godown is registered with WDRA. Banks may encourage the warehouses to register with WDRA and loan against shall be promoted. From 2021, with the availability of e-NWR the limit of loan has been increased to 75.00 lacs from 50.00 lacs.

During 136th SLBC Chief Secretary has suggested the government department to encourage godowns to get registered under WDRA so that the farm produce can be stored and distress sale can be avoided.

SLRM 2022 forum has suggested that whenever new godowns are being financed by the banks, they may be encouraged to register with WRDA so that they can issue e-warehouse

receipt and against which banks can finance produce loan. Banks may encourage the field officers to assess the requirement of private godowns and logistic requirement in the state.

DFS vide letter F.No.3/67/2022-AC dated 17.01.2023 had instructed the following;

Subject: Inclusion of Pledge financing for agriculture commodities through electronic-Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (e-NWR) as an agenda in SLBC meetings.

Sir,

As you may be aware, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) has been established under the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007 for setting up a negotiable warehouse receipt system in the country, making Negotiable Warehouse Receipt (NWR) a prime tool of trade and regulation of warehouses.

2. e-NWR can facilitate easy pledge financing by banks and other financial institutions. e-NWR also helps to save expenditure in logistics as stocks can be traded through multiple buyers without physical movement and can be even split for partial transfer or withdrawal. e-NWRs promote scientific warehousing for storage of agricultural goods and commodities.

3. In a recent meeting with Department of Food and Public Distribution, it was decided that the outreach of pledge finance through e-NWRs should be increased.

4. Therefore, all the SLBC conveners are requested to include pledge financing through e-NWRs as a permanent agenda item in the SLBC meetings.

3.1.5 Agenda Suggested by Director Agriculture

3.1.5.1

1. Credit under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF).

AIF is a Central Sector Scheme meant for setting up storage and processing facilities to support farmers, PACS, FPOs, Agri-entrepreneurs in building community farming assets and post harvest agriculture infrastructure.

AIF is a medium-long term financing facility for investment in viable projects for post harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and credit guarantee. The duration of the scheme for 10 years. It provides credit guarantee coverage for Micro and Small enterprises for loans upto Rs.2 crore.

Almost all Nationalised Banks are participating in the scheme. Hence all banks are requested to extend credit facilities to the beneficiaries under the scheme for smooth functioning of the scheme.

The main features of the scheme are as under;

- Convergence with all schemes of central or state government.
- Online single window facility in collaboration with participating lending institutions.
- Project Management Unit to provide handholding support for projects including project preparation.
- Size of the financing facility – ₹ 1 lakh Crore.

- Credit Guarantee for loans up to ₹ 2 Crore.
- Interest subvention of 3% p.a., limited to ₹ 2 crore per project in one location, though loan amount can be higher.

Performance of Banks under AIF Scheme

(Amount in Lakhs)

Bank Name	Approved		Disbursed		Sanctioned	
	Nos.	Amount	Nos.	Amount	Nos.	Amount
STATE BANK OF INDIA	69	2885	205	5774	274	9458
Canara Bank	8	508	214	3662	222	5593
The Federal Bank Ltd	4	341	34	2548	38	3315
HDFC Bank	8	12	6	952	14	2175
Union Bank of India	0	0	26	477	26	849
UCO Bank	4	285	20	434	24	831
Punjab National Bank	3	72	11	442	14	747
Bank Of India	1	26	34	579	35	731
Bank Of Baroda	2	36	34	664	36	725
Kotak Mahindra Bank	0	0	2	251	2	400
Indian Bank	1	19	10	299	11	359
South Indian Bank	0	0	5	235	5	262
Axis Bank	1	15	1	191	2	206
KGB	2	24	12	149	14	189
IDBI BANK LTD	0	0	2	176	2	176
Indian Overseas Bank	1	3	7	150	8	158
Karur Vysya Bank	0	0	2	52	2	112
Central Bank Of India	1	40	2	29	3	81
Bank of Maharashtra	0	0	1	7.5	1	12
CSB Bank Ltd	0	0	0	0	0	0
DCB Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd	0	0	0	0	0	0
ICICI Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0
J&K Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	105	4265	628	17071.5	733	26379

The agenda item may be pursued further.

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying vide letter R/6/2021-NLM-DADF dated 28th January, 2022 has advised about funding of projects under AHIDF Scheme of DAHD, GoI.

R/6/2021-NLM-DADF
Government of India
Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 28th January, 2022

To

**The Conveners
State Level Bankers' Committees
All States/ UTs**

Subject: Funding of projects under AHIDF Scheme of DAHD, GoI

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am directed to say that the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India is implementing Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund scheme, announced under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The scheme is being implemented since 2020-21. The GOI has announced a fund of Rs. 15,000 crore as stimulus package for funding by scheduled banks for eligible projects set up by individual entrepreneurs, Farmers Producer Organizations, Private Companies, MSMEs and Section 8 companies for their investment for processing and value addition in animal husbandry sector. Under the scheme, credit facilities are to be made available for establishment of:

- (a) Dairy processing & value addition infrastructure,
- (b) Meat processing & value addition infrastructure,
- (c) Establishment of animal feed plant and
- (d) Breed improvement technology and Breed Multiplication farm.

A copy each of the Scheme guidelines and SOPs is attached for your ready reference.

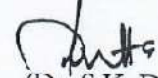
2. Also, recently it was decided that the applicants who have already who have received sanction for term loan by the Banks/ Lending Institution before or after the date of notification of scheme guidelines and Eligible Entity as per the AHIDF guidelines can also avail benefit under AHIDF provided project has not commercially operationalized prior to or after the date of notification of scheme. However, the Interest subvention in such case will be calculated after 24.06.2020, the date on which the scheme got approval. In the regards, please find attached D.O. letter F.No. R-43023/1/2019-NLM-DADF dated December 21, 2021 along with a copy of the proceedings of Project Sanctioning Committee held on September 30, 2021 for your reference and necessary action.

3. Since, the Banks are the most crucial stakeholders in achieving the objectives of the Scheme, therefore, support in the matter from the banks are solicited. It is also requested to include the **'Status of funding of projects under AHIDF Scheme of DAHD, GoI'** in as an agenda item for SLBC meetings. The Banks in your state may be asked to furnish data of such funding. This will impart a strong impetus to the Scheme in your state.

4. It is also requested to kindly provide a slot of 10-15 minutes in the next SLBC meeting to enable us to make a presentation on the AHIDF Fund Scheme to the participants of the meeting and encourage banks to fund more projects under the Scheme. Alternatively, we can also organize a webinar for SLBC constituents for the purpose. Kindly let us know in this regard.

5. We would also like to apprise you that Grant Thornton Bharat LLP is working as Program Management Agency (PMA) for AHIDF Scheme. The Grant Thornton PMA team will be in touch with you for follow-up and the banks for the Scheme related matters.

Yours Sincerely,



(Dr. S.K. Dutta)

Joint Commissioner (AH)

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

Directorate of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare

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No:ADFW/1077/2022-TP4

Date:04/03/2022

From

Director of Agriculture

To

The Convenor
SLBC, Kerala

Sir,

Sub:- Agriculture Department -Additional agenda of PM KISAN- Direct refund of Assistance transferred to ineligible beneficiaries - reg

Ref:- 1)Letter no Agri-PA2/19/2022-Agri dated 03/03/2022 of Agriculture (Planning A) Department

As per reference cited it has been directed from Government to include a new agenda in the upcoming 136th SLBC viz.**Direct refund of PM-KISAN Assistance released from the bank accounts of ineligible beneficiaries**

PM KISAN is completing 3 years in the state. Currently 37.2 lakhs registered beneficiaries in the scheme. For the past 3 years the scheme has actually transferred Rs.5600 crores to registered beneficiaries to their bank accounts directly. After continuous combing of the database by State and Central Government it has been found 30416 nos of ineligible beneficiaries.

The Central Government insists that the fund provided to the ineligible and income tax payees should be recovered in full and should be refunded to PMKISAN. The details of ineligible beneficiaries, the amount to be recovered from them as per portal values are listed below.

Sl.No	Refund Category (12/01/2022)	Total no.of farmers for refunding	Refund paid by the farmers (Nos)	Amount to be recovered(Rs)	Amount recovered (Rs)
1	Ineligible	9,398	283	12,24,46,000	21,12,000
2	Income Tax payees	21018	1,907	18,80,70,000	1,90,74,000
	Total	30,416	2,190	31,05,16,000	2,11,86,000

Though we are receiving refunds the process is slow. Central Government is giving much importance to this process and noted this slow rate of refund. Considering this, PMKISAN, Government of India has suggested the State to instruct the banks through SLBC to go for refund directly from the bank accounts of ineligible beneficiaries.

Hence it is requested that the proposal for Direct refund of PM-KISAN Assistance released from the bank accounts of ineligible beneficiaries may urgently be included in the agenda of the next (136 th SLBC).

Yours faithfully,

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ADDL. Secy. (FWS) (13/2)
Department of Agriculture
Food & Nutrition, Government of India

Department of Financial Services has advised SLBC to comply with the instructions given in the SOP of DA & FW and act in close coordination with the State Nodal officer of PM KISAN.

F. No. 3/8/2022 – AC
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services

3rd Floor, Jeevandeep Building
Parliament Street, New Delhi
Dated the 4 April, 2022

To
All SLBCs,

Subject: Recovery of benefits passed on to ineligible beneficiaries under PM-KISAN Scheme

Sir / Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a D.O. No. 13-2/2020-FWS dated 17.02.2022 received from Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) on the subject cited above.

2. Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, GoI. has prepared a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for recovery of benefits passed on to ineligible/ income-tax payee/ death cases etc and has circulated it to the States/UTs for compliance, with the involvement of banks (SLBCs) and field officers of the State. MoA&FW is of the considered view that with active involvement of SLBCs, the pace of recovery can be expedited.

3. SLBCs are therefore, requested to comply with instructions given in the SOP of DA&FW and act in close coordination with the State Nodal Officers of PM-KISAN and help in realization of funds transferred to the ineligible beneficiaries under PM-KISAN Scheme.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully



(Chandragupta Shaurya)
Under Secretary (AC)
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Tel. No. 23747189

SLBC has shared the list of ineligible beneficiaries and Standard Operating procedure for refund of money which has been credited to incorrect/ineligible beneficiaries under PM-KISAN Scheme.

F.No. 1-6/2019-FWS
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & Farmers Welfare
(Farmers Welfare-II Section)

Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi.

Dated, the 2nd June, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for refund of money, which has been credited to incorrect/ineligible beneficiaries under PM-KISAN Scheme – reg.

In connection with above mentioned subject, the undersigned is directed to forward herewith a final copy of approved Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for compliance and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



(Sowmya Srikanth)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
E-mail : s.srikanth@nic.in

During LDM Trivandrum has informed that the banks have kept the amount on hold by marking the line in many of the accounts but are unclear about the account to which it is to be credited. In the 139th SLBC meeting, it was informed from the Department of the Agriculture that the SOP has been finalized the same will be shared. The directorate of Agriculture shall update the status. The SLBC cell is yet to receive the same.

3.1.5.3. Agenda suggested by NABARD – ACP

Department of Financial Services, GoI vide notification dated 04 July 2022 has fixed the Agency wise Agriculture credit target for 2022-23. The target fixed for Kerala for the year is Rs.1,17,770.73 crore. However, from the ACP target fixed for 2022-23, it is observed the target for GLC target for agriculture for the year is Rs.85,313 crore, which is lesser by Rs.32,457 crore. As the target fixed for the year is less than the DFS allocation, SLBC may consider reallocating the targets among the banks.

DFS has informed that in case the targets under Annual Credit Plans 2022-23 (ACPs) are higher than the allocation, the higher target shall be considered for implementation and monitoring.

138th SLBC forum has noted that the target fixed under ACP was Rs.32457 Crore less than the target fixed by DFS. Convenor replied that the process of fixing the Annual Credit Plan will start from October month of preceding year itself and while preparing the ACP, LDMs are considering Potential Linked Plan prepared by the DDMs of NABARD as reference line.

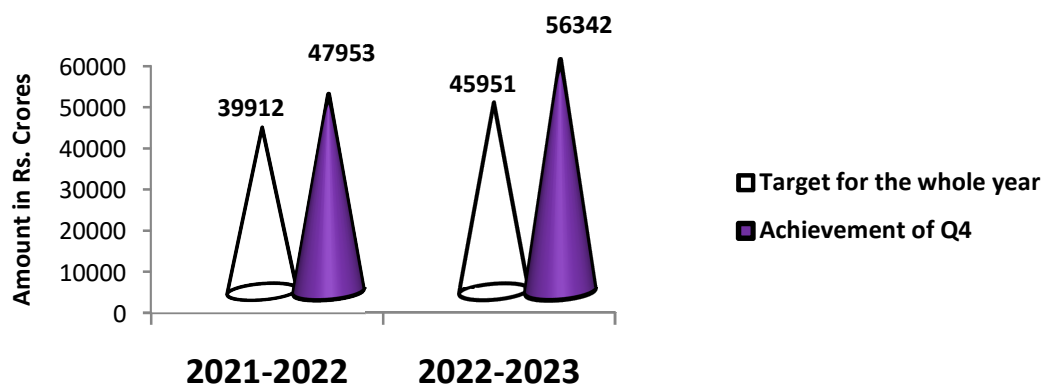
The loan disbursement under primary sector has already surpassed the target and ACP achievement in the State of Kerala is in line with the target allotted by DFS.

Taken into consideration the above discussions the ACP for the FY 23-24 has been finalized.

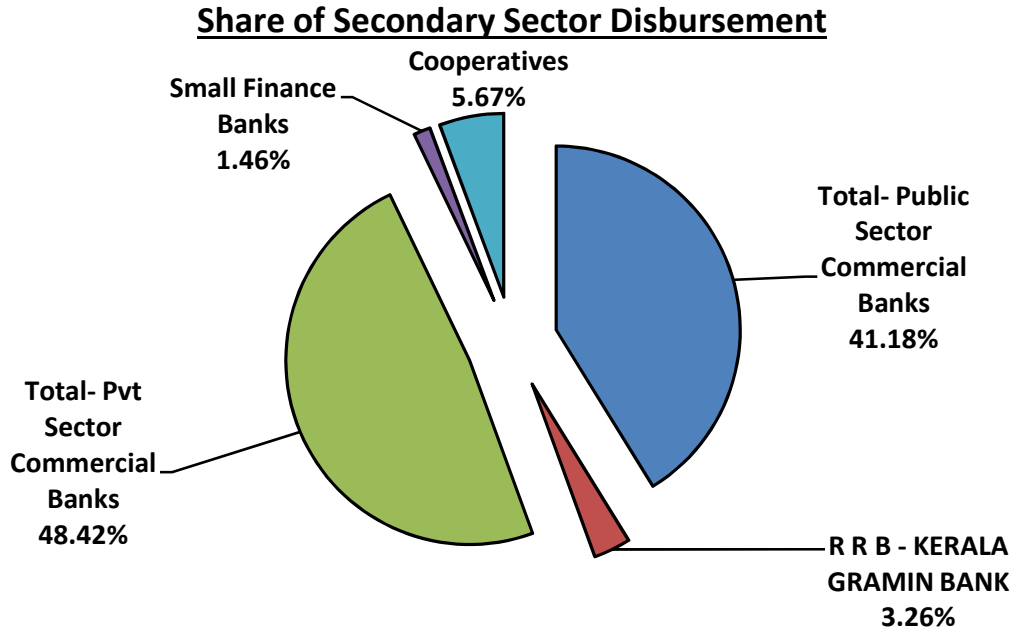
4. ISSUES FOR GROUP DISCUSSION ON SECONDARY SECTOR & GOVERNMENT SPONORED SCHEMES(GROUP II)

Performance under Secondary Sector (Rs. in Crores)

Parameter	2021-2022	2022-2023
Target for the whole year	39912	45951
Achievement of Q4	47953	56342
% achievement for Q4	120%	123%



Banking GroupWise Performance under Secondary Sector

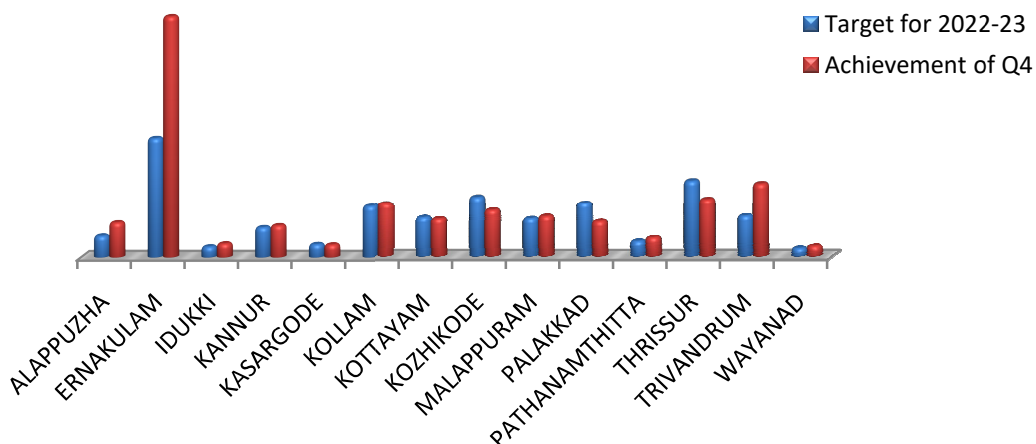


District wise Performance under Secondary Sector

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	District	Target for 2022-23	Achievement of Q4	% Achievement
1	ALAPPUZHA	1710	2769	162%
2	ERNAKULAM	9452	19131	202%
3	IDUKKI	849	1088	128%
4	KANNUR	2383	2535	106%
5	KASARGODE	1037	1005	97%
6	KOLLAM	4101	4250	104%
7	KOTTAYAM	3125	3017	97%
8	KOZHIKODE	4778	3726	78%
9	MALAPPURAM	3037	3218	106%
10	PALAKKAD	4299	2816	66%
11	PATHANAMTHITTA	1229	1517	123%
12	THRISSUR	6040	4605	76%
13	TRIVANDRUM	3250	5825	179%
14	WAYANAD	660	839	127%
TOTAL		45951	56342	123%

Secondary Sector Target Vs Achievement



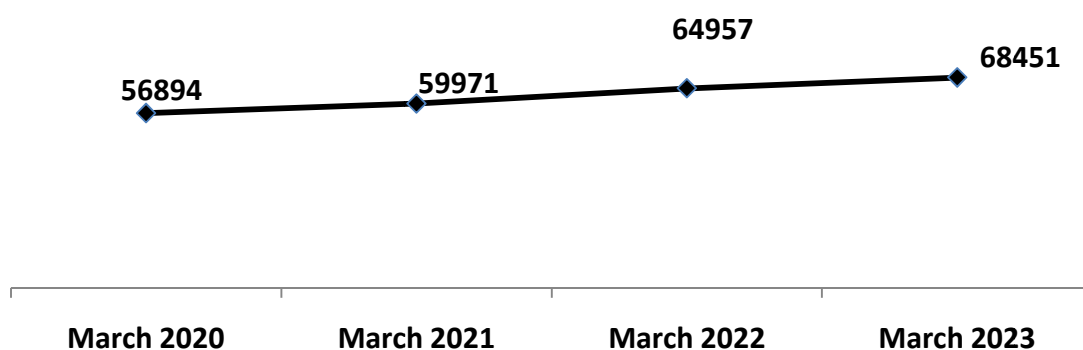
Growth in MSME Advances

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises are now part of the Priority Sector (MSME).

(Rs. in Crores)

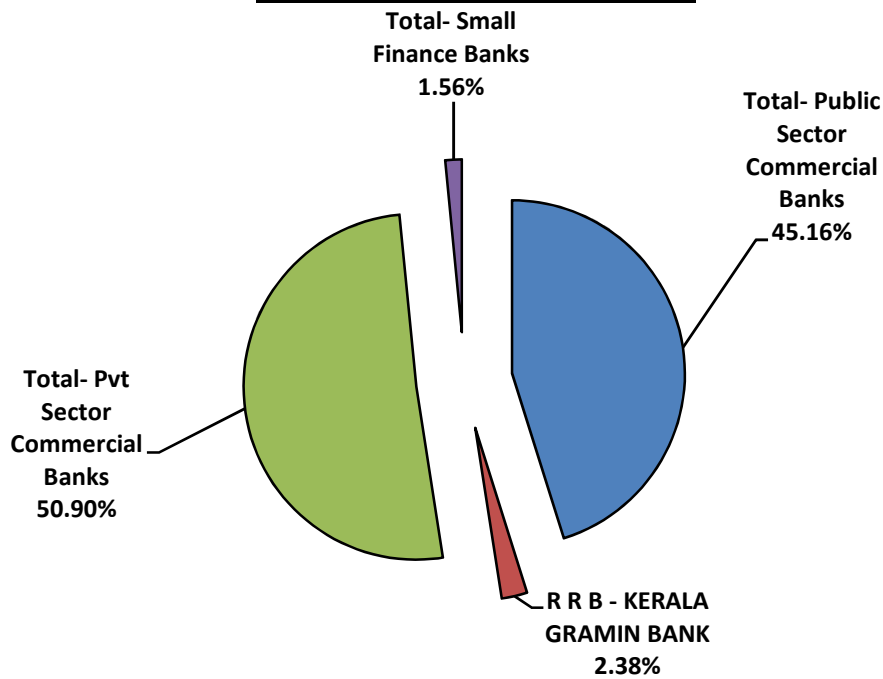
MSME Advances over the years			
March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023
56894	59971	64957	68451

MSME Advances



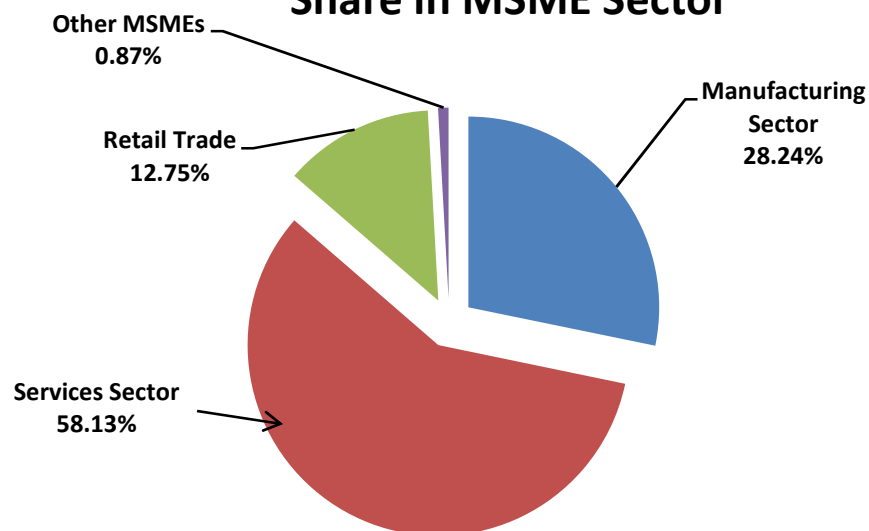
Banking Group wise Growth in MSME (Priority) – Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

Share in MSME Sector



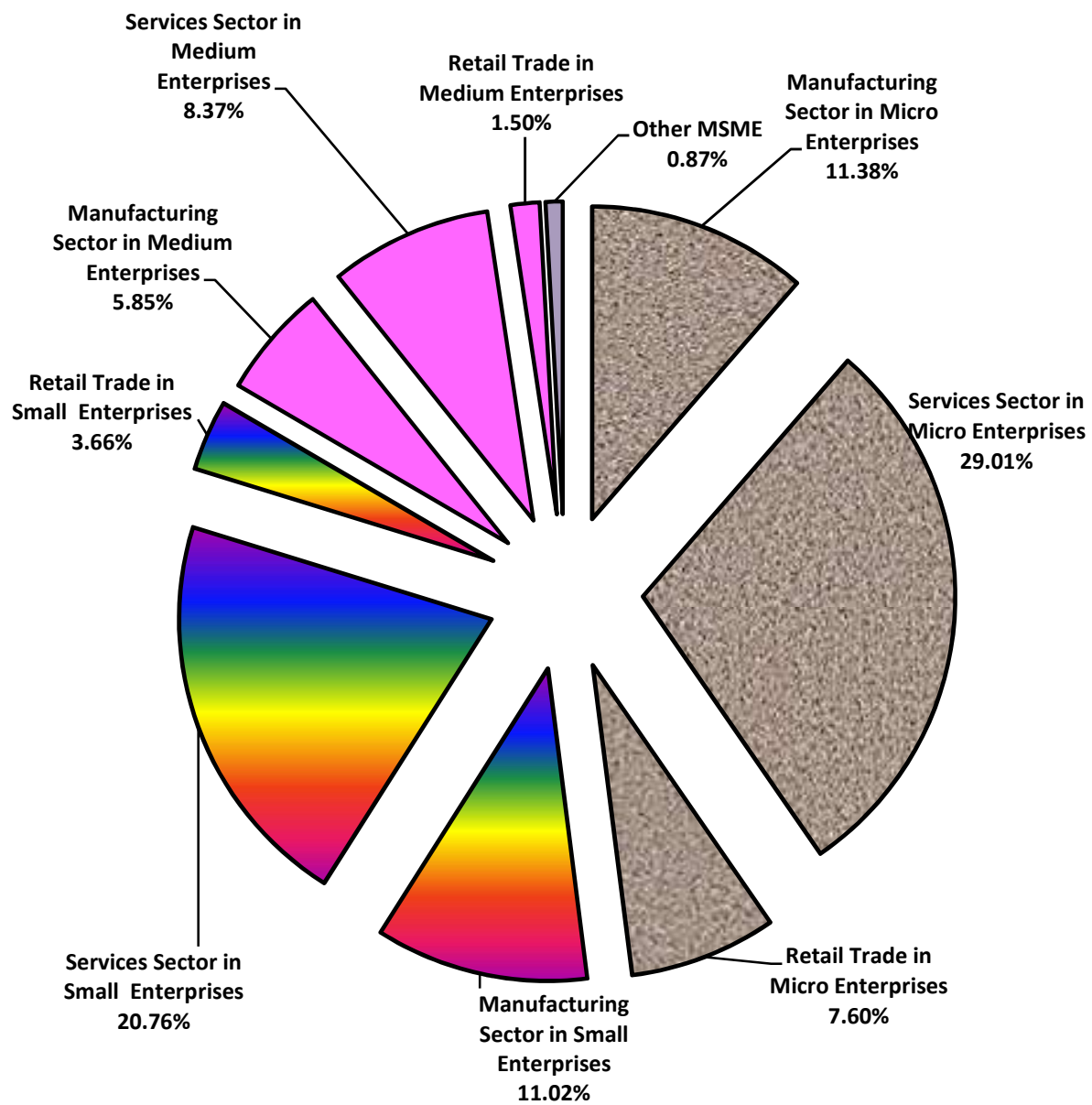
Sector wise classification of MSME

Share in MSME Sector



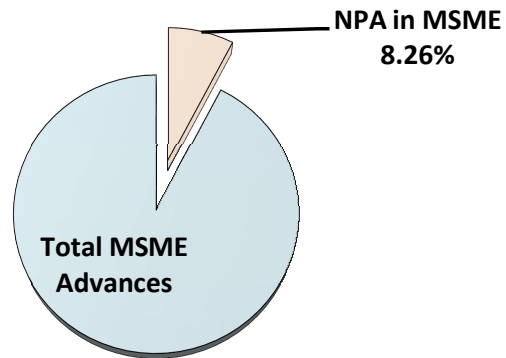
Sector wise performance under MSME

% Share of sub sectors in MSME

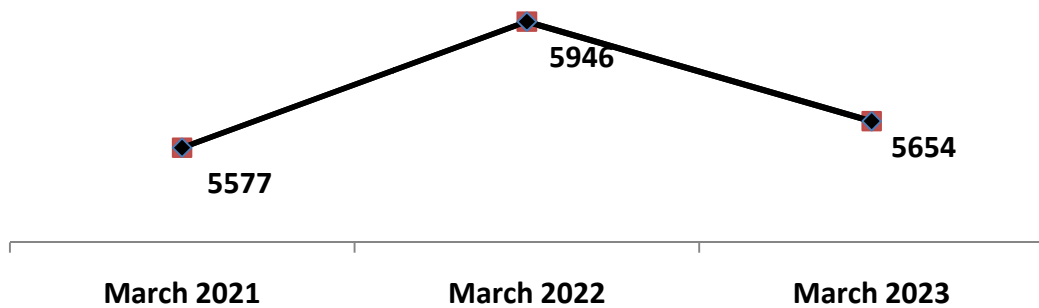


% Share of NPA in MSME Advances

Share of MSME NPA



Gross NPA in MSME Loan

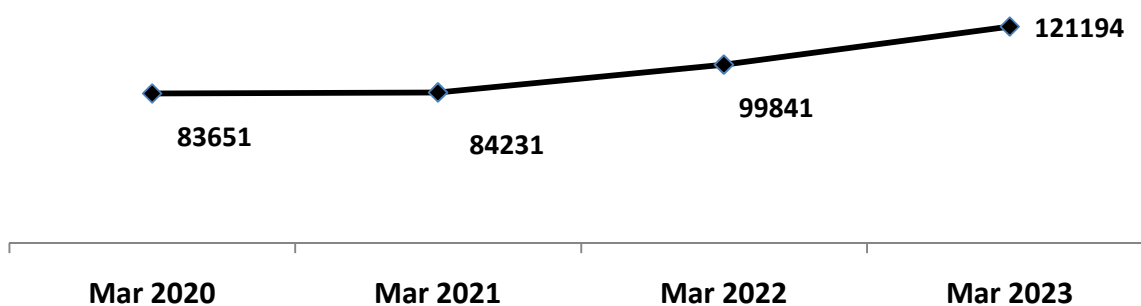


Advances to Weaker Section (Refer Annexure 10.9)

(Rs. in Crores)

Weaker Section Advances over the years			
Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	Mar 2023
83651	84231	99841	121194

Weaker Section Advances

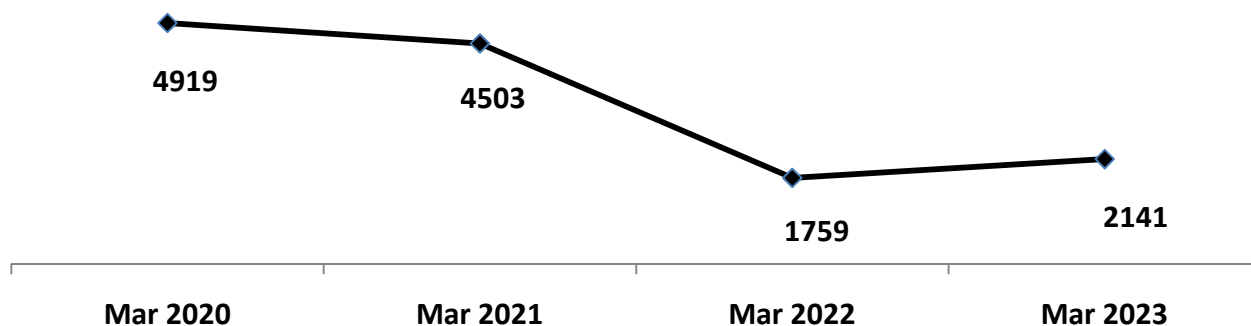


Advances to SC/STs (Refer Annexure 10.9)

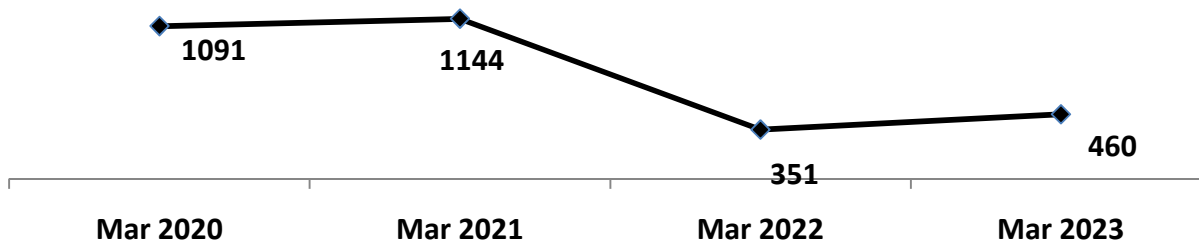
(Rs. in Crores)

Parameter	Outstanding			
	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	Mar 2023
SC Advances	4919	4503	1759	2141
ST Advances	1091	1144	351	460
Total SC/ST Advances	6010	5647	2110	2602

SC Advances



ST Advances

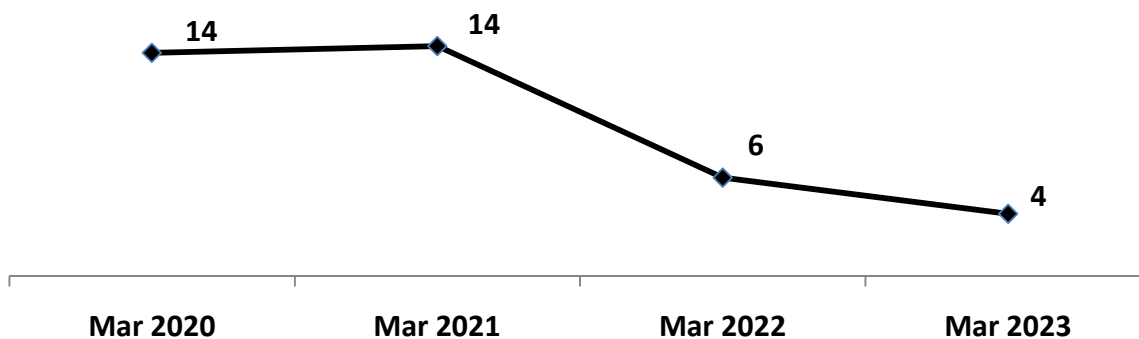


DRI Advances (Refer Annexure 10.10)

(Rs. in Crores)

Parameter	Outstanding			
	Mar 2020	Mar 2021	Mar 2022	Mar 2023
DRI Advances	14	14	6	4

DRI Advances



Credit Flow to Minority Communities (Refer Annexure 10.15 *****)

As per RBI directions, credit flow to minorities in specified districts should be reviewed in all SLBC meetings. At present all the districts in the State of Kerala are notified for reporting under this head. The comparative position with regard to the previous year is given below.

Data on Minority Sector Advances in the State of Kerala

(Rs. in Crores)

As on	Total Priority Sector Advances (including Co-op. Banks)	Minority Sector Advances	Percentage
31.03.2019	206718	104380	51
30.06.2019	203434	91918	50
30.09.2019	209449	100627	45
31.12.2019	210679	94127	48
31.03.2020	214016	150250	45
30.06.2020	206750	98250	70
30.09.2020	213787	104882	48
31.12.2020	216908	104903	48
31.03.2021	220212	115166	52
30.06.2021	216622	121224	56
30.09.2021	223616	133544	60
31.12.2021	225870	121486	54
31.03.2022	237898	134414	57
30.06.2022	243712	108754	45
30.09.2022	244991	106292	43
31.12.2022	250511	114321	46
31.03.2023	258194	124701	48

Total Outstanding Under MUDRA Loans (PMMY) as at March 2023

(Refer Annexure 10.30)

(Rs. in Crores)

Banking Group	Of Total outstanding under MUDRA loans							
	SHISHU		KISHORE		TARUN		Total MUDRA Loans	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Total- Public Sector Commercial Banks	137832	368	168718	2718	45603	2750	352153	5836
R R B - KERALA GRAMIN BANK	39561	128	106894	1484	13660	810	160115	2421
Total- Pvt Sector Commercial Banks	586304	1114	235652	1318	11212	490	833168	2922
Total- Small Finance Banks	454159	1307	374743	2293	85	5	828987	3605
Total - Comm.Banks + RRB + SFB	1217856	2917	886007	7813	70560	4054	2174423	14784

Loan Outstanding under Stand up India Programme as at March 2023 (Refer Annexure 10.34)

(Rs. in Crores)

Stand up India				
Banking Group	Women		SC/ST	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Total- Public Sector Commercial Banks	2288	283	540	53
R R B - KERALA GRAMIN BANK	1574	299	28	2.27
Total- Pvt Sector Commercial Banks	416	58	41	8
Total- Small Finance Banks	0	0	0	0
Total - Comm.Banks + RRB + SFB	4278	639	609	62

Loan Outstanding under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana as at March 2023 (Refer Annexure 10.33)

Rs. in Crores)

Banking Group	PMAY Scheme- URBAN		PMAY Scheme- GRAMIN		PMAY Scheme	
	A/cs	Amount	A/cs	Amount	A/cs	Amount
Total- Public Sector Commercial Banks	13413	1300	0	0	13413	1300
R R B - KERALA GRAMIN BANK	3542	139	0	0	3542	139
Total- Pvt Sector Commercial Banks	654	62	0	0.00	654	62
Total- Small Finance Banks	59	4	0	0	59	4
Total - Comm.Banks + RRB + SFB	17668	1505	0	0	17668	1505

Cumulative enrollment under Pradhan Mantri Jan Suraksha Yojana as at March 2023 (Refer Annexure 10.31)

Banking Group	PMJJBY	PMSBY	APY	Total No.
Total- Public Sector Commercial Banks	1729319	7175587	620124	9525030
R R B - KERALA GRAMIN BANK	127100	759499	143075	1029674
Total- Pvt Sector Commercial Banks	47798	144340	101930	294068
Total- Small Finance Banks	0	0	28263	28263
Co-operative Banks	34899	258721	7441	301061
State Total	1939116	8338147	900833	11178096

4.2 Pending Issues in Secondary Sector

4.2.1 Agenda Suggested by the Director of Industries and Commerce – Review of MSME Schemes part of Atmanirbhar Bharat

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 Bank wise and district wise data

During SLRM 2022, Chief Secretary advised bankers to reduce paperwork and time consuming process in sanctioning of credit and to use Aadhar based authentication, digital services of Government of Kerala to provide hassle free loans and other services.

Additional Chief Secretary Sri. Biswanath Sinha IAS stated that they are in collaboration with NeSGD to bring all data into a single platform. The data required by the banking community for extending credit may be made available in the portal. They would invite the representatives from banks to give their requirements for implementing the unified portal, check possibility of data sharing and submit to the committee for sharing of data of Unified platform.

Review of Performance under ECLGS

ECLGS Data as on 31.03.2023				(Amt. In Crores)	
	No. of eligible customers	Sanctioned		Disbursed	
		A/cs	Amt.	A/cs	Amt.
Total- Public Sector Commercial Banks	167615	132123	3349.46	110774	2837.97
R R B - KERALA GRAMIN BANK	35568	2515	27.69	2515	27.69
Total- Pvt Sector Commercial Banks	48104	25235	5779.17	21846	5311.90
Total- Small Finance Banks	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Co-operative Banks	0	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total - Banking Sector	251287	159873	9156.32	135135	8177.56

Review of Performance under PMFME Scheme

BANK NAME	Total Number	Sanctioned	Rejected	Pending
CANARA BANK	417	308	105	4
STATE BANK OF INDIA	384	210	158	16
UNION BANK OF INDIA	223	107	65	51
KERALA GRAMIN BANK	184	87	38	59
FEDERAL BANK	159	55	36	68
BANK OF BARODA	65	39	23	3
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK	63	36	12	15
INDIAN BANK	53	35	12	6
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA	43	28	13	2
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	32	22	8	2
UCO BANK	20	14	6	
BANK OF INDIA	29	13	12	4
THE WAYANAD DIST CO-OP BANK LT	18	12		6
IDUKKI DISTRICT CO OPERATIVE BANK	19	10	7	2
DHANALAKSHMI BANK	10	6	1	3
The Kerala State Co Operative Bank Ltd	8	6		2
SOUTH INDIAN BANK	64	4	23	37
IDBI BANK	8	3	2	3
HDFC BANK	12	2	1	9
BANK OF MAHARASHTRA	1	1		
KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED	2	1	1	
KARUR VYSYA BANK	1	1		
THRISSUR DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE	3	1		2
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED	1		1	
ESAF SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED	6		2	4
ICICI BANK LIMITED	3		2	1
CSB BANK LIMITED	5		1	4
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED	1		1	
KOZHIKODE DISTRICT COOPERATIVE	1	0	0	1
THE KOLLAM DISTRICT COOP BANK LTD	1	0	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	1836	1001	530	305

4.2.2 Agenda suggested by KVIC - Review of PMEGP

Agenda Note On Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)

PMEGP is an important flagship scheme of the ministry of MSME and provides self employment to rural and urban youth through establishment of micro enterprises in the non farm sector by assisting traditional artisans and unemployed youth in rural as well as urban areas. It is advised by the Department of Financial Services to take up the matter all banks and examine the issue of high rejection of application under PMEGP by banks and take appropriate action.

Target and performance for the FY 2022-23

Under PMEGP Basic Scheme		Under PMEGP 2 nd Loan		Total State Target	
No.of Projects (Nos)	2398	No. of Projects	26	Total No. of Projects	2151
MarginMoney (Rs.in lakhs)	6954.00	Margin Money (Rs.in lakhs)	253.21	Margin Money (Rs.in lakhs)	6244.20
Employment (Nos)	19184	Employment (Nos)	208	Employment (Nos)	17208

Achievements as on 31.03.2023

No.of Projects (Nos)	3129	146%
Margin Money (Rs.in lakhs)	7330.18	117.39%
Employment (Nos)	29776	174%

Performance during 2022-23 as per PMEGP portal (as on 31-03-2023)

Agency	Proposals forwarded to banks(nos.)	Sanction position(nos.)	Sanction position MM Involved (in lakhs)	M.M. claimed (nos.)	M.M. Disbursed (in lakhs)	No. of proposals pending with banks For decision
DIC	8484	5167	10956.57	3047	5298.19	767
KVIB	1294	605	2108.41	337	1141.93	154
KVIC	980	390	1113.11	306	812.93	129
Coir	43	28	97.45	26	56.22	10
Total	10801	6190	14275.54	3716	7309.27	1060

Achievement in Terms of Number of Projects: 291%

Achievement in Terms of M.M involved for sanctioned projects: 238.28%

Achievement in Terms of disbursement of M.M grant: 117%

The year wise total pendency of projects with banks as on 09-02-2023 is given below:

Year	No. of proposals pending with banks for decision	M.M. Involved (in lakhs)
2020-21	89	206.36
2021-22	49	118.05
2022-23	1060	2950.83
Total	1198	3275.24

A time bound decision from banks is most important in achieving the target. If the proposals found to be not viable/not feasible, the bank has to return the same through PMEGP portal with valid reasons.

As per portal it is also seen that 1883 sanctioned loans are pending to claim MM by the banks.

Year 2022-23

Category	No. of applications forwarded	M.M. involved (in lakhs)	Pending for decision	M.M. involved (in lakhs)
S.C	1070	2242.56	546	1211.80
S.T	122	211.06	92	153.22
Total	1192	2453.62	638	1365.02

The data shown above indicates that, the performance under SC and S.T category is far behind the desired target. The banks have to consider the proposals of the above category for sanction of loan so as to achieve the stipulated target.

D) Tentative M.M. Target for the FY 2023-24

Under PMEGP 1st Loan Scheme		Under PMEGP 2nd Loan		Total State Target	
No.of Projects (Nos)	2398	No. of Projects	26	Total No. of Projects	2424
Margin Money (Rs.in lakhs)	6954.00	Margin Money (Rs.in lakhs)	253.21	Margin Money (Rs.in lakhs)	7207.21
Employment (Nos)	19184	Employment (Nos)	208	Employment (Nos)	19392

In view of the closure of the financial year, banks have to ensure that, the sanction updated in portal is considered for loan disbursement after undergoing the EDP and subsequently to claim the M.M. grant without delay.

The bank wise pendency during 2022-23 as on 09-02-2023 is annexed at TableNo.2

Sl. No.	Name of Bank	Pending at bank	
		No of Prj.	MM Involve (In Lakh)
1	UNION BANK OF INDIA	228	592.84
2	FEDERAL BANK	156	474.97
3	KERALA GRAMIN BANK	128	347.51
4	SOUTH INDIAN BANK	117	344.20
5	BANK OF BARODA	105	301.05
6	THE KERALA STATE CO OPERATIVE BANK LTD	89	220.00
7	CATHOLIC SYRIAN BANK LTD	47	100.65
8	INDIAN BANK	37	101.73
9	HDFC BANK	26	78.43
10	DHANALAKSHMI BANK LTD	25	74.17
11	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK	21	55.85
12	CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA	17	31.81
13	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	11	46.03
14	AXIS BANK LTD	9	28.32
15	BANK OF INDIA	9	51.77
16	IDBI BANK	6	9.19
17	CITY UNION BANK LIMITED	5	30.86
18	BANK OF MAHARASHTRA	4	13.56
19	IDUKKI DISTRICT COOPERATIVE ERATIVE BANK LTD	3	12.51
20	INDUSIND BANK	3	6.28
21	KOZHIKODE DISTRICT COOPERATIVE BANK LTD	3	5.74
22	ICICI BANK LIMITED	2	5.06
23	CANARA BANK	1	2.58
24	KARNATAKA BANK LTD	1	1.03
25	KARUR VYSYA BANK	1	0.81
26	KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD	1	1.75
27	STATE BANK OF INDIA	1	3.50
28	THRISSUR DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD	1	1.23
29	Total	1057	2943.43

The performance of the PMEGP programme is reviewed in DLRC's, SLBC and meetings conducted by the RBI.

II) Referred Back M.M. claims

The PMEGP portal shows **1054 referred back M.M. claims** involving M.M. grant of **Rs.23.68Cr**s (up to May 2023) which are either available with implementing agencies / banks to clear the short comings notified by the central processing cell. Clearing the referred back M.M. claims is to be

attended on priority to consider disbursement of M.M. grant. Wherever, banks role is involved, branches have to take time bound action. The implementing agencies also responsible to clear the referred back M.M. claims. Majority of the referred back M.M. claims are belongs to DIC (912 nos.).

Reasons for referred back M.M. claims are given below.

1. Loan disbursement statement to be uploaded with the name of the beneficiary and signature of Branch manager with seal. The statement has to show disbursement of loan more than the eligible Margin Money.
2. Signboard as per PMEGP norms to be uploaded - The bilingual format of the signboard is available in the last page of the revised PMEGP guidelines. The photograph of the signboard with beneficiary put up in front of the PMEGP unit is to be uploaded.
3. EDP certificate to be uploaded.

❖ **Aadhar validation**

This is a very recent validation process incorporated in the PMEGP portal as per the instructions from the Ministry of MSME. The details of the Aadhar have to match exactly with particulars filled in the PMEGP application. In cases of sanctioned applications, the data can be changed/validated by the concerned sponsoring agency. The bank will be permitted by the portal to upload the Margin Money claims only after the data matches with Aadhar wherever discrepancies occurs. In case the bank unable to upload the M.M. claim due to mismatch in Aadhar credentials, the implementing agency has to update correct Aadhar credentials with the provision incorporated in PMEGP portal.

III) EDP Training

Sanction to be confirmed by the bank before the applicant attends the EDP training; in few cases, sanction is noted to be revoked at later stage which in turn affects the payment of online EDP training by KVIC.

Also, as per the revised guidelines, number of days of EDP training depends on project cost approved by bank. For projects costing up to Rs.2.00 lakhs EDP is optional. For projects upto Rs.5.00 lakhs duration of EDP is 5 days and above Rs.5.00 lakhs duration is 10 days.

IV) PMEGP National Award

Nominations for PMEGP National awards are invited from eligible beneficiaries. A new provision is introduced where the turn over certificate can be issued by the bank in a specific format instead from chartered accountant. More nominations are expected by availing this provision and more applications can be

uploaded from the State of Kerala. The change in this regard has been intimated to all implementing agencies and SLBC.

V) Processing of online physical verification reports

The physical verification (P.V) reports received through the portal are to be processed by the respective implementing agencies. The Dte.of PMEGP has observed some lacunas in processing the P.Vreports by the I.A'S. All I.A'S have to accord due diligence in processing the P.V reports by observing the PMEGP guidelines. The P.V reports available with I.A'S are to be attended time bound so as to ensure timely adjustment of Margin Money grant. Where ever, recovery is suggested by the I.A;S, banks have to refund the M.M. grant through e challan facility made available in the portal.

4.3.3 Agenda suggested by Reserve Bank of India

1. Bringing Kerala State Government PSUs into TrEDS Platform

It is observed that many enterprises selling their products to Kerala State Government PSUs are facing a 30–45-day delay in receiving payments from the companies. Bringing such Government PSUs (like Horticon and Supplyco) on the TrEDS platform would benefit a large number of MSME vendors who supply to them. Kerala State Small Industries Association (KSSIA) had also raised the above issue during Empowered Committee meetings on MSME. Further, the banks would be keen to finance the receivables from these PSUs.

SLBC Convenor bank is advised to discuss the issue of registration of State Government Companies on TrEDS platform.

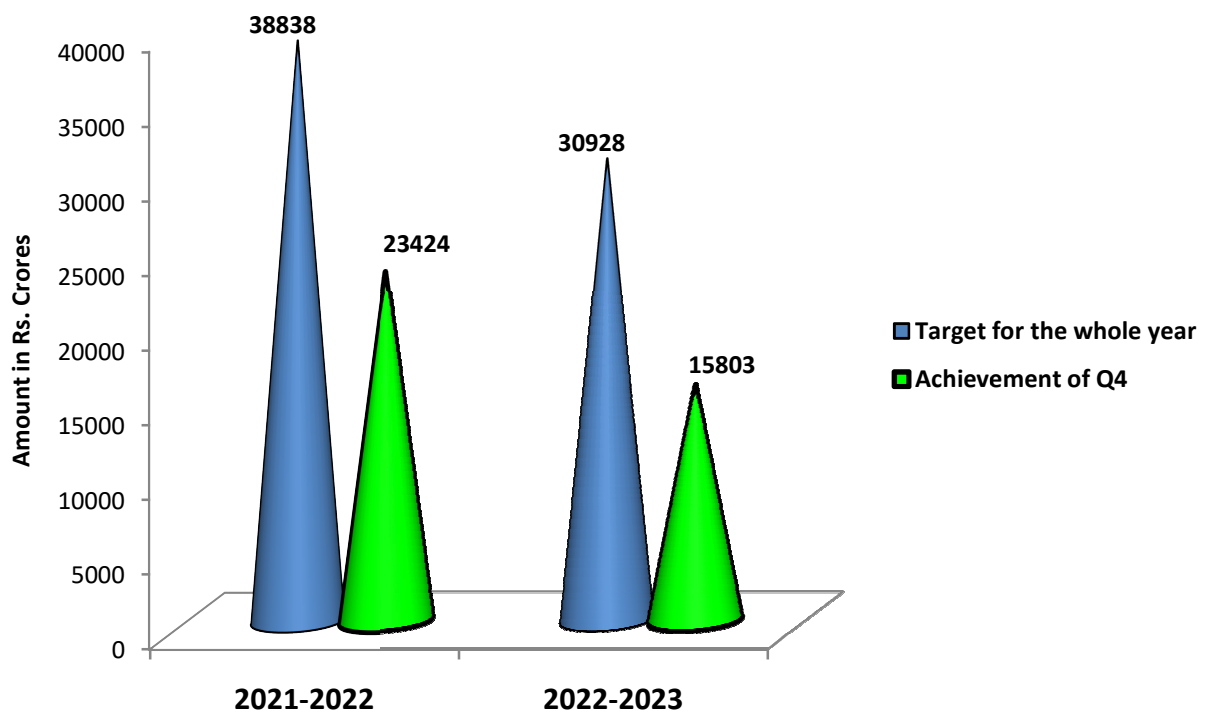
It is informed by the MSMI-DI that Govt. of Kerala vide order dated 16th May, 2022 on TReDS permitted State owned Public Undertakings, Companies, Local Government institutions, all Statutory Boards/Societies under the State Government and all Apex Co-operatives to participate on the Trade Receivable Discounting System (TReDS) envisaged for settlement of bills for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, suppliers of Goods and Services. It is requested that wide publicity of the same may be done in all Bank branches).

During SLRM 2022, Principal Secretary Industries Department stated that the Government of Kerala will be making TrEDS mandatory for all State PSUs to use TrEDS platform.

4. Issues in Teritiary Sector

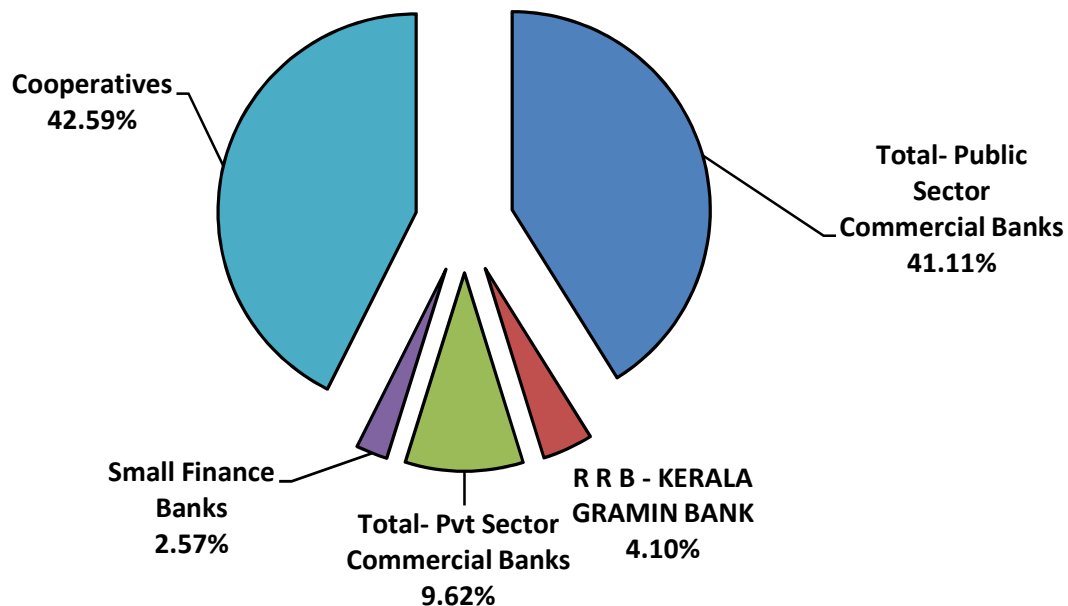
Performance under Tertiary Sector

(Rs. in Crores)		
Parameter	2021-2022	2022-2023
Target for the whole year	38838	30928
Achievement of Q4	23424	15803
% achievement for Q4	60%	51%



Banking GroupWise Performance under Tertiary Sector

Share of Tertiary Sector Disbursement

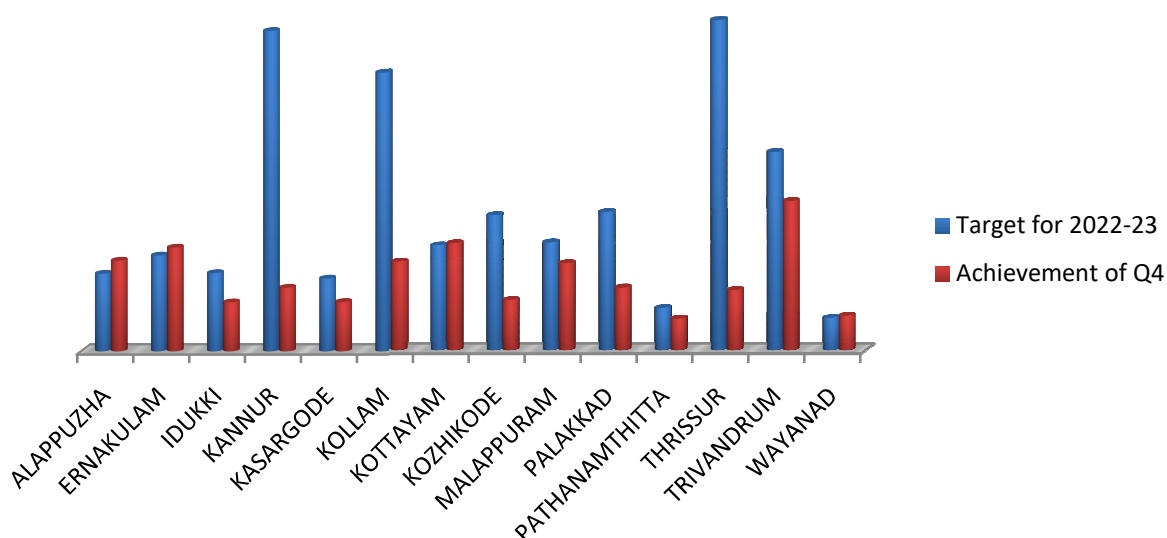


District wise Performance under Tertiary Sector

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl.No.	District	Target for 2022-23	Achievement of Q4	% Achievement
1	ALAPPUZHA	1190	1391	117%
2	ERNAKULAM	1470	1591	108%
3	IDUKKI	1200	751	63%
4	KANNUR	4917	975	20%
5	KASARGODE	1117	757	68%
6	KOLLAM	4277	1365	32%
7	KOTTAYAM	1615	1648	102%
8	KOZHIKODE	2078	775	37%
9	MALAPPURAM	1660	1338	81%
10	PALAKKAD	2128	965	45%
11	PATHANAMTHITTA	651	488	75%
12	THRISSUR	5075	929	18%
13	TRIVANDRUM	3050	2296	75%
14	WAYANAD	500	533	107%
TOTAL		30928	15803	51%

Tertiary Sector Target Vs Achievement



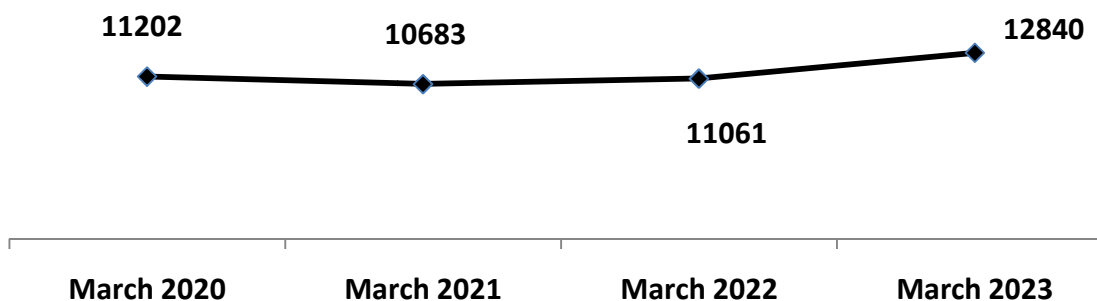
Outstanding Performance under Education Loan (Refer Annexure 10.25)

Growth in Education Loan

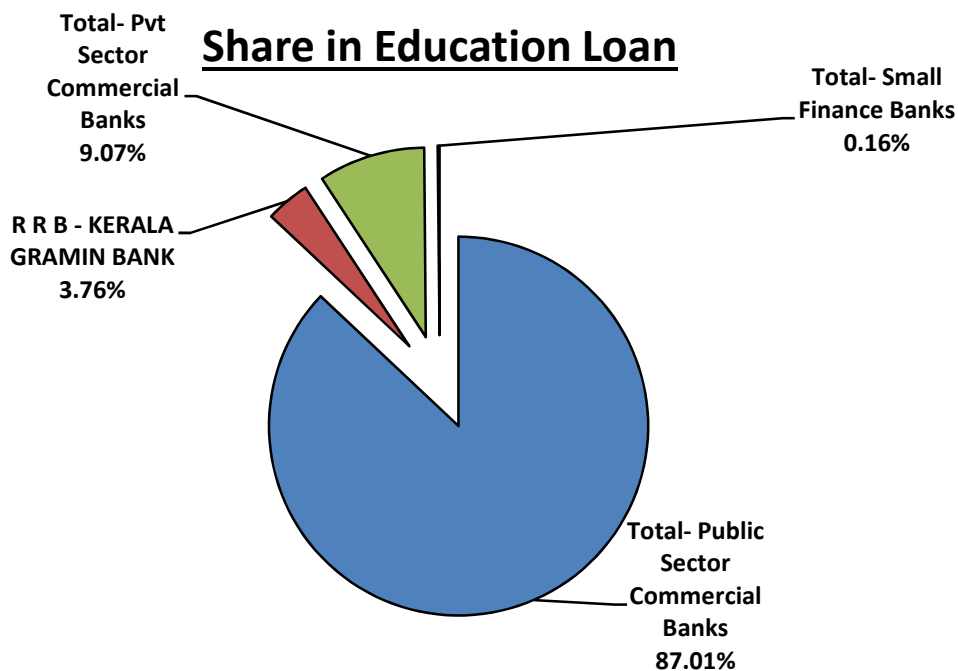
(Rs. in crores)

Parameter	Outstanding			
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023
Education loan	11202	10683	11061	12840

Outstanding Performance under Education Loan



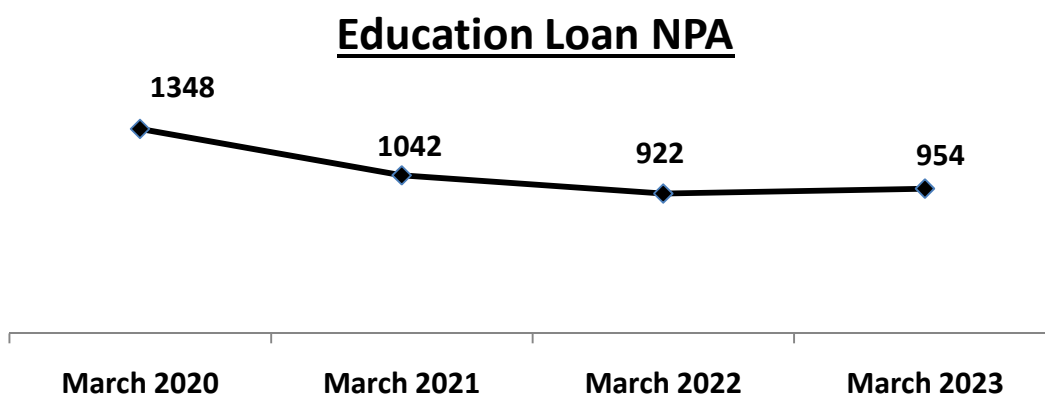
Banking Group wise Growth in Education Loan



Education Loan NPA over the years

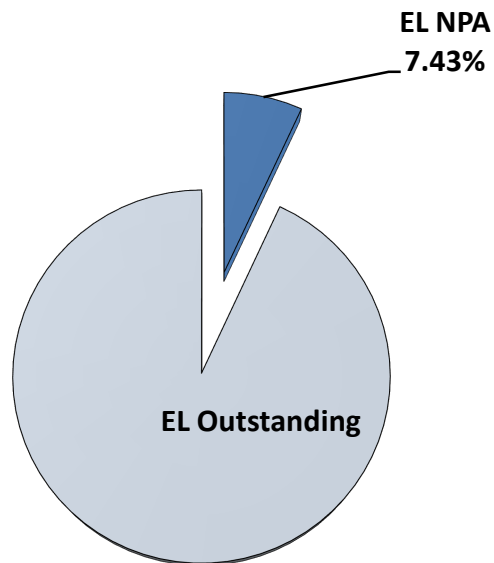
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Parameter	Outstanding EL NPA			
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023
Education Loan NPA	1348	1042	922	954



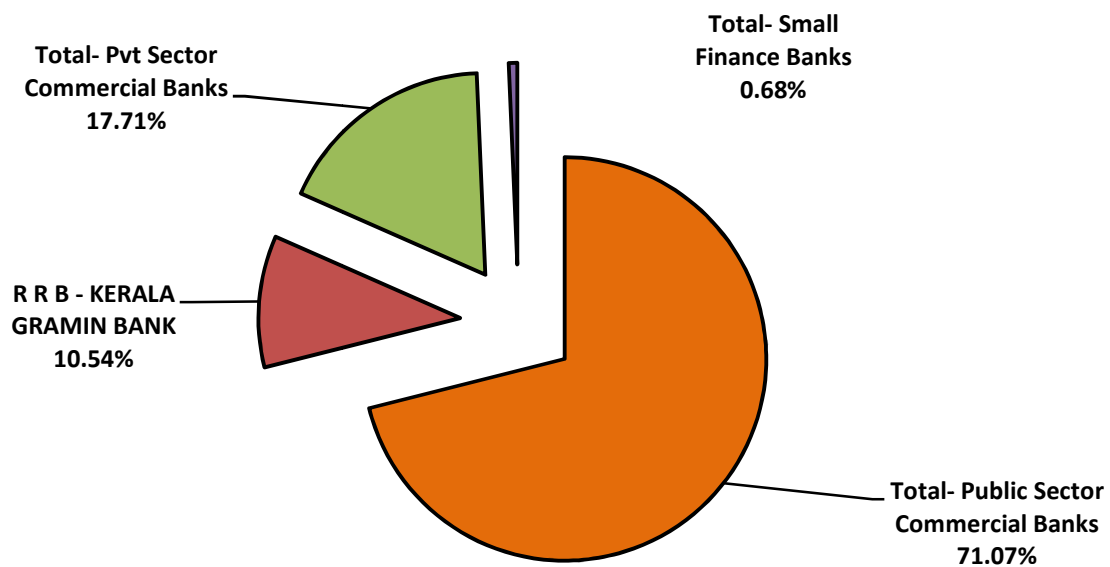
% Share of EL NPA in Total EL Outstanding

Share of NPA in Total Outstanding EL



Banking Group Wise Share Education Loan NPA

Share in EL NPA

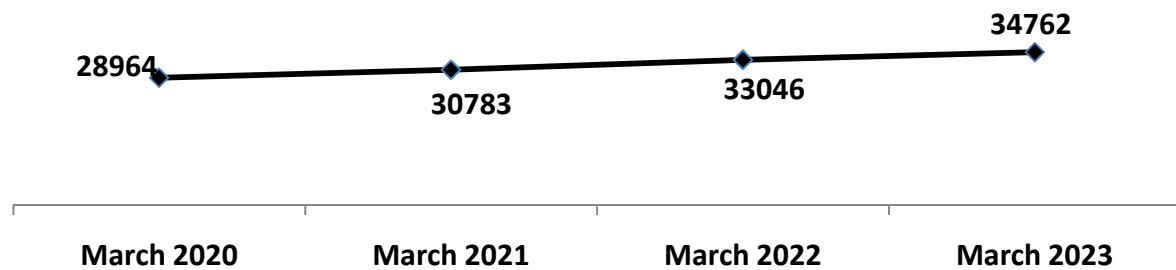


Outstanding Performance under Housing Loan (Refer Annexure 10.7)

Rs. in crores)

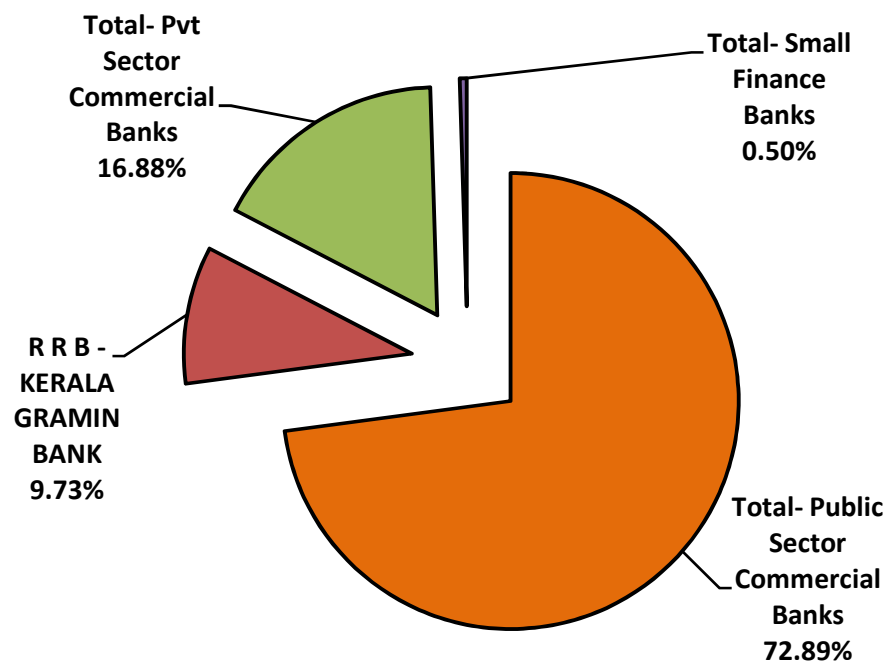
Parameter	Outstanding			
	March 2020	March 2021	March 2022	March 2023
Housing loan	28964	30783	33046	34762

Outstanding Performance under Housing Loan

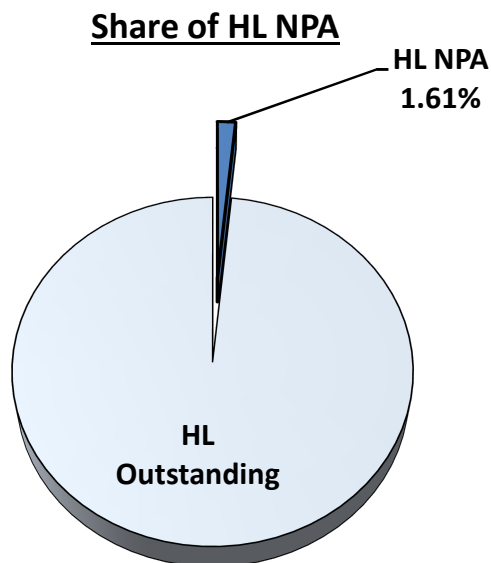


Banking Group wise Growth in Housing Loan

Share in HL Outstanding



% Share of NPA in Housing Loan



Pending Issues in Tertiary Sector

5. 1 Noting of Equitable Mortgage created in favour of the banks in Revenue Records *(Pending since March 2014)*

(i) At present there is no practice of noting/recording the Equitable Mortgage (EM) transactions (i.e. Mortgage by deposit of title deeds) in the revenue records of the State Government. Also there are no provisions for the same in the revenue regulations of the State of Kerala.

In the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in State of Haryana v. Narvir Singh & another, reported in (2014) 1 Supreme Court Cases 105, wherein it has been held that banks and financial institutions who accept mortgage by deposit of title deeds can request the Revenue Authorities to enter the factum of such mortgage in the revenue records. In the facts of the aforesaid case, the Revenue Authorities had taken the stand that only a registered mortgage can be noticed in the revenue records. The view taken by the Revenue Authorities has been held to be unsustainable.

Now that the law has been settled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it is requested that when the bank accepts mortgage by deposit of title deeds (Equitable Mortgage), provision shall be enabled for the bank to request the Revenue Authorities to note the same in the revenue records.

The 116th Meeting of SLBC, Kerala held on 22.09.2015 at Trivandrum proposes that the Government may introduce a reasonable fee for this facility and suggested the following fee tariff:

<i>Loan up to Rs. 10 lakhs</i>	<i>: Rs. 500</i>
<i>Loans above Rs. 10 lakhs up to 25 lakhs</i>	<i>: Rs.1000</i>
<i>Loans above Rs. 25 lakhs</i>	<i>: Rs.2500</i>
<i>Fee for releasing the charge</i>	<i>: Rs. 200</i>

As of now, there is no legal obligation on the part of the Village authorities to note bank's charge in the Thandaper Register. If that is made legally mandatory, it will help to prevent fraudulent transactions.

In the 121st Meeting of SLBC, Kerala held on 24.03.2017 at Trivandrum, the representative from Revenue Department informed that the matter is under the active consideration of Revenue Department and at present the matter is placed before the Law Department for their advice and expected to sort out the issue shortly.

Govt of Kerala had called SLBC for a discussion in the matter. The questions raised by the Govt and the recommendation given by SLBC convener is given below

"This is with reference to the letters cited above and the Discussion we had with the Govt on 2018 Feb 2nd and 7th on the matter. The subject of the letters cited above cover two aspects

- 1. You have informed us that our request for facilitating the noting of lien in Revenue records, shall not be considered in view of the proposed Registration Act amendment bill pending in Rajya Sabha***

Our views in this regard was that,

- The said bill is pending in Rajya Sabha since 2013. We are not certain about the time by which it may be passed.*
- Till that time, the State Govt may adopt the suggestion made by us , both as a measure to increase state revenue and to improve ease of doing banking business in the state.*

- 2. You have requested us to give our views on the necessity of possession certificate and location sketch from village office for granting loans by banks. You have suggested that the Village Office shall issue the ownership certificate of land. The possession, enjoyment & location sketch may be sourced by banks through their own mechanisms***

3.

Our recommendations in this regard is that

- Currently the certificate generally called "possession certificate" is the principal proof available to financing agencies to find out the ownership and enjoyment of the property as per Revenue Records.*
- Though the certificate is generally called "Possession Certificate", it certifies ownership and enjoyment.*
- This certificate is obtained not only by banks, but also by various other financing bodies including the Govt of Kerala for its HBA scheme for State Govt Servants (Under*

HBA scheme it is the Possession Certificate from Tahsildar and Location Sketch from Village Officer).

- *Banks also request Nil revenue recovery certificate from Village Office.*
- *If the Govt can place an alternative mechanism to confirm the ownership and enjoyment of land as per revenue records, the possession certificate may be replaced.*
- *Such alternative can be*
 - a) Access to the banker /land owner to view and download Thandapper Register details, or*
 - b) A combined ownership certificate cum Nil RR certification or*
 - c) Physical TP register Extract which shows with clarity as regards ownership and extent owned*
- *In Northern Villages where Revenue Records are still maintained in Adengal registers present certification may continue.*

Based on the discussions in SLRM 2018, the Principal Secretary (Finance) held a meeting on 2018 June 28th. As decided in the meeting, SLBC submitted the following recommendations to the Govt:

- i) **Equitable Mortgages to be shown in registration records.** A new mechanism need to be adopted for this and a reasonable charge should be levied for it. Bank has to be declared a public entity for the execution of the process. Action in this regard has to be done by Taxes and Registration Department.
- ii) **Necessary amendments in the Stamp Act may be introduced for the registration of equitable mortgages on bank loans.**
- iii) **The registration fees should be made reasonable.**
- iv) **SLBC is directed to submit a proposal to Taxes Department for exemption of registration fees and stamp duty on equitable mortgages on bank loans.**

Recommendation of SLBC

1. Govt may introduce a system similar to GAHAN Registration (Gahan document is a declaration given in lieu of mortgage deed, to the co-operative banks and societies for taking loans.)
2. Based on a similar declaration given by the Manager of a Commercial Bank, the Sub Registrar may make a noting about the Equitable Mortgage in Book 1, "Register of non-testamentary documents relating to immovable property"
3. Govt may notify the Bank Manager as the holder of a public office to exempt his appearance in person or by agent at any registration-office in any proceeding connected with the registration of any instrument executed by him or in his favour, in his official capacity, or to sign as provided in section 58 of Indian Registration Act 1908
4. Government may charge reasonable fee for the facility as suggested above.
5. Government may also facilitate a real-time online search option in Book1 at a reasonable fee.

126th SLBC forum decided to write to the Govt Department to update the progress on the matter. On discussion with Sri Manoj Joshi IAS (ACS, Finance Dept), he had informed to take up the subject matter with Taxes Department, Govt of Kerala. Hence SLBC has written to Taxes department also.

STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, KERALA
(Under Lead Bank Scheme of RBI)

Convenor:



Ref: Kerala SLBC/EM/199/MA/2019

Date : 11th Jan 2019

To
Sri P Venugopal IAS
Secretary (Taxes)
Government of Kerala

Dear Sir,

Sub : Recommendations on noting Banks' Equitable Mortgages in Sub Registry Records

Ref : 1) Meeting held by the Office of Principal Secretary(Finance) on 28th June 2018
2) SLBC pending Agenda on noting of Equitable Mortgage in Revenue Records
3) Our letter Ref: Kerala SLBC/SLRM 2016/75/GN 2018 dt.18th July 2018

As instructed by Additional Chief secretary (Finance), We invite your kind attention to our above referred letter on the subject matter. As it is a continuing Agenda in the SLBC (Pending since March 2014),and as decided in the 126th SLBC meeting we are taking up the matter for a favourable decision.

File No: IGR/3527/2018-RR9(1)

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Sir,

Sub -:Registration Department – State Level Review Meeting of SLBC –
Agenda Item – forwarding of.

Ref -:Govt. letter No. J3/17/2019/TD dated 10.05.2019

Registration Department has no new agenda items to suggest for discussion in State Level Review Meeting of SLBC. However the Department is to invite attention to a long pending demand of SLBC, “Noting of equitable mortgage created in favour of banks in Revenue Records” which is pending in SLBC agenda since March 2014.

Banks grant loans on mostly on equitable mortgage. At present the equitable mortgages are not noted in Revenue Records. A few of them are registered mortgages. The high rates of Stamp Duty and Registration fees of mortgage and release deeds prevailed in the state have dispirited the banks from registering agreements relating to deposit of title deeds. Now Government have reduced the rates of stamp duty and registration fees of mortgage deeds by way of deposit of title deeds and release deeds thereof. Now the stamp duty for deposit of title deeds is 0.1% subject to a maximum of Rs 10,000/- and the stamp duty for release deeds of such mortgages is 1% subject to a maximum of Rs 1000/-. The registration fees of such mortgages and release deeds are 0.1%. The intention of the amendment is to encourage

registration of the equitable mortgages. This will be a win-win situation for both Government and Banks. Banks will get the mortgages recorded in Registration records and there by prevent the alienation of property and Government will get revenue.

SLBC may convey the situation to all members and may take steps to register the mortgages and release deeds.

Yours faithfully

Signature valid
Digitally signed by P.K. SUDHAKUMAR
Date: 2019.05.15 16:43:56 IST
Reason: Approved

Joint Inspector General of Registration
for Inspector General of Registration

Action Taken:

1. SLRM 2019 informed that the charges suggested for other loans are reasonable and shall request for waiving the charges on Agricultural loans. No further communication received from the concerned department in this regard.
2. SLBC had a subcommittee meeting on long pending issues on 08/11/2019. Most of the banks concurred with the suggestions.
3. Land and revenue commissioner vide LRB 6-2662/2017 dated 14.10.2020 informed SLBC that they have requested Government of Kerala for permitting Banks to mark their mortgage in relic software without reflecting any changes in land record.
4. In 132nd SLBC, the Assistant Commissioner Land and Revenue had informed that they received Government Order permitting the implementation of the above mentioned changes in relic software.
5. SLBC had a meeting with State IT department on 03.03.2021 as advised by Land and Revenue Department. The proposed functionality has been explained in the meeting and decided to create a test users for SLBC and selected member banks for testing purpose and suggestions. SLBC had written to commissioner, Department of Land and revenue vide letter Ref: Kerala SLBC/297/2021/SN dated 19.04.2021.

To

Shri K Biju IAS
Commissioner
Department of Land Revenue
Govt. of Kerala
Thiruvananthapuram

Respected Sir,

Sub: Digitalization of Land records - Creation of Online Charge by Banks-reg

This has reference to the 132nd SLBC agenda no 3.5 regarding digitalization of land records in Kerala.

Vide your letter LRB 6-2662/2017 dtd 14.10.2020, your good office had informed us that the request for permitting Banks to mark their mortgage in RELIX software, without reflecting any changes in Land record, has been taken up with the Government of Kerala.

During the 132nd SLBC meeting held on 22.02.2021, the Asst. Commissioner also informed that Government has permitted the aforesaid request, accordingly NIC has initiated the process of making necessary changes in the software and the same is under the final implementation stage.

Subsequently, we had a meeting with NIC team and officials of land and revenue through Video Conference wherein the NIC team explained the functionalities of the package and assured that the package shall be made available to banks for testing, shortly.

We wish to put forth following functionalities which shall be incorporated to facilitate usage of the package in an effective manner.

1. Creation of test User IDs for Banks
2. SLBC shall be provided with ADMIN login to subsequently create/edit/delete the login for the Banks
3. The login for the Banks shall be in MAKER(one who feed the data in the package) and CHECKER(one who approves the data)

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4. The MAKER/CHECKER login shall be used while creation of the mortgage and also while release of the mortgage.
5. The PRINT option shall be included in the screen after creation of the mortgage.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


Ajit Krishnan,
Convenor, SLBC Kerala
& General Manager, Canara Bank

6. During 135th SLBC meeting the ACS, Finance Department, pointed out online hypothecation charge marking of mortgages by banks on the revenue records, Land revenue department has been issued GOK and online marking is developed by the department. ACS requested Land and Revenue commissioner to ensure timely implementation at the earliest and Banks are able to do lien marking through online mode.
7. SLBC and member banks have been provided access to the test site for UAT during February 2022. The functionalities are explained to selected member banks for testing and SLBC Cell confirmed that the functionalities are working satisfactory and a print option may be enabled to print the report after the online lien marking. The final implementation is pending.
8. Meeting was called by State IT cell, Land and Revenue department on 10/03/2023, with SLBC, NIC and IT cell, where the issues regarding implementation was discussed. In the meeting SLBC opined, the test site provided is sufficient and an acknowledgement also to be provided after noting the lien.

5.2 Agenda Suggested by Reserve Bank of India - Revamp of Lead Bank Scheme standardized system for data flow

Revamp of Lead Bank Scheme - Action Points for SLBC Convenor Banks/ Lead Banks – Developing a Standardized System for data flow and its management by SLBC/ UTLBC Convenor Banks on SLBC/ UTLBC websites

Please refer to RBI Circular FIDD.CO.LBS.BC.No.19/02.01.001/2017-18 dated April 6, 2018 on Revamp of Lead Bank Scheme - Action Points for SLBC Convenor Banks/ Lead Banks, prescribing certain action points.

2. With respect to Action Point – (iv) of the abovementioned Circular, SLBC Convenor Banks were advised, inter alia, to develop a standardized system on the websites maintained by each SLBC to enable uploading and downloading of the data pertaining to the Block, District as well as the State by the members banks. It was also advised that the relevant data must also be directly downloadable from the CBS and/ or MIS of the banks with a view to keeping manual intervention to a minimal level in the process. The Circular also suggested the procedure relating to Management of data flow at LBS fora and advised that necessary modifications may be made on the SLBC websites and to the CBS & MIS systems of all banks to implement the envisaged data flow mechanism.

3. Based on the preliminary feedback received from several SLBC/ UTLBC Convenor Banks in respect of status of implementation of the abovementioned Action Point, a Working Group (WG) of select SLBC Convenor Banks and NABARD was constituted by RBI to work out a standardized system for collection, storage, presentation and management of data on the SLBC/ UTLBC website.

4. The WG reviewed the existing major categories of data being collated and monitored by SLBCs and suggested a broad set of data structure in the form of a Model Format which may be adapted by SLBCs/ UTLBCs for collection and monitoring of data. The model format is enclosed at Annexure I. While SLBC/ UTLBC Convenor Banks are encouraged to adapt the

model format to the extent possible, they may make suitable additions/ deletions/ modifications in the format as per State/ UT specific needs including future requirements. Further, while SLBCs/ UTLBCs may advise member banks to endeavor to report the data through direct extraction from their CBS/ MIS to the extent possible, there could still be some data which may not be available in the banks' systems. Such data may be collated at the Controlling Office level as is being done now for reporting purposes. The input file format structure suggested by the WG for the purpose is enclosed at **Annexure II**.

5. The WG has further suggested that in order to enable banks in uploading and downloading of the data upto the block level, banks should map all the branches with block codes. Once mapping of the branches with block codes is completed by banks in their systems, data at block level as well as at district and state level can be generated and monitored at different fora of the Lead Bank Scheme. A portal is required to be developed by SLBC/ UTLBC Convenor Banks on their respective SLBC/ UTLBC websites for facilitating uploading and downloading of data by member banks/ LDMs. A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), which may be followed by SLBC/ UTLBC Convenor Banks, member banks and LDMs, as suggested by the WG is enclosed at **Annexure III**.

6. SLBC/ UTLBC Convenor Banks are advised to decide, in consultation with the member banks, a reasonable timeframe not exceeding six months from the date of issuance of this letter, for migration to the new data flow and management system as envisaged in RBI Circular dated April 6, 2018. SLBC/ UTLBC Convenor Banks are also advised to bring this letter to the notice of all member banks under the Lead Bank Scheme.

Action taken

As instructed by RBI, SLBC has constituted an implementation committee for devising and executing transition plan for migration to new data system within 6 months. The first meeting of the committee held on 28th OCT 2019. Banks are finding difficulty in getting block code for all the 152 blocks in Kerala. RBI subsequently provided the Block Codes.

SLBC Website is enabled with new functionality and ready for uploading and downloading of data. Member banks are requested to upload the data into the website from the next quarter onwards.

All the member Banks except co operative Bank has enabled the functionality.

Kerala Bank has informed that the unified CBS is not yet live and each district works in separate CBS and the integration of software is going on. The data migration is progressing in a phased manner and they have intensified the process and the work likely to be finished by 31.12.2022. But the same has not been finished, as per the discussions made during the 139th SLBC Kerala Bank has informed that CBS migration has been complete for 13 districts and Malappuram is still pending to be integrated.

SLBC cell on a random verification had observed that minor errors are reflected in few of the reports submitted by the certain member banks, the same may be rectified.

SLBC cell had one to one meeting with all the 14 LDMs in the State of Kerala and observed that there are discrepancies in the block code mapping by banks. With the support of LDMs SLBC cell had flagged the discrepancies in block code mapping and the same is shared among member banks.

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

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

PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) meeting to review implementation of Social Security Schemes was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on January 22, 2020. The meeting reviewed the performance of PMJJBY & PMSBY Schemes in terms of enrolment, claims settlement, grievance redressal and overall benefits to the people at large across the nation and an urgent need was felt on augmenting the reach and efficiency of PMJJBY & PMSBY Schemes.

2. Department of Financial Services (DFS), Govt. of India has shared the concerns raised in the PRAGATI meeting in respect of implementation of PMJJBY and PMSBY Schemes with Reserve Bank of India and requested to advise banks to take the following actions for increasing the coverage and spreading awareness among targeted beneficiaries under these schemes:

- a., Conduct periodic publicity campaigns with special focus on rural areas at regular intervals for creating awareness about benefits of Social Security Schemes;
- b. Streamline procedures and leverage technology to speed up claim settlement process and improve outreach;
- c. Ensure that no eligible Jan Dhan account holders are left out from availing the risk covers under PMJJBY & PMSBY;
- d. Enrol beneficiaries of other government scheme like PM Ujjawala, PM Kisan, MGNREGA etc. under the Schemes;
- e. Use SMS and other digital platforms to make account holders aware of the Schemes and also to seek auto debit mandate from them;
- f. Leverage Marketing Channels like Banking Correspondents (BCs) for ensuring Pan India coverage and innovative ways be devised for motivating the field level functionaries for enhancing enrolments, especially under PMJJBY & PMSBY; and
- g. Fix target of fresh enrolment under PMJJBY & PMSBY to enhance enrolment till March 31, 2020.

3. Further, the recently launched National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI): 2019-24, sets forth the vision and key objectives of the Financial Inclusion policies in India to expand the reach and sustain the efforts through a broad convergence of action involving all the stakeholders in the financial sector, which has also envisaged that "Every willing and eligible adult who has been enrolled under the PMJDY (including the young adults who have

recently taken up employment) to be enrolled under an insurance scheme (PMJJBY, PMSBY, etc.), Pension scheme (NPS, APY, etc.) by March 2020", as one of its objectives.

4. In view of the above, SLBC/UTLBC Convenor Banks are advised to initiate the actions as suggested by DFS, GoI. The issues/concerns associated with implementation of PMJJBY & PMSBY Schemes in the States/UTs under your jurisdiction should also be discussed and resolved in the SLBC/UTLBC meetings in consultation with concerned stakeholders, in order to achieve the Government's vision of a financially included society along with universal insurance coverage.

5. SLBC/UTLBC Convenor Banks are also advised to place the status report of implementation of these schemes in their SLBC/UTLBC meetings on quarterly basis invariably. A copy of status report should be forwarded to the concerned Regional Office/Sub-Office of RBI for information.

Action Taken

Progress of implementation social security schemes are attached in the annexure.8.30

- *SLBC had convened a meeting of Banker and discussed about the implementation of various social security scheme and Atal pension Yojana Scheme. The forum discussed about strategies to improve the coverage and also advised Member Banks to impart special focus on propagating and enrolling maximum beneficiaries under the schemes. The forum also requested to enroll at least 60 APYs each by all the Member Banks before 31.03.2021.*
- *SLBC had conducted a webinar on expanding the outreach of APY schemes on 9th September 2021, by inviting speakers from PFRDA for the SLBC State Coordinators, Lead District Managers and BCs.*
- *Member Banks are covering beneficiaries of PMMY & PMJDY scheme under Social Security Schemes in a campaign mode.*
- Department of Financial Services has communicated "Saturation drive for Jan Suraksha Schemes" vide F.No.21(23)/2014-FI(Mission) dated 27.09.2021 in accordance with our Hon'ble Prime Minister Independence Day 2021 Speech

Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his Independence Day 2021 speech, has announced: "We have to achieve saturation. ... all the households should have bank accounts... We have to connect every entitled person with the government's insurance and pension schemes. We have to move ahead with a mindset of cent percent achievement."

- *DFS has celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) to celebrate 75 years of independence of our country. As part of the celebration, iconic week is being celebrated from 6-12 June 2022. Department of Financial Services has advised to arrange nationwide programme by ensuring maximum customer outreach during the celebration of the iconic day. District Level outreach camps are being arranged on 08.06.2022 and during the camp maximum numbers of Social Security Schemes are also promoted by the Banks.*

5.4 .Review of CD Ratio -Suggested by RBI

During 132nd SLBC Regional Director RBI has raised concern regarding the decline in CD Ratio 66 % as on March 2020 to 63.18 % as on September 2020 and to 63.79 % as on December 2020. The Regional Director appreciated the efforts of most banks in keeping lending at same or higher levels in spite of the difficult environment. State Bank of India, the industry leader and Federal Bank, the second largest bank in Kerala as also CSB Bank

andDhanlaxmi Bank need to take concrete measures so that the good work done by other banks for the State of Kerala is not lost. In this context, Regional Director has advised, in order to effectively monitor the performance of individual banks, a standing agenda item of bank-wise CD ratio to be introduced from the next meeting.

Financial Year	CD ratio
18-19	67
19-20	66
20-21	65
21-22	64
22-23	69

Banks with CD Ratio less than 60 percentage in Our State is given below

Sl No.	BANK	Credit	Deposit	CD Ratio
1	RBL Bank	8965	75532	11.87
2	Ujjivan Small Finance Bank	43476	147660	29.44
3	BANDHAN BANK	114560	378398	30.28
4	CATHOLIC SYRIAN BANK	560323	1337749	41.89
5	FEDERAL BANK	5429926	12842373	42.28
6	SOUTH INDIAN BANK	2708345	5770897	46.93
7	ESAF	635435	1225108	51.87
8	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK	692508	1315080	52.66
9	DHANLAXMI BANK	532988	1004967	53.04
10	T.N.MERCANTILE BANK	66334	123301	53.80
11	STATE BANK OF INDIA	11543489	20715753	55.72
12	LAKSHMI VILAS BANK	22778	40109	56.79

***The Chief Secretary suggested** implementing a performance dash board in the State Government portal with Banking Statics to evaluate Bank's participation and performance in various sectors, it will be informed to the Government department. This will help to identify and to encourage top performing Banks in our State.*

CD Ratio target of 70% has been set by the 137th SLBC forum to be achieved March 2023 and requested the banks with low CD ratio to increase their CD ratio minimum by 5%.

CD Ratio in the State of Kerala has improved to 69.01% as at March 2023.

5.5 Education Loan Repayment Support Scheme

The update in the scheme as on 31st March 2023 is given below:

Sl	Bank Name	Processed By	Forwarded By	Forwarded By	Approved By
1	ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT CO	5687139	4898693	4898693	4898693
2	ALLAHABAD BANK	2212856	477558	342858	342858
3	ANDHRA BANK	5258147	2150356	2117308	2117308
4	BANK OF BARODA	33950883	13839526	13764306	13764306
5	BANK OF INDIA	58113554	26168018	26031378	26031378
6	CANARA BANK	453630440	236633599	222582055	222582055
7	CATHOLIC SYRIAN BANK LTD	50445027	37102420	37102420	37102420
8	CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA	104568012	62470434	62182741	62182741
9	CITY UNION BANK LTD	0	0	0	0
10	CORPORATION BANK	79626769	48651929	48606248	48606248
11	DENA BANK	3230789	1759993	1759993	1759993
12	DHANLAXMI BANK LTD	13724250	5938789	5707571	5707571
13	FEDERAL BANK LTD	293794201	195109110	195109110	194745200
14	HDFC BANK LTD	1356213	57251	0	0
15	ICICI BANK LTD	1170318	340702	0	0
16	IDBI BANK LTD	1772590	160479	0	0
17	IDUKKI DISTRICT CO	15337423	6826299	6826299	6826299
18	INDIAN BANK	93009610	38706672	38690790	38690790
19	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK	107661133	66770857	66770857	66770857
20	KANNUR DISTRICT CO	337831	239656	160481	160481
21	KARNATAKA BANK	2298045	779162	232500	232500
22	KARUR VYSYA BANK	373824	203584	203584	203584
23	KASARGOD DISTRICT CO	415314	415314	415314	415314
24	KERALA GRAMIN BANK	373410812	373124556	372905556	372594874
25	Kerala State Co operative	1167605	515242	401242	401242
26	Kerala State Co operative Bank	88463274	83332504	83332504	83332504
27	KOLLAM DISTRICT CO	11744118	10745988	10249188	10151088
28	KOTTAYAM DISTRICT CO	0	0	0	0
29	MALAPPURAM DISTRICT CO	0	0	0	0
30	ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE	8928697	4100389	4100389	4100389
31	PATHANAMTHITTA DISTRICT	1455721	1140955	1140955	1140955
32	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	86519205	36596241	36488403	36488403
33	PUNJAB SIND BANK	316082	198000	198000	198000
34	SOUTH INDIAN BANK	61567026	30678175	30678175	30678175
35	STATE BANK OF INDIA	984464786	578876061	570528641	570506663
36	SYNDICATE BANK	185198235	91894138	91867078	91867078
37	TAMILNADU MERCANTILE	1029551	366179	250151	250151
38	THE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	123000	123000	0	0
39	THRISSUR DISTRICT CO	280897	280897	280897	280897
40	UCO BANK	19703416	9804198	9804198	9804198
41	UNION BANK OF INDIA	222180063	133598850	133348202	133181071
42	UNITED BANK OF INDIA	862255	862255	684974	684974
43	VIJAYA BANK	37389961	14246901	14072001	14072001
44	WAYANAD DISTRICT CO	475716	153450	0	0
	GRAND TOTAL	3413254788	2120338380	2093835060	2092873259

During SLRM 2021, Convenor SLBC requested the following to its Member Banks,

- ✓ *Processing of pending claim in the portal.*
- ✓ *Extending of Banks OTS schemes for ELRS rejected applicants.*
- ✓ *Government support should adjust with loan account in time.*
- ✓ *Updation of Status of crediting the Government assistance in ELRS portal.*

SLBC has requested NIC on 08.03.2022 to provide the details of bank wise pending applications and the reply is awaiting.

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

The matter came up for discussion in the 122nd meeting of SLBC, Kerala held on 05.10.2017 as suggested by SBI.

For providing training to BPL candidates, State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM) is providing reimbursement of training expenses through Kudumbashree Mission of Kerala State Government, which acts as State Rural Livelihood Mission Office. The claim submitted for the financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17, is yet to be received. The details of pending claims are given below.

RSETI - Pending reimbursement of training expenses										
								(Amt.in Lacs)		
Year	2011-	2012-	2013-	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-	Total
Sponsor Bank										
IOB (Trivandrum)					7.50	8.99	10.41	4.41	10.85	42.15
Syndicate					6.71	4.82	10.47	2.80	11.20	36.00
SBI					6.23	7.74	10.86	3.21	13.04	41.08
SBI (Alappuzha)					6.33	9.56	10.30	2.44	10.68	39.31
SBI (Kottayam)					7.28	7.47	7.02	2.65	9.15	33.57
UBI (Idukki)					4.27	6.22	4.73	1.10	4.51	20.83
UBI (Ernakulam)					7.80	6.17	4.24	1.06	9.21	28.48
Canara Bank				5.97	9.50	10.33	12.45	2.74	5.34	46.33
Canara Bank				1.13	7.28	9.35	24.62	3.66	8.85	54.89
Canara Bank	0.76	1.07	2.29	1.02	3.10	5.76	6.39	5.10	17.62	43.12
Canara Bank					7.06	8.38	5.83	2.83	8.50	32.60
SBI (Wayanad)					7.02	8.42	8.36	2.30	13.79	39.89
RUDSET (Kannur)					6.32	6.34	9.83	0.94	38.20	61.62
Andhra Bank					6.46	10.37	11.97	3.54	11.77	44.11
Grand Total	0.76	1.07	2.29	8.13	92.85	109.93	137.47	38.78	172.72	563.99

Action Taken

The 122nd meeting of SLBC observed that similar claims are pending with all RSETIs and forum requested the following:

- 1) Kudumbashree to expedite the matter*
- 2) If such cases are there with other RSETIs, their Controlling Banks to collect the information and forward to SLBC for onward transmission to the LSGD and Kudumbashree.*

Representative from Kudumbashree informed that they have already taken up the matter with Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The aggregate pendency was collected by SLBC Convenor and submitted to the Executive Director Kudumbashree vide letter No. Kerala SLBC/35 /145 /GN/2017 dated 2017 November 24th.

In 125th SLBC ED of Kudumbashree informed that Rs.3 Cr is pending and the matter is under discussion with MoRD and early settlement is expected..

In 126 SLBC Kudumbashree informed the forum that the matter was taken up with MoRD and is expecting to sort out the matter before this financial year.

A first stage of release of Rs1.6Cr has been received vide Order No.7683/M Skill/2013/KSHO dated 06.05.2019 . Remaining portion is expected to be credited shortly.

SLBC vide letter Ref: Kerala SLBC/159/AJS/2020 dated 26 Feb 2020 had written to ED Kudumbashree regarding the reimbursement of pending claim.

Ministry of rural development vide letter no.J-18027/01/2017-RSETI(Computer No.358598)-22 ordered for release of another Rs.2.26 Crore towards Reimbursement of Training Expenses of BPL Candidates to "AA" Rated RSETIs. The amount pertains to 2018-19 and 2019-20.

SLBC vide letter Kerala SLBC/RSETI/158/AJS/2020 dated 14.10.2020 has written to MoRD as decided in the 130th SLBC meeting, we are awaiting reply from MoRD.

National Centre for Excellence of RSETIs (NACER) has also written to the SRLM for the reimbursement of training cost.

National Centre for Excellence of RSETIs (NACER)

(Under the aegis of MoRD, Govt. of India)

'Renukaleela', No.1210, 1st Floor,
80 Feet Road, Chandra Layout
BENGALURU – 560 040

Ref.No.NACER/2021-22/F-415

Date: 17.04.2021

To
The CEO
All SRLMs

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: Position of State-wise pending claims for reimbursement of training cost of RSETIs

We wish to bring in notice to all State SRLMs regarding the pending position of reimbursement of training cost for RSETIs as on 31.03.2021.

This data has been collected by us from respective RSETIs through the State Director of RSETIs (SDRs) and to us.

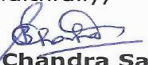
State-wise position / Bank-wise position of pending claims is annexed with this letter for your perusal.

In this regard we wish to inform you that the consolidated position as on 31.03.2021 as under

SI No.	Financial year	Pending claims (Amt in Lakhs)
1	Upto 2017-18	3643.93
2	2018-19	3870.56
3	2019-20	10385.23
4	2020-21	2620.40
Total		20520.12

We request all SRLMs to expedite the claim settlement process to enable the RSETIs to function in a better way.

Yours faithfully,


Bipul Chandra Saha
National Director for RSETIs

Copy to:



1. Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary / Director of Rural Development, MORD- For kind information
2. The President, NAR – for kind information
3. DG / Controller, NAR – for kind information
4. SLBC Convenor – Requested to have one permanent agenda on the topic
5. RSETI Sponsoring Banks – For kind information & for checking correctness of claims
6. All SDRs / ALL RSETIs – for follow-up with SRLMs

During 135th SLBC RSETI State Director informed that the issue regarding pendency of claims taken up with Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India and early settlement expected by the month of February 2022.

During 137th SLBC meeting Representative from *Kudumbasree mission* had informed that claims are submitted to Ministry of Rural Development in the revised format and expected to receive the claim at the earliest.

During the 139th SLBC meeting Kudumbasree Director appraised the forum that the claims has been from Kudumbasree to MoRD and the MoRD has asked for a audit report regarding the same. The Audit report has been completed and same will be forwarded to MoRD immediately.

5.7 Status of Land allotment for RSETIs buildings

The Status of Land allotment RSETIs at various districts as follows;

RSETI Thiruvananthapuram : IOB has selected Architect for construction of Buildings for RSETI. Plan has been circulated for approval with the authorities.

RSETI Kollam : Land is allotted and building permit has been obtained. Architect has submitted revised estimate.

RSETI Alappuzha:

Building plan and permit approval has been obtained from Aryad Block Panchayat during March 2022. Soil investigation test has been completed to decide on suitable type of foundation for the proposed building. The Architect has been advised to submit the detailed estimate at the earliest. Selection of contractor will be completed through tender process after receipt of the detailed estimate. Construction will commence after the process.

RSETI Kottayam:

The vacant possession of the allotted land at Pallom Block Panchayat is not yet handed over and selective felling of trees is pending. The Director, RSETI Kottayam has approached the Social Forestry Department vide his letter No. RSETI/KTM/23/2021-22 dated 25/08/2021 for felling of trees in the allotted land. The State Forestry Department will give permission to fell trees only after demarcation of land.

Meanwhile, the Pallom Block Panchayat has passed a resolution to not to give the allotted land to RSETI Kottayam for construction of building. In this regard, we have taken up the matter several times with the Govt. authorities and Commissioner for Rural Development. DGM (FI) had meeting in person with the Hon'ble Minister for Local Self Government Shri. M V Govindan at his residence on 21/04/2022 at 2.30 Pm to discuss the pending issues of allotted land at Kottayam.

In this regard, on 29.04.2022, a meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary Smt. Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph I.A.S to discuss the pending issues, and

the minutes is attached. Commissioner for Rural Development, District Collector-Kottayam, Pallom Block Panchayat Secretary and President, DGM (FI) –SBI LHO TVPM, attended the meeting. The Pallom block secretary and president were advised by the Principal Secretary to conduct a meeting immediately with the pending land issues as an agenda item and come out with a positive decision and inform the DC Kottayam.

RSETI Pathanamthitta:

Even though we have made several correspondence and personally visited the District Collector, Commissioner for Rural Development and other concerned authorities for the handing over of vacant possession of the allotted land, ICDS, the Dairy Extension Unit and Gram Nyayalaya are still housed in the building.

RSETI Director along with the Project Officer from Poverty Alleviation Unit (PAU), Pathanamthitta have clearly stated the right and interest of RSETI over the allotted property as per the Government Order during the meeting held on 19/11/2021 at Collectorate, Kottayam. We are continuously following up the matter with Govt. Depts. for a speedy resolution of the pending issues.

Further, AGM (LB) had a personal meeting with the Smt. P I Sreevidya IAS, Executive Director (ED), at State SRLM on 03/03/2022 and discussed the pending issues. As directed by ED, a letter detailing all the facts regarding the land for RSETI Pathanamthitta has been submitted to the Executive Director, Kudumbasree vide our Letter No. LHO/FI/329/2021-22 dated 07/03/2022 requesting her intervention in the matter.

RSETI Idukki :

Idukki- District Panchayat, Idukki vide their minutes of land sub committee meeting has agreed to allot 50 cents of land adjacent to Kendriya Vidyalaya office quarters, Painavu which is 2 kms from District Collectorate and 1 km from District Panchayat office for development and building construction of RSETI on 11.04.2022. The revenue department has to conduct land survey and demarcate the offered land. RSETI director has submitted a request to District Collector and District Development Commissioner for the same which will be completed by the end of this month. After that the same has to be taken up at state level (various departments viz LSGD, Revenue, RDD, Land Revenue Commissioner etc) for getting a G.O issued for entering into a MOU between the concerned departments and RSETI and sponsoring bank.

RSETI Palakkad :

As per the request of BDO, Kuzhalmannam we had sent a confirmation letter on 19.07.2021 stating that the land is suitable for RSETI building construction. Kuzhalmannam Block Panchayath have forwarded the land details to the Rural Development Commissionerate through Project Director, Poverty Alleviation Unit, Palakkad on 03.08.2021. The Rural Development Commissionerate processed the matter and forwarded it to the LSG Department (File number E5422810/rci/lsgd). Revenue department enquired a clearance report from District collector on 10-01-2022. Further procedure will be taken as per the reply from the District Collector. This is the latest update on the land issue. We are following up the matter through LDM and SDR for speedy approval.

RSETI Kozhikode :

Land has been allotted and the Memorandum of Understanding has executed on 14.10.2022.

RSETI Wayanad:

The vacant possession of the allotted land is not handed over yet. Also the Sulthan Battery Block Panchayat has constructed a building on the access of the allotted land. The Sulthan Battery Block Panchayat Authorities has expressed their view that, as per MoRD guidelines the extent of land may be reduced up to 37 Cents in hilly areas. As such the Block Panchayat is seeking reduction of the land area to 37 Cents, excluding the approach road.

In this connection, the RSETI Director has been advised to obtain the site plan of the proposed land of 37 Cents along with clearly demarcated boundaries and the approach road, to decide on the adequacy of the land to construct the building for RSETI Wayanad as per MORD prescribed parameters. We are following up with Sulthan Battery Block Panchayat for a favourable action in this regard.

Ernakulam : Land allotted and Building constructed but issues are facing.

Kannur : Land allotted and Building constructed

Kasargode : Land allotted and Building constructed

Malappuram : Land allotted and Building constructed

Thrissur : Land allotted and Building constructed

Executive Director, Kudumbasree had a meeting with SLBC Convenor and selected RSETI Directors to discuss about RSETI land allotment issues. Subsequently on

16.07.2022 another round of meeting was conducted in presence of Chief Secretary wherein Principal Secretary LSGD, Secretaries of various other departments, ED Kudumbasree, Representatives from SLBC, RSETI Sponsoring Banks and NACER are also attended. The forum discussed the issues in detail and decided to speed up the process.

The land allotted is to finalized is Wayand, Palakkad, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta which is to discussed in the forum as the same is a long standing agenda.

5.8 Education Loans to Students/Trainees pursuing Skill development courses.

Kerala Knowledge Economic Mission (KKEM) is the flagship programme of Kerala Development and innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) with a vision to develop Kerala into a Knowledge Society which intends to provide employment to at least 20 Lakh people. K-DISC has proposes to scale up the Indian Banks' Associations (IBA) approved skill loans under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to reach the maximum needy candidates.

K-DISC shall make a presentation regarding the concept of Kerala Knowledge Economic Mission (KKEM) to ascertain the support of SLBC Member Banks.

SLBC sub-committee on Education loan had a meeting on 07.12.2022 and discussed about the skill development loan. The committee given necessary instruction to the member banks for enhancing the lending toward Skill development purpose.

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

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6th September, 2018

Dear

As you are aware, the Department of Higher Education is implementing the Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme since 2009. Under the scheme, interest subsidy on the education loan up to Rs. 7.5 lakhs, is provided during the moratorium period (course period +1 year) to the students having family income up to Rs. 4.5 lakhs per annum, for pursuing professional/ technical courses from NAAC accredited Institutions or professional/ technical programmes accredited by NBA or Institutions of National Importance or Central Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs) or professional institutes recognised by the regulatory body.

2. It is envisaged to provide interest subsidy to 3.30 lakh students each year. However, of late, it is observed that the number of beneficiaries under the CSIS scheme is decreasing over the years and the complaints pertaining to short claim/ non-claiming of interest subsidy etc., is increasing day by day.

3. To address the above concerns, it is requested that the implementation of the scheme may be reviewed by including it in the agenda item of the SLBC meetings. Further, your intervention in widely publicizing the Scheme through DLCCs for the information of Branch Managers of Banks would, therefore, be crucial in effective implementation of the Scheme so that no deserving and eligible student is denied the opportunity to pursue professional/ technical education because he or she is poor.

4. A copy of the Scheme guidelines is enclosed for ready reference.

Detailed note Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme, 2009 (As Revised - Applicable for loans taken wef 01.04.2018) is available with 137th SLBC Agenda note.

Moreover Higher Education Department has also suggested to :

1. Service Charge exception of application fee as well as tuition fee payment towards Govt./Aided/Govt. Cost Sharing colleges from internet banking as well as debit card payment irrespective of banking gateways.
2. EPOS machines supplied by the banks in most of the institutions are not working promptly due to network issues and needs urgent updation.
3. Aided institutions like MA College Kothamangalam requires activation of new machines purchased by them to replace the obsolete ones supplied by banks.
4. Institutions like technical High Schools find it difficult to fulfill minimum number of transaction using EPOS machines prescribed by the bank and the restriction needs waiver.
5. There is inordinate delay in crediting bank amounts of failed transaction which often requires intervention by this office; this needs to be remedied.

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

As you are aware, Business Correspondents across the country play an important role in strengthening financial literacy. However, it is observed that certain Business Correspondents (BCs) attached to some banks are inactive.

In view of above, to understand and mitigate concerns, if any, related to BC operations and its impact on customer service the matter may be discussed in the meeting.

During 137th SLBC GM, Regional Office, Reserve Bank of India informed that during the review of Financial Inclusion Index of Kerala, the state has been pulled back in the Index due to the number of inactive BC's. The banks should make an effort to increase the number of active BC by removing inactive BCs and introducing new BCs. Too many restrictions on functioning the BCs are also hampering the BC functioning.

5.11 Agenda suggested by Indian Bankers Association regarding - SVAMITVA Scheme

SVAMITVA Scheme was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 24th April 2020 with the objective to enable demarcation of inhabited land in rural areas by the latest drone survey methods. The scheme is of national importance and aims at bringing financial stability to the citizens in rural areas by enabling them to use their property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits. Hon'ble Prime Minister in his recent address to United Nations has mentioned SVAMITVA Scheme as one of his prime focus agenda.

2. The SVAMITVA Scheme aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural India. The demarcation of abadi areas (the abadi area includes inhabitant land, inhabited areas contiguous to Abadi and wadis/basties in rural areas) would be done using Drone Surveying technology, with the collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, State Panchayati Raj Department, State Revenue Departments and Survey of India.
3. The SVAMITVA Scheme would provide the 'Record of Rights' to village household owners possessing houses in inhabited rural areas in villages which, in turn, would enable them to use their property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits from Banks.

Brief Steps in the Scheme

4. Following are the Steps in the Scheme:
 - i. Brief/ broad level implementation process flow of the scheme is illustrated
 - ii. Signing of MoU between Survey of India and respective State Governments.
 - iii. Identification of villages to be surveyed during Pilot Phase.
 - iv. Sensitisation of GPs/villages iv. Demarcation of abadi area and chunna marking of rural properties
 - v. Large scale mapping of rural abadi area using unmanned aerial vehicles/drones.
 - vi. Creation of maps.

- vii. Ground verification of maps by drone survey teams
- viii. Correction of maps – post ground verification
- viii. Inquiry Process/ Objection process – Conflict/dispute resolution
- x. Generation of final Property Cards/ Title deed or “SampattiPatrak”.
- ix. Availability of the Property Cards on digital platform/ hard copies.

Objective of the Scheme

5. The scheme seeks to achieve the following objectives: -
 - i. Creation of accurate land records for rural planning and reduce property related disputes.
 - ii. **To bring financial stability to the citizens in rural India by enabling them to use their property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits.**
 - iii. Determination of property tax, which would accrue to the GPs directly in States where it is devolved or else, add to the State exchequer.
 - iv. Creation of survey infrastructure and GIS maps that can be leveraged by any department for their use.
 - v. To support in preparation of better-quality Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) by making use of GIS maps.

Scheme Achievements

6. To fulfil Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision and achieve SVAMITVA Scheme's objective of financial bankability of the property cards prepared to have universal acceptance against which they can be used as collateral for availing loans.
7. As on 20 June 2022, 75 lakh property cards have been prepared in around 40,000 villages and it is expected that property card distribution will soon be starting in the 23 new states/UTs in which work has already been initiated.
8. Making property card as financial instrument is one of the most crucial steps for upliftment and mainstreaming villagers. The Property Card should serve as an effective collateral which the institution should be confident of redeeming in case of default by the borrower.
9. Pilot phase of the Scheme during the financial year 2020-21 covered about 40 thousand villages in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab & Rajasthan States have generated Property cards under State Revenue/ Panchayati Raj Rules/ Acts. States have different formats and nomenclature for the Property Cards viz. 'Title deed' in Haryana, 'Rural Property Ownership Record (RPOR)' in Karnataka, 'Adhikar Abhilekh' in Madhya Pradesh, 'Sannad' in Maharashtra, 'Gharauni' in Uttar Pradesh and 'Svomitva Abhilekh' in Uttarakhand (Sample Property Cards are enclosed in ***Annexure-I***)

10. Further, an advisory has been issued to the States, highlighting the important parameters to be included in the property cards (copy enclosed ***Annexure-II***):

- a. **Legal Recognition**- Recognition of “Property Card” or “Record of Right” under State Panchayati Raj or Land Revenue or Code for legal validity of transfer of title and for securing loans
- b. **Record Consistency**- Aligning of Record of Gharauni register with Khatauni Records under Land Revenue.
- c. **Encumbrances**- Provision must be made for noting of charge/Mortgage/Attachment on property whenever such encumbrances are created.
- d. **Registration and Mutation** - Provision must be made for registration of property cards under State Acts/Rules as is being done in Haryana where Title deed being issued is deemed registered and subsequent change in ownership would entail a regular registration.
- e. **Geo Tagging**- Linking the property with geo spatial which will could be utilized for identification of part or areas of property, which would further enable prevention of frauds.
- f. **Align and Inclusion**-Alignment of property card with the records maintained under respective state laws and inclusion of non-obstante clause.

Way Forward

11. Ministry of Panchayati Raj has collaborated with many financial institutions including Department of Financial Services and have incorporated the suggestions of several Banks and Financial Institutions in discussing the way forward regarding the format of the Property Cards. Similar to the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number(ULPIN) of the DoLR's Digital India-Land Records Modernization Programme, MoPR are also planning to issue Unique Identification Numbers to the Property Cards issued to the property parcels of the Abadi area under SVAMITVA Scheme, so that they can have a legitimate value and can be taken up for availing bank loans by the property owners.

12. States have been approached; update is as follows:

- i) Indian Bank's Association (IBA) has probably taken up the matter in the agenda of their meetings.
- ii) State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC)/Union Territory Level Bankers Committee (UTLBC) have taken up the matter in the agenda of their meetings and in finalizing Property Card Formats , their comments have been incorporated.
- iii) Financing against the Property Card may be included as a part of Annual Credit Plan (ACP) of the Banks and monitored at the District Consultative Committee (DCC)/SLBC level.
- iv) Banks may be suggested to formulate internal guidelines for issuance of loan against the issued Property cards.

During SLRM 2022, Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala stated that the State Government has started a new project worth Rs.800 Crores for digital survey of Kerala and established 28 reference stations. Around 4000 people are getting recruited contract-wise. The project will start by September and the entire land will be digitally surveyed. The CS also stated that software is under process for doing all the operations related to transactions electronically.

6. FRESH ISSUES

6.1 Primary Sector

6.1.1 Agenda suggested by NABARD: Credit support to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)

NABARD has promoted 184 FPOs in the State of Kerala under various funds viz. PRODUCE, PODF and CSS. Out of this, 145 FPOs are active with a total membership of more than 70000 farmers. However, the low level of financing for FPOs in the state is a matter of concern.

Agenda to be discussed in the SLRM with respect to FPO financing as under

1. Banks may avoid delay in processing the application submitted by FPOs. Banks may consider sanctioning credit to A and B rated FPOs on a priority basis.
2. Credit Linkage for Nascent FPOs: NABSANRAKSHAN currently offers a credit guarantee scheme for credit linkage to FPOs with a minimum existence of six months. Banks may consider providing credit facilities both working capital and term loan to newly formed FPOs as credit guarantee already available with NABSANRAKSHAN.
3. Considering the Farmer Producer Organization's initial stage of development into a business organization, banks may handhold and provide necessary support in terms of lesser interest rates, minimum documentation, faster processing and provide possible accommodation in sanction conditions.

6.1.2 Agenda suggested by Department of Animal Husbandry – National Livestock Entrepreneurship Development Programme

National Livestock Mission Entrepreneurship Development Programme

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India is implementing the scheme of National Livestock Mission since financial year 2014-15. In view of the present need of the sector the NLM scheme has been revised and realigned from FY 2021-22. The revised scheme of National Livestock Mission (NLM) aims at employment generation, entrepreneurship development, increase in per animal productivity and increased production of meat. Goat milk, egg and wool under the umbrella scheme Development programme. One of the major components of revised scheme of National Livestock Mission (NLM) is the Entrepreneurship Development Programme with a 50% bank ended capital

subsidy. The Entrepreneurs/Eligible Entities need to arrange through bank loan or from the financial institution or through self financing. The 50% subsidy will be provided in to the lending bank by SIDBI.

Application through Udyamitra Portal of SIDBI

Following are the activities eligible under the scheme:

Activity	Unit Size (minimum)	Subsidy%	Subsidy – Max Amount (Rs)
Poultry – Parent Farm Rural Hatchery, Mother Unit	1000 parent layer	50%	25 lakhs
Sheep & Goat Breeding Unit	500 female + 25 male	50 %	50 lakhs
	400 female + 20 male		40 lakhs
	300 female + 25 male		30 lakhs
	200 female + 10 male		20 lakhs
	100 female + 5 male		10 lakhs
Pig Breeding Unit	100 sow + 25 boars	50 %	30 lakhs
	50 sows + 10 boars		15 lakhs

Eligible Entities are:

- FPO
- Farmer Cooperatives
- JLG
- SHG
- Individual Entrepreneurs
- Section 8 Companies

The State Government for the current financial year intends to hand hold the farmers for submission of application for the programme. The Kerala Livestock Development Board (KLDB) is the nodal agency for the programme and Animal Husbandry Department provides technical support. Banks are requested to promote these ventures. The inputs provided by these larger units will inturn help smaller farmers to setup smaller units and improve primary production in the economy overall.

6.2 Secondary Sector

6.2.1 Agenda suggested by MSME- DI Thrissur – Popularisation of Schemes: ZED, CGTMSE Revised Scheme, Udyam registration/Udyam Assist Portal, Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for SC/ST.

With respect to your email on the subject cited above, this office would like to request SLBC to circulate the information of the Scheme given below among Financial Institutions for popularizing these schemes. It is requested that Financial Institutions may be directed to utilize these Schemes for their potential MSME Customers:

- 1) Special Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for SC/ST Entrepreneurs
- 2) Zero Defect Zero Effect Scheme for Manufacturing Enterprises
- 3) CGTMSE Revised Scheme Guidelines
- 4) Udyam Registration/Udyam Assist Platform

6.3 Tertiary Sector

6.3.1 Agenda Suggested by RBI – Adoption of Fintech

As you are aware, the FinTech revolution presents us with a unique opportunity to drive financial inclusion and improve the efficiency of the financial sector. The need for collaboration with Fintech firms is needed by our banks to stay in tune with the dynamic changing landscape, providing greater marketing opportunities and faster delivery of services. The banks may be encouraged to adopt Fintech, particularly in the agriculture sector, and explore the possibilities of digitizing the loan process for small value loans up to 10.00 lakh. The progress of banks in this regard may also be tracked. SLBC is advised to include Adoption of Fintech as an agenda item in the upcoming SLRM and act as a critical link for feedbacks regarding concerns that emanate from mushrooming of Fintech entities, either directly or in partnership with the banks, without adequate oversight.

6.3.2 Agenda Suggested by Planning Department

Issued faced by the students who have availed education loan for their studies in Ukraine.