

**Minutes of the 17th SLBC Quarterly Review Meeting
held on the 21st December, 2017**

**@ 02.00 PM, at “Sabha Gruha” Auditorium, State Bank of India,
Local Head Office, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad**

The 17th Quarterly meeting of State Level Bankers' Committee, Telangana to review the performance of banks for the quarter ended September, 2017 was held on 21st December, 2017 at “Sabha Gruha” Auditorium, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad.

Sri Eatala Rajender, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, J Swaminathan, CGM SBI & President - SLBC Telangana, Sri C Parthasarathi, IAS, Secretary (Agriculture), Sri Sandeep Sultania, IAS, Secretary (IF), Government of Telangana, Sri Benher Mahesh Dutt Ekka, IAS, Secretary (Tribal Welfare), Government of Telangana, Dr Singala Subbaiah, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Dr. M Jagan Mohan, IAS, Commissioner (Agriculture), Government of Telangana, Ms Pousumi Basu, IAS, CEO-SERP, Sri R Laxman, Commissioner (Tribal Welfare), Government of Telangana, Dr. P Radhakrishnan, CGM, NABARD, Sri NS Deepu, Asst. Director General, UIDAI, Sri S Manikandan, General Manager & Convenor, SLBC Telangana, Sri UNN Maiya, General Manager, SBI Senior Officials from Government of Telangana, Executives from Banks and Lead District Managers have participated in the meeting.

Detailed list of participants is annexed.

The meeting was held in two sessions to have focused discussion on issues.

- ⇒ Bankers' Session to review Bank-wise performance in Priority Sector/FI Initiatives and addressing the issues of Banks and Line Departments.
- ⇒ Review of performance at State Level. (by Hon'ble minister for Finance, Sri Eatala Rajender).

Sri UNN Maiya, General Manager & Outgoing Convenor of SLBC, introduced Sri S Manikandan to the forum who took over as Convenor.

Sri S Manikandan, General Manager SBI & Convenor SLBC, welcomed the dignitaries and members to the Bankers session. He introduced Sri J Swaminathan, Chief General Manager, SBI LHO, Hyderabad who took over as President of SLBC in place of Sri Hardayal Prasad.

He congratulated Sri UNN Maiya for successfully launching of ACP 2017-18, conducting Mudra Promotion Campaign and Quarterly Review meeting for the quarter ended

30.06.2017. He also recalled the successful leadership provided by Sri Hardayal Prasad in conducting the SLBC activities during his tenure in maintaining the decorum of the SLBC forum. He also explained how the present meeting is going to be conducted in two sessions, i.e., the first session will be a brain storming session for bank officials and government departmental heads to discuss on various issues, where as in the second session, Hon'ble Minister (s) will be participating to give their valuable suggestions.

Sri Swaminathan J, CGM-SBI & President, SLBC, requested all the stake holders to utilise the session for having a thorough and meaningful discussion on various issues which can be resolved amicably for implementation of various schemes in the state.

Sri Sandeep Sultania, IAS, Secretary (IF) addressed the forum as under:

- ⇒ To have more meaningful deliberations, quarterly SLBC meetings will be held in two sessions hereafter and will focus on Bank-wise performance, priority sector advances, various schemes, issues faced by banks and line departments in grouping of government schemes etc., Second session will be attended by Hon'ble Ministers of state to have the review.
- ⇒ Representation by controllers is mandatory from Banks side to facilitate meaningful discussions and to ensure that the resolutions made in the meeting are percolated down the level with proper authority.
- ⇒ All Head of the Departments from State Government also should participate to make the discussion more meaningful.
- ⇒ Banks have to take necessary steps to provide financial assistance under various schemes announced by both Central and State Governments and detailed discussions have to take place in SLBC meetings. All the State Government officials who are looking after the implementation of various government schemes must attend the meeting.
- ⇒ Banks to extend support in implementation of Government Sponsored Schemes for bringing the poor people above the poverty line. Mudra Scheme promoted by Government of India aims at providing employment to poor and banks have to encourage the scheme. Upliftment is one of the biggest challenges before the Central and State Governments. It is essential that the wealth generated is distributed among all the citizens of our country.
- ⇒ Banks are always worried about Non Performing Assets while extending finance to poor people. Despite the existence of NPAs, banks have to extend financial assistance to poor people.
- ⇒ State Government officials to discuss government schemes/programmes with the bankers and any clarifications sought by the bankers have to be properly addressed.
- ⇒ All efforts have to be made by the Government officials to see that loans sanctioned by the banks in respect of government sponsored schemes are recovered without any difficulty.

- ⇒ 131387 applications in respect of Telangana State Backward Classes Co-op Finance Corporation and 23906 applications in respect of 11 BC Federations have been received through on-line for banklinkage for the year 2015-16. A subsidy amount of Rs.102.18 crores has been released for grounding of the Schemes.

It is informed by the MD, Telangana State Backward Classes Co-op Finance Corporation that Banks are demanding collateral security/guarantee to ground the Group schemes and wanted the same to be exempted for immediate grounding of the schemes.

Sri C Parthasarathi, IAS, Secretary (Agriculture) addressed the forum as under:

- ⇒ The meetings conducted during the last two years revolved around the loan waiver scheme and as we have concluded the loan waiver, there is a need for discussing other important issues like Crop Insurance, agriculture lending.
- ⇒ Government has taken up the issue of cleaning of land records in a big way. Government is having a huge data base in respect of land records of farmers which is being updated, and the same will be available within one month to all the stakeholders.
- ⇒ Government is contemplating to provide financial assistance for agriculture operations to the farmers based on the above data, by direct credit to their accounts from the month of May itself.
- ⇒ A good harvest during the current Rabi season is anticipated and sowing of crops to the extent of 14 to 15% is completed by the end of October. Sowing of paddy is expected to be taken up by the farmers during the month of January and requested the bankers to provide necessary financial assistance to the farmers.
- ⇒ Irrigation Department has assured to provide water to 16 Lacs hectares during current Rabi season and majority of the crop will be paddy.
- ⇒ Out of Rs.15900 Crores budgeted for short term credit under Rabi, banks have achieved 14.50% so far and banks have to complete the targets during December and January. Banks performance during Kharif for providing crop loans at 88% is satisfactory. However, Banks have to aim at achieving 100% of the targets.
- ⇒ On analysing the performance of banks in lending under Kharif, it is observed that, some banks have exceeded the target by 200% and some banks have achieved less than 50% of the target. Performance in districts also varies from 200% to less than 50%. SLBC to take steps for allocation of targets in a scientific manner so that such type of huge variations does not recur. Allocation of targets in particular to districts should be done based on the cropping pattern in those districts.

- ⇒ Government is not having the details of Agri. Clinics and Agri. Business Centres. SLBC to provide particulars of these schemes to Agriculture Department so that they will do hand holding to help the farmers. There are number of agricultural graduates in the State and both these schemes would be helpful for them in establishing their own units.
- ⇒ Disbursements to Horticulture, Sericulture and Poly Houses are very low and government is not aware of the problems faced by the banks in extending financial support under these schemes. SLBC to provide the list of the banks to review the individual performance of the banks in these areas.
- ⇒ SLBC to hold a work shop for banks on term lending to agriculture sector. This is to be conducted immediately so that the lending will improve in the next year.
- ⇒ Both Central and State Governments are spending Rs.300 Crores every year for farm mechanization. State Government intends to have separate budget for Agriculture from the next financial year and decided to provide 40 to 60% subsidy to farm mechanization schemes. Hence, there is a need for improvement of farm mechanisation. State Government is conducting various studies in different countries to improve farm mechanisation. There is no farm machinery evolved so far for cotton crop which is a major crop in our State and Government is planning to provide cotton picking machines to farmers.
- ⇒ Crop Insurance is another important issue and still 1.50 Lakh farmers details are to be fed by banks in the portal. Govt. of India has agreed to keep open the portal up to 31.12.2017 for Kharif Updation by banks and thereafter under no circumstances the portal will be opened. Banks to complete the uploading of data well before 31.12.2017.
- ⇒ All the banks to remit the insurance premium to the concerned insurance companies immediately without any delay. Banks to educate the ground level staff to ensure that the crop actually grown only is financed and insured. Any mistake in this regard will lead to rejection of the claims by insurance companies.
- ⇒ Insurance companies have settled claims to the extent of Rs.200 Crores during this year and the amount has already been sent to the concerned bank branches. Banks have to advise their branches for immediate credit of this amount to the accounts of farmers. State Government will be publishing the list of Crop Insurance Beneficiaries in the villages and banks will face severe problems in the villages, if the claim amount is not credited to farmers' accounts immediately.
- ⇒ SLBC to invite all Crop Insurance companies to their meetings so that a meaningful discussion can take place between banks, Government and Insurance companies to find out solutions to the problems faced by them.
- ⇒ State Government is facing problem in obtaining information on SC/ ST farmers covered under crop insurance scheme for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16. Agricultural Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC) is not having data under the old NAIS scheme. Banks to provide the data to Agriculture Department immediately.

- ⇒ Government has made Aadhar mandatory for claiming Pavala Vaddi (PV) and Vaddi Leni Runalu (VLR) from 2017-18 onwards and the same will be utilised for Direct Benefit Transfer under both these schemes.
- ⇒ Banks to achieve their lending targets for Rabi season before 15th January 2018.

Sri Benher Mahesh Dutt Ekka, IAS, Secretary, Tribal Welfare, Government of Telangana addressed the forum as under:

- ⇒ There is lot of pendency in grounding of the schemes by the banks for the last two to three years. The grounding percentage during the year 2013-14 and 2014-15 is 73% and 66% respectively. The grounding percentage in Mahaboobnagar, Warangal, and Khammam districts is very poor.
- ⇒ If the economic support schemes are not grounded immediately, there will be dissatisfaction among poor people and it will attract criticism from all quarters of the society including State and Central Governments.
- ⇒ Under the new Act enacted recently, i.e., SC SDF and ST SDF, full particulars on finance made to SC/ST borrowers will have to be kept in public domain and in case of failure on the part of the banks and government in grounding the schemes on top priority both the stake holders will lose creditability.
- ⇒ Banks to ensure timely grounding of schemes in respect of SC/ST/BC/Minority and other government sponsored schemes.
- ⇒ Apart from providing Economic Support Scheme to 20,000 people, two more programmes are now being taken up by their Department. One of such programmes is "Own Your Car" scheme to SC/ST/BC/Minority beneficiaries. Government is planning to distribute 2000 cars in Hyderabad with tie-up arrangements with UBER. Government is providing Rs.5.00 Lacs as subsidy out of the scheme cost of Rs.8.00 Lacs and banks have to provide financial assistance of Rs.3.00 Lacs by hypothecating the vehicle.
- ⇒ Another programme is Chief Minister's ST Entrepreneur programme wherein the beneficiaries will be helped to establish SSI units with a total subsidy up to Rs.50.00 Lacs and remaining unit cost to be financed by banks.

Ms Pousumi Basu, IAS, CEO, SERP stated as under:

- ⇒ During the current financial year so far banks have achieved 80% of SHG financing and there is a short fall of Rs.746 Crores.
- ⇒ Banks in the state have achieved 100% of targets during the year 2016-17 and have to strive to achieve 100% during the current year also.

- ⇒ It has come to notice that Banks are insisting on group members to keep deposits whenever loan is sanctioned. Controlling Authorities of banks to advise their branches to desist from the practice of insisting for deposits or insurance policies.
- ⇒ Controlling authorities of banks to advise their branch staff to attend JMLBC and Mandal Level meetings wherein discussions will be taken place in respect of bad loans and steps for recovery may also be discussed.
- ⇒ There are 38 Lacs Asra Pensioners in the State and 57% of the pensions are being distributed through post offices by using bio-metric machines every month with an aggregate amount of Rs.242 Crores. Cash is required for distribution of these pensions and post-demonetization post offices are facing cash crunch. Banks are requested to make sufficient cash available to post offices.
- ⇒ Banks to provide list of inactive accounts of Asra Pensions to SERP so that necessary steps will be initiated to active these accounts.
- ⇒ About 6.80 Lacs Asra Pension Accounts are yet to be seeded with Aadhar and banks to complete the same immediately. SERP will be able to provide further information.

Sri Swaminathan J, President SLBC said that banks are also facing cash crunch and the issue can be discussed with Reserve Bank of India for resolution. He further said that as per the directions, Government of India/UIDAI banks are setting up Aadhar Centres in some of the selected branches and general public may make use of the same for Aadhar seeding and also for rectification of the errors.

The Bankers' session concluded with vote of thanks by Sri UNN Maiya.

Sri Eatata Rajender, Hon'ble Minister for Finance joined the forum as a Chief Guest. Sri UNN Maiya, General Manager, SBI welcomed Sri Eatata Rajender, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Government of Telangana and other dignitaries.

Sri Swaminathan J, Chief General Manager SBI & President SLBC in his presidential address welcomed guests, dignitaries and other participants to the 17th Quarterly Meeting of SLBC Telangana and presented the performance of banks in the state as at the end of September, 2017, as under:

- ⇒ Total Deposits of the banks in the state grew by Rs.6619.89 Crores during the quarter and are at Rs.392010.79 Crores as at the end of September, 2017.
- ⇒ Total Advances of the banks grew by Rs.20919.59 Crores during the quarter and are at Rs.441151.77 Crores as at the end of September 2017.
- ⇒ CD ratio continued to be above 100 percent and has increased further from 109% to 112% during the quarter on account of substantial growth in advances during the quarter.

- ⇒ During the quarter ended September, 2017, Banks have lent Rs.11106.41 Crores under Short Term Agriculture Credit, achieving 88.15% of the Kharif targets.
- ⇒ Banks have lent Rs.2060.52 Crores under investment credit to agriculture and allied activities during the quarter.
- ⇒ Banks have lent Rs.162.66 Crores towards educational loans and Rs.678.94 Crores towards housing loans during the quarter.
- ⇒ Banks together have disbursed Rs.18069.20 Crores under various segments of Priority Sector Advances, achieving 69.88% of targets for the current financial year.
- ⇒ Banks have disbursed Rs.3380.96 Crores to Micro, Small & Medium enterprises during the quarter.
- ⇒ Banks have disbursed Rs.799.11 Crores to borrowers under Minorities category and Rs.6584.13 Crores to borrowers under 'Weaker Sections' during the quarter.
- ⇒ An amount of Rs.1854.54 Crores was disbursed to borrowers under "SCs/STs category" during the quarter.
- ⇒ During the current financial year, banks have so far disbursed Rs.1822.96 Crores to 130239 beneficiaries under Pradhan Manthri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) scheme.
- ⇒ Pursuant to issuance of revised guidelines of Reserve Bank of India on Branch Authorization Policy, banks have updated their position on fixed point Banking Correspondents which indicate that out of the 255 villages/centers with population exceeding 5000 identified in 2015 for covering with banking services, 143 villages/centers have fixed point BCs whereas 51 are so far covered with branches leaving 61 as Unbanked Rural Centres (URCs) in the State. As these centers are to be covered with Banking Outlets by 31st December 2017, banks to accord top priority and ensure that all URCs are covered with Banking Outlets.
- ⇒ In the financial inclusion front, Banks in the State have so far opened 89.45 lakh accounts under PMJDY and seeded 86.26% of these accounts with Aadhaar. RuPay cards have been issued to 84% of these accounts.
- ⇒ As far as the Social Security Schemes are concerned, 69.36 lakh beneficiaries are covered by bank under Pradhan Manthri Suraksha Beema Yojana (PMSBY) and 18.72 lakh beneficiaries are covered under Pradhan Manthri Jeevan Jyothi Beema Yojana (PMJJBY). Performance under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) is not very encouraging, with 2.40 lakh enrolled under APY.
- ⇒ There are 76 Financial Literacy Centres of banks in the State which are actively participating in conducting camps for the target groups. FLCCs have conducted 627 camps during the quarter.

- ⇒ On behalf of the banks, requested the Finance Department and Agriculture Departments to ensure that reimbursement the VLR/ PV claims of banks is made immediately as the banks are out of funds for more than 2 years.
- ⇒ Requested Hon'ble Ministers for Finance and Agriculture to address the issue of applicability of Crop Loan Waiver Scheme 2014 to the Crop loans rescheduled in 2014 in the erstwhile drought declared districts of Rangareddy, Medak and Adilabad as the farmers stating that these are also covered under the scheme have totally stopped servicing interest or instalments.

Sri Sandeep Sultania, IAS, appraised Sri Eatata Rajender, Hon'ble Minister of the discussions taken place in the first session between the banks and authorities of State Government.

- ❖ Banks have agreed to achieve 100% targets in respect of all the segments as per Annual Credit Plan.
- ❖ Chief General Manager, NABARD agreed to conduct a work shop with all the concerned in the State to improve term lending to Agriculture Sector.

Sri Benhur Mahesh Dutt Ekka, IAS, Secretary (Tribal Welfare), Government of Telangana appraised the Hon'ble Minister of the pendency in grounding of Government Sponsored Schemes. He suggested that the banks complete the grounding of schemes by conducting melas.

Sri C Parthasaradhi, IAS appraised Hon'ble Minister that the banks were requested to provide the list of SC/ST beneficiaries covered under crop insurance for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

Ms Pousumi Basu, IAS , CEO-SERP brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister about cash shortage being faced by the Postal Department in distribution of Asra Pensions in the State, position of sanction of SHG loans and pendency of Aadhar seeding in respect of Asra pension accounts with the banks.

Sri S Manikandan, General Manager SBI & Convenor SLBC made detailed presentation on the key parameters as at the end of September, 2017 and the following agenda items were taken up for discussion/approval.

- ⇒ The minutes of 16th SLBC meeting held on 26th October, 2017, Steering Committee meetings held on 17th October, 2017, 13th November, 2017 and 29th November, 2017 were circulated to the members of the SLBC, RBI, NABARD, LDMs and Government Departments concerned. These minutes were taken as approved by the house as no requests for amendments / changes were received.
- ⇒ Dept. of Agriculture and Co-operation, Government of Telangana has notified the Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme under PMFBY vide GO. Rt.

No.1183 dated 1st November 2017. The communication of Govt. of Telangana has already been circulated among member banks.

- ⇒ Reserve Bank of India has developed a dedicated portal (<https://dbie.rbi.org.in/DCP/>) for collection and compilation of data on natural calamities on a real time basis through a centralized system. The portal has gone live on July 20, 2017. All Banks to ensure that the data on relief measures extended is invariably uploaded in RBI's portal, by 10th of the following month.
- ⇒ Dy. Director General, UIDAI, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India vide letter no. UIDAI/Hyd/TS-Misc/1601-Vol-II dated 27th November 2017 has issued guidelines on applicability of Aadhaar as an identity document for Non-Resident India's (NRIs) / Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) / Overseas Citizen of India (OICs) and advised all Central Ministries / Departments / State Governments and other implementing agencies may keep in consideration the following while seeking Aadhaar as a proof of identity.

The guidelines have been circulated to the banks for compliance.

- ⇒ It is informed by the State Director, KVIC that during the current financial year, 5864 applications under PMEGP were sent by District Level Task Force Committees (DLTFC) to the Banks, of which 940 applications were sanctioned by banks so far. Remaining 4074 applications involving aggregate margin money of Rs.112.93 Crores are pending with the banks. State Director of KVIC advised that the target of 2325 units initially set has been enhanced by Ministry of MSME by 2.50 times i.e., to approx.5812 units. State Director of KVIC requested for expeditious clearance of pending applications by banks especially in the light of enhanced targets.
- ⇒ Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEPMA) has earlier advised Bank-wise/Branch-wise targets under various components viz., Self Help Groups (SHGs), Self Employment Programme (Individual) and Self Employment Programme (Groups). MEMPA advised that many bank branches especially in Sangareddy, Nagarkurnool and Wanaparthy districts are rejecting the applications stating that targets under Self Employment Programme (SEP) were not received from their Controlling Offices.MEPMA requested the Controlling Authorities of all Banks to immediately communicate the branch targets and advise them suitably.
- ⇒ All loanee farmers are to be mandatorily covered under PMFBY and the farmers' data has to be uploaded in the Insurance portal of Government of India. However, due to various reasons farmers' data has not been fully uploaded by banks in the State and at the request of State Government/SLBC, the cut-off date for updating the data has been extended up to 31st December, 2017. Banks to ensure that all the data is uploaded in the portal.
- ⇒ It has been advised by Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India that the "Bank Branch Master" was not properly updated by the Banks in the State. Controlling Authorities of all the Banks to ensure that 'Branch Master' of their Bank is properly updated and the data pertaining the loanee farmers is uploaded in the Insurance

Portal of Government of India to avoid complications in settlement of insurance claims, in any, in future.

- ⇒ It is advised by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) that Common Interest Groups (CIGs) were formed on par with Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) with 10 Street Vendors in each group and necessary trainings imparted for sustainability of the CIGs. It is informed that banks are not extending support to CIGs under Government sponsored schemes. NULM guidelines on SEP provides for financial assistance to individual/groups including street vendors/hawkers of urban poor. Guidelines for selection of beneficiary and procedure for sponsoring applications is detailed in the RBI Master Circular No.FIDD.GSSD. CO.BC.No.03/09.16.03/2017-18 dated the 1st July, 2017 on DAY-NULM. Banks to be guided by the RBI Circular and the targets advised under SEP (I) & SEP (G).
- ⇒ Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India shared a list of inadequately covered/uncovered villages i.e. which do not have banking outlet within 5 kms, numbering to 531 in the State.
 - ❖ In respect of two LWE effected districts of Khammam & Bhadradi, as suggested by DFS, LDMs have been advised to discuss the implementation plan for covering the inadequately covered villages with banking outlets, in the ensuing DCC meeting and advise the plan of action to SLBC
 - ❖ In respect of all other districts Banks/SLBC have to work out a suitable action plan to cover these inadequately covered/uncovered villages with Banking Outlets. In this connection, the list of villages has been sent to the Banks as well as the Lead District Managers for updation. Controllers of all banks/ LDMs to ensure that the updated lists are sent back to SLBC immediately to enable the same to be discussed in Steering Committee/ SLBC meeting and finalise action plan for coverage of inadequately covered/uncovered villages.
- ⇒ It is informed by the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, M/s Telangana Scheduled Castes Cooperative Development Corporation Limited that pendency in grounding of units for the year 2015-16 and 2017-18 still exist and requested the controlling authorities of all banks to instruct their branches to speed up the process of implementation of the schemes under SC Action Plan. It is proposed to provide login credentials to the Banks to facilitate:
 - ❖ Branches to upload the two loan accounts details of beneficiaries in OBMMS portal.
 - ❖ Branch to upload the Utilization Certificates after grounding of units in OBMMS portal.
- ⇒ Post de-monetization, Government of India initiated host of measures to promote digital payments and less cash economy in the country. Telangana State is forefront in the digital push and has made villages as digital villages. In line with the objective of the Government of India to promote Bharat QR as “Policy Favored Universal Payment Instrument” and in view of the low OPEX and CAPEX, Banks are

aggressively pursuing promotion of Bharat QR in the State. Few banks have advised that as a part of merchant on-boarding process, Bank has to enter into an agreement with the merchant for providing digital products viz., Point of Sale (PoS)/ Bharat QR etc. The agreement attracts a stamp duty of Rs.200/- as per the Act in vogue in the State. Banks advised that small merchants are reluctant to pay the stamp duty on Merchant Acquiring Agreement which is impeding the efforts for on-boarding of merchants. Banks are requesting Government of Telangana to consider waiver of Stamp Duty of Rs.200/- for the Merchant Acquiring Agreements (one-time payment at the time of agreement) to encourage and bring majority of small merchants into the ambit of digital payments mechanism to maintain the State top position in digital payments.

- ⇒ As per the guidelines of Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, a Call Centre for PMJDY was made operational by SLBC w.e.f., 28.04.2015 as approved in the 5th SLBC meeting held on 4th September 2015. The expenditure towards Call Centre operator salary and toll free number bills are being shared proportionately by banks. Presently, Call Centre is being manned by one operator for whom a consolidated salary of Rs.14,000/- per month. In view of the increase in price index and as the same has not been revised for 2 years, it is proposed to increase the consolidated salary of the Call Centre operator from Rs.14,000/- to Rs.18,000/- per month, to retain/place competent people in Call Centre. The forum is requested to approve the same.
- ⇒ Action Points emerged in the meeting of 11th Empowered Committee (EC) on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) of Telangana State conducted by Reserve Bank of India on 6th December, 2017 to be complied with by all banks/SLBC.
 - ❖ **Action Point-1:** Bankers and SLBC to monitor the functioning of the committees formed under the frame work for revival and rehabilitation of MSMEs and present the data on the details of the cases dealt with by the committees before EC. A lot of scope was there for a credit flow to the micro entrepreneurs under the MUDRA scheme.
 - ❖ **Action Point-2:** Action Taken Reports on observations made in EC to be submitted by strictly adhering to the timelines.
 - ❖ **Action Point-3:** Government of Telangana to examine if a sub-limit for Micro and Small borrowers could be considered in the subsidy schemes for MSME, which would expedite the flow of subsidies to Micro and Small units facing cash flow issues due to delayed release of subsidies.
 - ❖ **Action Point-4:** Banks to inform their borrowers / popularise 'My MSME' app which contains all information on MSME

Dr. S Subbaiah, General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, expressed satisfaction on the initiative taken for conducting SLBC meeting in two sessions to have focussed discussion on the issues faced by the stake holders He further addressed the forum as under:

- ⇒ Telangana State is implementing Lead Bank Scheme most effectively.

- ⇒ Government of Telangana is taking up poverty alleviation programmes effectively to have inclusive growth in the State for which Lead Bank Scheme is very helpful.
- ⇒ Though the Lead Bank Scheme is being effectively implemented at State level, the same is not so at district level. State Government to take necessary steps for effective implementation of Lead Bank Scheme at district level.
- ⇒ Very few States in our country have CD Ratio more than 100% and Telangana State is one among them.
- ⇒ Despite the State achieving more than 100% CD Ratio, banks did not achieve 100% priority sector lending targets which is more important for inclusive growth of the State.
- ⇒ Growth in the MSME segment will improve the employment generation in the State. However, banks did not achieved the targets prescribed for lending to Micro Enterprises.
- ⇒ Growth in micro, agriculture, SHGs is very low when compared to other segments and banks have to concentrate on these segments so that the NPA levels also will be low.
- ⇒ All the banks to participate in JMLBC and Mandal Recovery Camps actively to recover their NPAs with the help of State Government Authorities.
- ⇒ SLBC to form a Sub Committee to discuss on NPAs in “Government Sponsored Schemes” and to arrive at possible solutions to reduce NPAs.
- ⇒ There is a need to improve credit flow to tenant farmers in the State and there is no Standard Operating Procedure for providing credit to the tenant farmers in place. He requested SLBC to develop a Standard Operating Procedure to finance tenant farmers.
- ⇒ All the banks may finance joint liability groups.
- ⇒ State Government to improve the ambit of SERP from SHGs to other sectors such as tenant farmers and street vendors also to have inclusive growth in the State.

Dr P Radha Krishnan, Chief General Manager, NABARD stated as under:

- ⇒ Private and Public sector commercial banks have to analyse the reasons for not achieving the targets fixed by the Central Government for short term credit lending to the farmers. Heads of commercial banks to discuss this issue and to evolve the measures to be taken to improve short term credit to the agriculture sector.
- ⇒ Investment Credit in agriculture and allied activities as on 30 September 2017 is only Rs.5179 Crores against the ACP target of Rs.14400 Crores. Share of investment credit in total agriculture credit is declining and is a matter of concern. Investment

credit in agriculture is identified as a critical factor for doubling farmers' income. RBI to consider imposing a sub-target to the banks for term lending to agriculture in order to encourage the flow of credit to this important area.

- ⇒ In order to facilitate collation of information on subsector-wise credit flow for investments in agriculture viz., Water resources, Dairy Development, Plantation and Horticulture etc, RBI to consider modifying the MIS prescribed under Lead bank Scheme which will help in drawing up suitable policy guidelines and interventions for enhancing credit flow to these potential sectors.
- ⇒ There is a renewed thrust on increasing new farm loan accounts to enhance the coverage of institutional credit to uncovered SF/MF/Tenant farmers. Controllers of banks to impose a target of at least 25 new farm loan accounts to each rural/semi-urban branch under their jurisdiction.
- ⇒ SLBC to include the coverage of new farm loan accounts as a regular agenda in the SLBC meetings.
- ⇒ Support is now available to deploy mobile boosters to amplify signal strength in areas with intermittent connectivity, low signal strength. Banks to utilize the scheme.
- ⇒ Rural branches and FLCs are required to organize at least one special camp on "Going Digital" in unbanked rural centres by 15 February 2018 and controlling offices to issue suitable instructions to their branches in this connection.

Sri Eatala Rajender, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, addressed the august forum as under:

- ⇒ Complimented for the good beginning in having two sessions to have detailed discussions. Having two sessions in the meeting is necessary as in the first session discussions will take place between the bankers and the officials of State Government and the decisions taken in the said meeting will be appraised to the Ministers in the second session. Issues if any can be sorted out easily.
- ⇒ Conducting of meetings should be result oriented.
- ⇒ It is priority of the State Government to see that the gap between rich and poor people is reduced through economic support schemes.
- ⇒ Focus of Central and State Governments will always be on the development of poor and Telangana State Government is keenly working in that direction.
- ⇒ Increasing NPAs is not a good sign and Government will extend necessary cooperation in recovery of NPAs.
- ⇒ Post computerization, with increase in customer base, Banks to augment their staff in commensuration with the work load especially in rural areas.

- ⇒ Though there are several problems to the newly formed State, Government completed its promise of debt waiver and released all Rs.16000 Crores to banks.
- ⇒ All the banks to issue **Runa Vimochan Patrams** (Loan Waiver Certificate) to all the farmers who got the benefit of the waiver.
- ⇒ The Government has formed a committee with group of ministers to discuss measures to increase bank linkage under Government Sponsored Schemes.
- ⇒ Government has taken a decision to provide 80% subsidy under Government Sponsored Schemes so that burden on banks will be reduced. On hypothecation of the assets created out of the finance, loans should be sanctioned without any security.
- ⇒ Farmers do cultivation without profit objective and requested all the banks to provide necessary financial assistance to the farmers.
- ⇒ It is also necessary to provide necessary financial assistance to **Kula Vruttulu (Rural Artisans)** for the development of the State. Government will provide 85% subsidy to this sector and banks to come forward to provide financial assistance of remaining 15%.
- ⇒ Even today people residing in villages are in the hands of private money lenders and paying huge interest and it is the objective of the banks to release them from the clutches of money lenders.

The meeting concluded with vote of Thanks by Sri S Manikandan, Convenor, SLBC.

Sd/-
General Manager & Convenor
SLBC Telangana

Action points emerged during the 17th SLBC meeting held on 21st December 2017:**Action Point No.1:**

Banks to be mandatorily represented by the Controlling heads of the State to facilitate meaningful discussions and to ensure proper implementation of the resolutions made in the meeting are implemented by the operating functionaries.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.2:

Allocation of agriculture lending targets to the districts be done based on the cropping pattern in the districts.

(Action: NABARD)

Action Point No.3:

Workshop for banks on Investment Credit to Agriculture to be conducted to facilitate improvement in term lending.

(Action: SLBC/NABARD)

Action Point No.4:

A Sub Committee to be formed to deliberate the issue of 'NPAs in Government sponsored schemes'

(Action: SLBC)

Action Point No.5:

Banks to provide the information on SC/ ST farmers covered under crop insurance scheme for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 to Agriculture Department, Government of Telangana immediately.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.6:

Banks to ensure timely grounding of the Economic Support Schemes in respect of SC/ST/BC/Minority and other government sponsored schemes.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.7:

Banks not to insist on SHG group members to keep deposits or compulsory coverage under insurance schemes, out of loan proceeds.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.8

Banks to ensure that the Unbanked Rural Centers (URC) allocated are covered with Banking Outlets.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.9:

Banks to expedite clearance of pending applications in respect of PMEGP.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.10

Banks to communicate the targets under MEPMA-SEP to the branches.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.11:

List of Inadequately covered/uncovered villages sent is to be updated and submitted to SLBC by 6th January 2018.

(Action: All Banks / LDMs)

Action Point No.12:

Government of Telangana requested to consider waiver of Stamp Duty of Rs.200/- for the Merchant Acquiring Agreements (one-time payment at the time of agreement) to encourage and bring majority of small merchants into the ambit of digital payments mechanism

(Action: Govt. of Telangana)

Action Point No.13:

Banks to remit the insurance premium to the concerned insurance companies without any delay to avoid rejection of the claims by insurance companies.

In respect of claims settled by insurance companies, Controllers to advise their branches for immediate credit of this amount to the accounts of farmers.

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.14:

Each rural/semi-urban bank branch to finance at least 25 new farm loan accounts

(Action: All Banks)

Action Point No.15:

Rural branches and FLCs are required to organize at least one special camp on "Going Digital" in unbanked rural centres by 15 February 2018 and controlling offices to issue suitable instructions to their branches in this connection.

(Action: All Banks)

Annexure

List of Participants			
No.	Name (Sarva Shri/Smt)	Designation	Organisation
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Reserve Bank of India			
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106	P Sumalatha	LDM Vikarabad	State Bank of India
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110	A Hari Babu	LDM Peddapalli	Andhra Bank
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112	S Lakshmi Prasad	LDM Siddipet	Andhra Bank
113	Y Suresh Kumar	LDM Wanaparthy	Andhra Bank
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