**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF**

**STATE LEVEL BANKERS COMMITTEE OF TELANGANA**

The inaugural meeting of SLBC of newly formed Telangana state has been conducted on the 4th June 2014 in the conference hall of ‘C’ block in Secretariat Building, Hyderabad.

The participants are:

* Hon’ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandra Shekar Rao garu
* Hon’ble Minister for Finance Sri E. Rajender
* Sri P. Srinivasa Reddy, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture
* Sri Rajeev Sarma-Chief Secretary
* Sri Narsing Rao- Principal Secretary to Chief Minister
* other Principal Secretaries / Commissioners / heads of various departments
* Sri Santanu Mukherjee-President SLBC of Telangana and Managing Director of SBH
* Sri K.R. Das-Regional Director (RBI)
* Sri C.R. Sasi Kumar, Chief General Manager-State Bank of India
* Sri Jiji Mammen-Chief General Manager (NABARD)
* Sri Kalra, Executive Director of Andhra Bank
* Dr. V. Suresh Babu, Chief General Manager;
* Sri J. Sitapathi Sarma, Convener, SLBC of Telangana
* Officials from all Banks

The proceedings are as under:

* Sri Santanu Mukherjee - President SLBC of Telangana and Managing Director of State Bank of Hyderabad has welcomed the dignitaries and other participants. In his inaugural speech, he congratulated the people of Telangana on the eve of formation of new State and thanked Reserve Bank of India and Govt. of Telangana for choosing SBH as SLBC Convener and as Principal Banker for Government Transactions and thus giving an opportunity to serve the people of Telangana in a better way. He assured the Government that all the bankers will made every effort for the prosperity of Telangana. Launching of Annual Credit Plans was completed in seven districts and in respect of other three districts, completion is expected in a week or two. Thereafter, the State Plan will be launched in next SLBC.
* Sri K.R. Das, Regional Director, RBI has reviewed briefly the banking / priority sector performances of Telangana state and urged the bankers to give their best for better performance of the State. He stated that while the CD ratio in Telangana as on 31/03/2014 is impressive at 113%, the priority sector performance (31%) needs improvement.
* Sri K. Chandra Shekar Rao, Hon’ble Chief Minister has requested all banks to sanction / release the agricultural crop loans at the earliest, since the Kharif season has already commenced. He further stated that the farming community in Telangana suffered in the last few years due to inadequate rain fall, cyclones, etc. Keeping which in view, his Government examining a debt waiver scheme as part relief to farmers. He outlined his Government’s approach for the proposed agriculture debt waiver and also stated that they would be approaching RBI, Govt. of India and other concerned authorities for necessary approvals / support. Towards this, to assess the burden under various options, he requested the bankers to submit data on crop loans availed during the last 2013-14 agricultural year.
* Sri C.R. Sasi Kumar, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India stated that good number of farmers did not renew their loans in 2013-14. Therefore, many farmers will be outside the ambit of Government’s proposed waiver, if only disbursals in 2013-14 are considered. Corporation Bank representative agreed with this view.
* Sri Jiji Mammen, Chief General Manager, NABARD said that NABARD will extend assistance to the Banking community and also to Government in the progress of Telangana of State. He also expressed that unless the waiver amount is received in one go, RRBs will find difficult to fund new crop loans.
* The representative from IDBI said that banks have sanctioned loans for Kharif 2013 from 1st April 2013. Therefore, herequested Hon’ble Chief Minister to address the issue favourably so as to give benefit to all the eligible farmers.
* Sri Doraswamy, General Manager, Andhra Bank has expressed that waiver can be examined for extension of overdue loans, gold loans and re-scheduled loans.
* Dr. V. Nagi Reddy, Principal Secretary-Finance has discussed the issues involved in the proposed debt waiver with various bankers and sought the relevant data from Bankers’ for a final view in the matter. He also advised Convener to submit the same within 2 to 3 days to enable them to take a view on the matter. He also opined that to establish a high level committee with Government Officials & a few senior Bankers to examine the other modalities involved.
* AP Grameena Vikas Bank representative also expressed that after 2008 debt waiver, the renewals are not that prompt and the renewal% in 2013-14 would be around 40% to 50% only.

Sri J. Sitapathi Sarma, Convener of SLBC of Telangana and General Manager of SBH while summing up the proceedings, thanked the participants for making the meeting successful and requested bankers to furnish the information sought by State Government on or before 7th June 2014 to enable SLBC to submit the same on 9th June 2014 to Principal Secretary, Finance for further look up in the matter. The SLBC of Telangana on behalf of Government and banking community has appreciated and placed on record the excellent services rendered the Andhra Bank as SLBC of undivided State of A.P.

SLBC of Telangana

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