

MINUTES OF 28th SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF SLBC ON BRANCH OPENING & IT- ENABLED FINANCIAL INCLUSION HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2016 AT SBI, LHO, PATNA

The 28th meeting of Sub-Committee of SLBC on Branch Opening & IT enabled financial inclusion was held on 21st September 2016 at State Bank of India, Local Head office, Patna under the Chairmanship of Shri V.S. Negi, General Manager, NW-3, State Bank of India. The meeting was also attended by Shri Balamurugan D, IAS, CEO, JEEVIKA, officials from GOB, RBI, NABARD and Banks. The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure-I.

The General Manager in his address welcomed all the participants in the meeting and briefed about the progress made with regard to Branch opening during the current financial year. He expressed concern over the slow progress in branch opening during the current financial year. As against the target of opening 1640 branches during the FY 2016-17, Banks have opened only 36 branch up to 31.08.2016. He expressed that as per RBI instruction, all the 1640 villages with population above 5000 should have B&M branches and advised the Banks to speed up the process to achieve the same within the stipulated deadline set by RBI.

On the issue of financial literacy, GM, SBI highlighted the instructions issued by DFS to organize a special drive on financial inclusion initiatives from 15th September to 31st October 2016 with atleast 3 events per district during the period to accelerate the momentum in various schemes launched by GOI namely PMJDY, PMSBY, PMJJBY, APY PMMY , SUI. He added that the drive will be two track strategies. He explained that the preparatory activities as advised by DFS for Banks, SLBCs will include:

1. Holding special meeting of DLCCs
2. Focus on cluster lending
3. Orientation & sensitization of BCs and providing them requisite support
4. Promotion/Publicity through local media e.g. Pamphlets, Cable TV, Banner at ever Branch, Radio/TV talk show

GM, SBI advised the banks to apprise the ground staffs and devise a roadmap to make the special drive a grand success. SBI is holding a drive for financial literacy on 22.09.2016 at District Headquarters and advised all Banks to coordinate with branches.

AGM, NABARD advised the Banks to closely monitor the working of FLCs in order to achieve the desired result.

AGM, SLBC advised that under Financial Literacy initiatives about 3800 school in 38 districts of Bihar have been mapped to different Banks for imparting financial literacy education to the students. Banks have so far conducted more than 900 camps in schools in all districts throughout the State. He requested the banks to complete the process in the schools allotted to their branches as early as possible for reporting it to DFS. He advised the Banks to submit their Quaterly FLC data on the revised format sent by RBI and subsequently forwarded to all Banks by SLBC.

AGM, SLBC further added regarding number of VVIP references on branch opening in different parts of State received from DFS and forwarded to Banks by SLBC for taking appropriate action. He requested the Banks to expedite the matter on this issue and submit their report to SLBC for onward submission to DFS within the stipulated time frame.

AGM, RBI in his address expressed unhappiness over the number of branch opened during the first five months of the current financial year. He said that against the target of 1640 branches to be opened during the current financial year up till 31.08.2016, Banks have opened only 36 branches, which is unacceptable. He advised the Banks that in case of bottlenecks, if any in opening of Branches, they may take up the matter with Central office of RBI through their Corporate office. He however, clarified that there is no change in the RBI policy and Banks should initiate the ground work of opening of branches allotted to them. He advised the SLBC to conduct a meeting of all Controlling Heads of Banks to increase the pace of Branch opening in the State and achieve

the desired result set by RBI. He further advised SLBC to monitor closely from time to time and report to RBI on Branch opening.

On Financial Literacy, AGM, RBI referred to RBI instruction wherein Centre for financial learning would be established in all Blocks throughout the State. In the first stage, RBI has decided to establish 8-10 Blocks in 3-4 districts in the State. Under this scheme, one time grant of Rs. 3.00 lacs and reimbursement of recurring expenditure for 3 years subject to a maximum of Rs. 3.00 lacs each year would be borne by RBI. Recurring expenditure would be shared by RBI and CFL establishing Bank in ratio of 60:40. He advised the Banks to conduct FLC camps in a meaningful manner as public is still unaware about different schemes and products of the Bank. He advised that camps should be conducted basically on different Banking Products, grievance redressal, use of electronic media and Social Security Schemes.

GM, SBI advised all Banks to advise their rural branches to conduct at least one FLC camp per month on priority. It was also decided to record that the sub-committee being on apex body, the representative of Banks should come well prepared and should carry the mandate of their superiors to commit on dates and deadlines.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**ACTION POINTS OF 28th SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF SLBC ON BRANCH
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HELD ON 21st SEPTEMBER, 2016**

Sr.No.	Action point	Action to be taken by
1	Banks to initiate suitable steps to achieve the target of Branch opening for financial year 2016-17.	All Banks
2	As per instruction issued by DFS, GOI, Banks to issue suitable instructions to branches to organize special drive on financial inclusion initiatives from 15 th September to 31 st October 2016	All Banks
3	Banks to give top priority on VVIP references forwarded by SLBC on branch opening and submit their report to SLBC within the stipulated time frame for onward submission to DFS	All Banks

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