**MINUTES OF 26th SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF SLBC ON BRANCH OPENING & IT- ENABLED FINANCIAL INCLUSION HELD ON 20th JANUARY 2016 AT SBI, LHO, PATNA**

The 26th meeting of Sub-Committee of SLBC on branch opening & IT enabled financial inclusion was held on 20th January 2016 at State Bank of India, Local Head office, Patna in the Chairmanship of GM-1,SBI, Sri Abhijeet Dutta.The meeting was attended by GOB, officials from RBI, NABARD and Banks.The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure-I.

Welcome speech was delivered by AGM SLBC. After confirmation of the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the 25th Sub-Committee meeting of SLBC on branch opening & IT enabled financial inclusion held on 24.07.2015, the Agenda items were tabled and the following issues were discussed:

**BRANCH OPENING**

A list of 13 unbanked blocks was provided by the State Govt.After discussion it was decided unanimously that the Lead Bank of the concerned district will take the responsibilty of opening the branch in the thirteen unbanked blocks of Bihar.The list is being provided to concern banks for opening of Branches at the earliest.

Recently Central office of RBI has issued a letter regarding opening of Bank Branches in villages with population 5000 and above.In terms of their circular no. FIDD.CO.LBS.BC.No.82/02.01.001/2015-16, dt.30.01.2016 SLBC was assigned to identify such villages for opening of Bank Branches in the State.As per data collected from Lead District Managers of all 38 districts 1640 villages were identified in our state with population 5000 and above for opening of Bank Branches.A list containing no.of Branches to be allotted was distributed to the participating banks.All Banks agreed with the number allotted.A detailed discussion was held on this issue and there was a consensus that SLBC will distribute the viilages among the banks,where branches are to be opened till March 2017.A list of villages allotted will be provided to all banks.All bank will submit their progress report over opening of branch on quarterly basis to SLBC for onward submission to RBI.

**BANK MITRAS**

BC in all SSA’s should work on regular basis.Four banks whose uploading of BCA’s detail is pending were requested to upload remaining Bank Mitras data,at the earliest. AGM,SLBC requested to review their BCA position and act accordingly.The banks were asked to update BCA details as and when there is a change.

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| Sr No | Action Point | Action to be taken  |
| 1. | Banks Branches to be opened in 13 unbanked blocks of Bihar. | Concerned bank having lead bank responsbility in the district. |
| 2. | Opening of Bank Branches in villages with population 5000 & above. | All Banks as per allotted list. |