



**State Level Bankers' Committee
Himachal Pradesh
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**All the Participants of
State Level Bankers Committee
Himachal Pradesh**

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Dear Sir,

**REG: PROCEEDINGS OF THE 134th SLBC MEETING OF HIMACHAL
PRADESH HELD ON 19.12.2014 AT SHIMLA.**

We enclose the proceedings of 134th SLBC meeting of Himachal Pradesh held on 19.12. 2014 at Shimla.

We would request you to initiate action on the points related to your Department/office/Organization immediately and send us the Action Taken Report as early as possible. Member banks/LDMs are requested to ensure submission of SLBC progress data for the quarter ended December, 2014 to be furnished in the revised formats already sent to Banks/LDMs by 15th of January, 2015 to enable the Convenor Bank to hold the next SLBC meeting during the third week of February, 2015 as decided in the last SLBC.

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

(V.K.Shrivastava)
General Manager

Encl: As above

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4. The EDs Secretariat, UCO Bank, Head Office, Kolkata
5. The General Manager, SLBC, UCO Bank, Head Office, Kolkata
6. The General Manager, RBI, RPCD, Shimla
7. The Chief General Manager, NABARD, Shimla.

MINUTES OF 134TH SLBC MEETING OF STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE - HIMACHAL PRADESH HELD ON 19.12.2014 AT HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME, SHIMLA (H.P.)

134th meeting of State Level Bankers Committee- Himachal Pradesh was held on 19th December, 2014. Sh. P. Mitra, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh was the Chief Guest. The meeting was chaired by Sh. J. K. Garg, Executive Director, UCO Bank. The list of participants is annexed (Annexure-I) at the end.

The meeting commenced at 11.00 a.m. Sh. V. K. Shrivastava, General Manager, UCO Bank & Convenor SLBC H.P. welcomed **Sh. P. Mitra**, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, **Sh. J.K. Garg** Executive Director, UCO Bank, **Dr. Shrikant Baldi**, IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance, to the Govt. of HP, **Sh. I. S. Negi**, Regional Director, RBI, Shimla, **Sh. S.S. Saha**, General Manager, NABARD, sitting on the dais and the Senior Bureaucrats and Executives from Central/ State Govt. , Banks, Insurance Companies, Boards and Corporations participating in 134th meeting of SLBC.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WELCOME ADDRESS BY SHRI V. K. SHRIVASTAVA, GENERAL MANAGER & CONVENOR SLBC, HP

- At the outset, Sh. V. K. Shrivastava, General Manager, UCO Bank on behalf of Convenor Bank and the August Forum extended hearty welcome to Sh. P. Mitra, State Chief Secretary and expressed gratitude for the continued support, encouragement and guidance to the Forum.
- Sh. Shrivastava extended heartiest welcome to Sh. J. K. Garg, Executive Director, UCO Bank on his maiden participation in the SLBC meeting and expressed gratitude for his enriched experience and guidance with which the forum would be immensely benefitted.
- He extended warm welcome to Dr. Shrikant Baldi , Principal Secretary, Finance to the Govt. of H.P, and expressed gratitude for the proactive participation .
- He welcomed the Regional Director, RBI and General Manager, NABARD and thanked them for their continued guidance and support to the August forum in attaining inclusive growth in the state.
- In the welcome speech, Sh. Shrivastava highlighted the achievements under Annual Credit Plan (ACP) and under various National Parameters. He laid emphasis on the various important issues that will be deliberated in detail in the meeting, such as implementation of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY), CD Ratio and its slippage in the Seven Districts, Upsurge in the NPA ratio impressing for healthy Recovery environment with close coordination of State Government machinery.
- Sh. Shrivastava assured the State Administration for the whole hearted support and involvement of the banking fraternity in all the Development Initiatives of the Govt. to attain the inclusive growth in the State.

In the concluded remarks of the welcome speech, Sh Srivastava extended warm welcome to the distinguished guests and senior officials from various Govt. Departments, Banks, Boards, Corporations, Insurance Companies, BSNL Authorities and Print /Electronic Media.

KEY NOTE ADDRESS GIVEN BY SHRI J. K. GARG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UCO BANK ON THE OCCASION OF 134th SLBC MEETING HELD ON 19.12.2014

- Sh. J. K. Garg, Executive Director, UCO Bank extended the warm welcome to Sh. P. Mitra, State Chief Secretary, Dr. Shrikant Baldi, State Principal Secretary, Finance, Sh. I S. Negi, Regional Director, RBI, Sh. S.S. Saha, General Manager, NABARD and other distinguished dignitaries present in the meeting.
- Sh. Garg, at the outset, emphasized on implementation of the Financial Inclusion Campaign- Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) , the National Priority and flagship programme on Financial inclusion and inclusive growth. He urged all the stake holders to focus on its effective and time bound implementation.
- He expressed that we are near to the date i.e. 26th January, 2015, fixed for complete coverage all households with at least one Bank Account in the SSAs/ Wards and to attain the financial Inclusion in the 1st phase of PMJDY scheme.
- Sh. Garg informed that in Himachal Pradesh, there are 3243 Sub Service Areas and 424 Urban wards allocated to Banks under the PMJDY Scheme. The concerned Bank branches are going ahead with survey of Households and coverage of each Household with at least one Bank account within the time frame set under the scheme. Except in Lahaul & Spiti District which is located in snow bound and difficult area, the Survey work in rest of Districts is under progress and Banks would target to attain saturation/ full coverage of these SSAs/wards well within 26.1.2015. He appealed the member Banks to put their best efforts to achieve the target of complete coverage of households with in 31.12.2014 so that we may achieve the saturation of the State within time frame given by Mission office, New Delhi.
- The Executive Director impressed the member banks to narrow down the gap in issuance of RuPay Debit Cards to all the Account Holders having opened the account under PMJDY which is so far about 57 % so that benefit of accidental insurance of Rs. one lac and linkages for overdraft facility can be extended to the account holders under the PMJDY Scheme.
- Sh. Garg expressed that the Financial Inclusion campaign under the PMJDY, is gaining momentum across the country, and there are various products and Services such as RuPay Debit Cards, Remittance facility, Financial literacy, Insurance and Pension products offered to the public which were not available in the earlier Financial Inclusion campaign.
- Sh. Garg advised the Banks to go for fixed location BCA, mode of banking outlet in the Sub Service Areas (SSAs) and ensure that these BCAs must win the

faith and confidence of people in their Service Area. Our Banker friends to ensure that all BCAs should have uniform and these BCAs should be equipped with infrastructural support like E-KYC enabled equipments, micro ATM machines for carrying out Rupay Debit Card operations, to make their operations viable.

- Sh. Garg emphasized that all the households in the SSAs/Wards should be covered with at least one Bank Account in each Household in a time bound manner and attain the saturation. He outlined that on completion of coverage of Households in the SSAs/wards, the respective branch will obtain Certificate from Gram Panchayat Pradhan / Counselor to this effect. The full coverage/saturation of SSAs/ Wards would be reported by the concerned Banks to the LDM in the District. The LDM on the strength of the Certificated submitted by the Banks will request the District Collector for declaring the District as Saturated. The District Collector after verification of the position independently may declare the District as saturated with in a period of 15 days and accordingly the report will be submitted to State Govt. Authorities for their consideration and in this manner the the State would be declared as Saturated.
- The Chairman of the meeting highlighted the performance of the banking sector under ACP and other National Parameters for the period ended September,2014, and expressed that;
 - i) The Advances have Y-o-Y growth of 3.98% with aggregate Advance of Rs. 27129 crores and Deposits Y-o-Y growth recorded at 9.71% having Aggregate Deposit of Rs. 69621crores as of September 2014. The Banks have aggregate business of Rs. 96749.78 crores in the State with Y-o-Y growth of 8 percent.
 - ii) Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) has come down to 57.07% in quarter ended September 2014 as against the CD Ratio of 65.96% in June2014 quarter. He expressed that it is a matter of concern for all the stake holders. The downward trend observed due to negative growth in Advances in semi-urban / urban branches. Further CD ratio in seven districts namely Bilaspur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Una, Shimla, Kullu and Mandi is below the minimum critical level of 40%. He laid emphasis for review of CDR in each district with more focused attention on increasing the credit flow in SME and other Priority Sector segments so that CDR can be improved in phased manner with steady growth at least in Districts having critically Low CD ratio.
 - iii) Banks have achieved 73.43 % of the targets for the Half year ended September 2014 under the ACP 2014-15. The achievement under Agriculture Advances was 68%, MSE Advances was 76%, other Priority Sector was 82% and under Non Priority Sector, 113%. The achievement under P S credit was below the expectation. He stressed to Banks for aggressive approach to achieve the targets set under ACP, preferably under Priority Sector Segments in the remaining two quarters of the current fiscal.
 - iv) It Is good to note that advances to Priority Sector segment by banks have significant share of 72 % in the total Advances. Banks should go for extensive credit expansion under PS Segments in view of the potential

available in the State. Advance under the DRI Scheme have grown but still not attained the National Parameter. Advances to SC / ST are 29 % and to weaker section is 19% having well above the level of National parameter.

- v) The recovery percentage has declined over the June 2014, Quarter and he urged the Banks to pay focused attention to arrest the downward trend in Recovery of Bank's Dues. Banks to take proactive steps under Securitization, DRT and in through compromise settlements to improve the Recovery environment in the State. The increase in NPA Ratio to 5.72 % is to be taken seriously , putting more thrust on recovery so that banks further credit expansion to Priority sectors do not affect adversely. He urged the Govt. authorities for helping the Banks in creating conducive recovery environment in the State.

In the concluding remarks , Sh. Garg said that he has placed before August house ,the brief introduction to the various important issues placed in the Agenda and these issues will be taken up for detailed deliberation in Today's meeting.

EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH OF SH. I. S. NEGI, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, RESERVE BANK OF INDIA ON THE OCCASION OF 134TH SLBC MEETING HELD ON 19.12..2014

Shri I.S. Negi, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India in his address, emphasized on following major issues:

1. SLBC- Yearly Calendar of Meetings;

- i) To improve the effectiveness and streamlining the functioning of SLBC meetings, SLBC Convenor should prepare a yearly calendar of programme (Calendar year basis) in the beginning of the year itself, for conducting the meetings.
- ii) This yearly calendar should be circulated to all the concerned as an advance intimation for blocking of future dates of senior functionaries of various agencies like Central Govt. , State Govt., Banks and RBI etc. The SLBC meetings should be conducted as per the calendar under all circumstances.
- iii) The calendar of programme should clearly specify the cut off dates for data submission to SLBC.
- iv) The agenda should also be circulated in advance without waiting for the data from defaulting banks.
- v) SLBC convenor bank should write a letter in this regard to the controlling office of the defaulting banks under advice to Regional Office of RBI.

2. Conduct of DCC /DLRC meetings;

- i) DCC/ DLRC are the important district level co-ordinating fora among commercial banks, Govt. agencies and others. Therefore, it is necessary that all the members participate and deliberate in the above meetings. On a review, it was observed that late receipt / non-receipt of intimation of the date of

meetings, clash of dates with other events, commonality of dates etc. hinder participation of members in these meetings, thus undermining the prime objective of conducting of these meetings.

- ii) Therefore, lead banks are advised to prepare annual schedule of DCC and DLRC meetings on calendar year basis for their respective districts in consultation with the chairperson of the meetings, Lead District Office of RBI and public representatives in case of DLRC.
- iii) This yearly calendar should be prepared in the beginning of each year and circulated to all members as advance intimation for blocking future dates to attend the DCC / DLRC meetings and the meetings should be conducted as per the calendar. While preparing the calendar, it should be ensured that DCC and DLRC meetings are not held simultaneously.

The above guidelines are being reiterated because holding of DCC / DLRC meetings are still pending in six districts - i.e. Kangra, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul & Spiti, Bilaspur and Sirmour for the quarter ended September 2014. These guidelines should be strictly followed in future conduct of meetings.

3. Declining CD Ratio:

Another area of concern is deceleration / decline in CD ratio. CD ratio for the state decreased from 60.20% as on Sep 30, 2013 to 57.07% as on Sep 30, 2014 (As per Thorat Committee).

- i) In seven districts, i.e. Bilaspur Chamba, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Shimla and Una, CD ratio was less than 40%.
- ii) Special sub-committee (SCC) of DCC should be set up in the seven districts having CD ratio less than 40%, in order to monitor the CD ratio and to draw up Monitorable Action Plan to increase the CD ratio.
- iii) The Lead District Managers should report the progress to the DCC on quarterly basis and then to the convenor SLBC.
- iv) On the basis of the feedback received from the DCC regarding the progress in the implementation of the Monitorable Action Plan, consolidated report will be prepared by the Convenor SLBC and tabled at SLBC meetings for discussion / information.

4. Performance of banks in Annual Credit Plan:

The overall achievement in disbursement of Annual Credit Plan (ACP) by all Banks against September 2014 quarter target was 66.33% under Priority Sector advances whereas the achievement under ACP in last six months has been just 31.83% as against the annual target. Concerted efforts need to be made by all banks to attain ACP target in remaining months.

Sh. V K Shrivastava, General Manager & Convenor expressed thanks to Sh. Negi, RD RBI for the valuable suggestions and assured that house will take corrective steps to implement the points made by him.

Sh. P Mitra , State Chief Secretary was kindly consented to deliver his Address to the house after the normal Agenda Proceedings and he has accorded kind permission to proceed further for deliberation on the issues placed in the Agenda for the meeting.

The agenda items were taken up by Shri V.K. Shrivastava, General Manager & Convenor, UCO Bank as follows.

AGENDA ITEM NO.1

Confirmation of Minutes of the last 133rd meeting held on 03.09.2014

The minutes were confirmed and adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO.2

Action Taken Report (ATR) on the action points emerged during the 133rd HP SLBC meeting held on 03.09.2014

	Action Point Emerged	Action Taken up to Date
1	Holding of sub-committee meetings of DCC constituted for the purpose of improvement in CD Ratio above 40% minimum level prescribed by RBI and preparation of special plan thereof.	<p>The House deliberated the issue. All the LDMs were directed to hold the sub-committee meeting to prepare actionable plan for increasing the CD Ratio in Districts having low CD ratio below 40%.</p> <p>LDM Hamirpur & Shimla informed that meeting of sub-committee of DCC held. SLBC convenor has so far received the report from LDM Hamirpur only. Other LDMs were requested to hold the Sub-committee meeting and submit the report to SLBC Convenor.</p> <p>LDM Hamirpur explained the points made in the Sub-committee meeting on CD ratio and expressed that due to lack of infrastructural support like Power, Railway links etc. big projects are not coming in the district which will have impacts on CD ratio of the District. He emphasized for support from Agriculture and Horticulture Department in sponsoring of cases for financing by the banks.</p> <p>ED UCO Bank and Chairman of the meeting expressed that investment in infrastructural facility may take little more time and the Banks in the district to concentrate on various other opportunity for investment available under Priority Sector segments. He also requested the Agriculture and Horticulture departments for examining the possibility of financing the projects under the Govt. Sponsored Subsidy linked scheme with Back ended</p>

		<p>subsidy.</p> <p>Director, Agriculture assured that the department can extend support in preparation of the projects but the proposal for financing should come from Entrepreneurs.</p> <p>The Principal Secretary, Finance responding on low CD ratio expressed that growth of Region depends on the investment. Dr. Baldi advised that growth depends on investment opportunity available and DCC to suggest the ways and means to tap the potential available in the area to increase the flow of credit, just like in Agriculture there is lot of potential in marketing of Agriculture/ Horticulture Produce. He assured that bottlenecks in the credit expansion can be removed with coordinating the efforts made by Govt. and Banks.</p> <p>The House welcomes the suggestion from DGM, PNB to hold the meeting of Entrepreneurs at the district level to increase the flow of credit and LDM to take lead in this regard.</p> <p>GM NABARD emphasized for formulation of area specific scheme and matter should be deliberated at BLBC meeting and then at DLCC level for Finalizing the Area based Schemes. He assured to provide promotional assistance in capacity building programme and conducting Farmers programmes to augment the Credit Flow.</p> <p>RD, RBI stressed for Preparation of Monitorable Action Plan in the Districts for phased growth in CD ratio in the District.</p> <p>The Chief Secretary, Sh. Mitra emphasized that Banks to concentrate in financing to SMEs, Small Business, Housing and Education sector, in a big way to significantly improve the CD ratio.</p> <p>The LDMs were directed to hold the meeting of the Sub-committee meeting regularly and take note of the advice of distinguishing speakers and to submit the minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting to the SLBC on regular basis.</p>
2	On-line access of Land Records to Banks - Adoption of "Bhoomi Bank Integrated Project" for online creation of	The representative from Department of Land Record informed the house that online creation of Charge in line with the "Karnataka Model" would require certain changes in the provisions of relevant law. He suggested to the house for dropping the

	charge on land.	<p>issue for the time being.</p> <p>The House requested the Department of Land Record to take up the matter with Revenue Department about the changes required in the provisions of existing law to facilitate the Online creation of charge on land. Further the House has not permitted to drop the issue. The Department of Land Record will apprise the House on the latest development in the matter in next SLBC Meeting.</p>
3	Performance of Business Correspondents (BCs) engaged by Banks under Financial Inclusion in HP.	The issue was deliberated and it was decided that the same can be part of the regular Agenda item no-3-“Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana”. Hence the issue may be removed from the ATR.
4	Construction of RSETI buildings	<p>The land allotted by Govt. to RSETI in Solan district have High Tension electric Wire over it due to which the construction work could not be commenced. The representative from RD Department informed that it is decided in consultation with District administration to allot alternate plot of land to RSETI and two sites for the purpose is selected. The matter will be finalized soon. In RSETIs at Shimla, Nahan (Sirmour) and Bilaspur, the construction work will be commenced soon by the BSNL.</p> <p>The representative from PNB informed the House that they have finalized the bid for construction work for PNB sponsored RSETIs in the State and construction will be started soon.</p> <p>The LDM Chamba informed the House that Plot of land not yet finalized for RSETI at Chamba. The mater is taken up by PO, DRDA with the Rural Development Department for necessary permission in this regard.</p> <p>The Controlling Heads of Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India and UCO Bank are requested to report the progress to SLBC convenor within 15 days.</p>
5.	Coverage of Coop. Bank loans under CGTMSE	The Registrar Cooperative Society informed the House that a meeting in this regard is fixed up on 19.12.2014 and matter will be sorted out within a week time. The RCS will inform the latest development to the SLBC convenor for placing the same before the House.
6.	Coverage of Coop. Banks under Central Scheme to provide Interest subsidy	The Registrar Cooperative Society informed the House that a meeting in this regard is fixed up on 19.12.2014 and matter will be sorted out within a

	on Educational loans sanctioned to economic weaker sections of the society.	week time. The RCS will inform the latest development to the SLBC convenor for placing the same before the House.
7.	Appointment of Tehsildars as Collectors under HP Public Money Recovery Act, 2000.	The representative from Revenue Department was not available in the meeting and no update is available on the matter.
8.	Waiver of stamp duty on documents executed by SHGs and Agricultural Term Loans.	The representative from Revenue department was not available to apprise the house on the latest position. The Principal Secretary, Finance informed the house that a proposal is sent by Finance Department to the Revenue Department and they are collecting the information and matter is under process.
9.	Restoration of noting of Equitable Mortgage by the Revenue Deptt. In the land records of borrowers.	<p>The Principal Secretary, Finance deliberating on the issue expressed that Financial Angle and Legal Angle are involved in the matter. Banks to look at the payment of fee for noting the Equitable Mortgage in the legal record of Borrower.</p> <p>The DGM PNB suggested that payment of fee for noting of EMTD charge in revenue record can be paid in the form of Stamp papers worth Rs.1000/- per case, attached with Title Documents at the time of creation of EMTD, as being followed in U P Model. The legal aspect to be considered by the Govt. with simple notification to amend the relevant Provisions of the related ACT.</p> <p>The convenor Bank suggested that fee payable should be flexible depending on the value of Transaction with the maximum of Rs.1000/- per case.</p> <p>The Principal Secretary directed the SLBC convenor to submit the proposal considering the points suggested by PNB to the Finance Department, Govt of Himachal Pradesh. and it will be ensured to resolve the issue within 2 months of receipt of the proposal.</p>

AGENDA ITEM NO.-3

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN DHAN YOJANA (PMJDY):

The Executive Director of UCO Bank and Chairman of the Meeting in his Key note Address to the House, apprised the House on the achievements made by the Banks

under the Pradhan Mantry Jan-Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) in the State. He highlighted the important products & services offered to the public under PMJDY Scheme such as coverage of each Households with at least on Basic Bank account, issuance and activation of RuPay Debit Cards with inbuilt accidental insurance Cover of Rs One lakh , overdraft facility, Remittance Facilities, Pension Scheme ‘Swavalamban’ etc.

The ED, Convenor Bank laid emphasis on the various important issues concerning Banks and other Stake holders for the successful implementation of the PMJDY Scheme. He said that this is beginning and not the end to attain the objective of Comprehensive Financial inclusion.

He added that the BCAs model, an alternate mode banking outlet, adopted by the Banks for providing the Banking Services in the Sub Service Areas (SSAs) needs to be strengthened. The Chairman emphasized to Banks as follows;

- There are 972 BCAs, so far, deployed by the Banks in the State. These BCAs should be Fixed Location BCA in each SSA.
- The BCAs should be activated and functional. The Banks should conduct Physical Survey of allocated SSAs to ascertain the effectiveness of BCAs at the ground level.
- Each Bank to ensure that BCA should be paid the minimum remuneration of Rs. 5000/- and variable component of remuneration as per the provisions under the PMJDY Scheme for the sustainability of BCA model.
- BCAs should be equipped with proper machines to perform E-KYC compliance, capturing the RuPay Debit Cards operations. The operation in RuPay Debit Cards is important with minimum of one transaction within 45 days through RuPay Debit Card for becoming eligible for claim under the Accidental Insurance cover under PMJDY.
- The Banks will provide a basic banking account and RuPay Credit Card with inbuilt accident Insurance cover to every household. It was also clarified that there is no need to open a new account for the people who already have account and want a RuPay Card. All the existing account holders are eligible for issuance of RuPay Debit Card.
- **Connectivity issue:** The member banks expressed that BCAs engaged by the Banks in the Sub Service Areas (SSAs) are facing the connectivity problem and due to the connectivity problem the transactions are not happening through BCAs in their Service Area.

The House requested the BSNL Authorities to apprise on the steps taken by BSNL to redress the connectivity issue.

BSNL authorities have informed that;

- the connectivity is available up to the Block level in each block in the State. But the connectivity is not provided in all the Gram Panchayats/villages in the State. There are issues of connectivity at Gram Panchayat /village level. The Power Grid Corporation Ltd (PGCL) is laying OFC to provide connectivity up to the Panchayat /village level and connectivity issues at Gram Panchayat/village Level be taken up with PGCL .

- there are certain operational issues related to connectivity problem like power failures in rural areas and poor battery backup in exchanges, media loss due to road developments etc. The BSNL is taking steps to improve Battery Backup in all the affected centers by providing new batteries within March, 2015.
- - The BSNL has nominated 12 Nodal Officers , one each in the District who will be taking care of the connectivity issues at the District Level . These Nodal Officers are available at the District Head quarter and Banks are requested to take up the issue of connectivity problem with these Nodal officer. Apart from District level Nodal Officer , BSNL have also nominate on Common Nodal officer (Sh Arvind Sharma , DGM) at State level whose name, contact number, e-mail id etc already communicated by SLBC to all the LDMs for onward communicating to the Banks in the District. The General Manager & Convenor announced the Contact Details of the State Level Nodal officer of BSNL for convenience of the Member Banks- Sh Arvind Sharma , DGM (EBIT), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, SDA Complex, Kasumpti Shimla-171009, Land line no- 0177-2622100 Mobile No. 94182-00099 ; email dgmebithp@bsnl.co.in

All the LDMs are requested to circulate the number and other details of Common Nodal officer and the district level nodal officer of BSNL to all member Banks for taking up their individual issues on connectivity and in case the issues are not resolved at the District level , only than the matter should be escalated through LDM to the SLBC forum.

The House requested the BSNL authorities to provide the list of 12 District Level Nodal officers to the Convenor bank for onwards communication to LDMs/ member Banks.

(Action: LDMs/Banks/PF Commissioner/BSNL/Insurance Companies)

AGENDA ITEM NO.-4

Review of progress under RBI Roadmap 2013-16 - Extension of Banking Services in all unbanked villages:

The progress under RBI roadmap 2013-16 was discussed by the House. The Regional Director emphasized to the Banks for opening of more and more Brick & Mortar branches in the unbanked area so that the excluded section of our society in the far flung and remote areas in the many districts like in Chamba , Sirmour , Kullu and Kinnaur districts have the easy access to banking services at affordable cost. He added that USBs/ BCAs mode of banking outlet is not yet stabilized in real sense and banks to conduct field visit to ascertain the operation difficulties being faced by BCA in providing bank services. He added that RBI is in the process of granting licensed to Payments Banks in Rural Area which would fillip the gap of Banking outlets in remote areas.

The House discussed the issue of alignment of guidelines issued under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana with the guidelines issued by RBI on the RBI roadmap 2013-16. The Regional Director, RBI expressed that present Roadmap 2013-16 for providing Banking services in unbanked villages with population below 2000 is supplementing the objective of universal banking services under PMJDY. He emphasized that though the Bank account of the uncovered households can be opened in the camp mode but there is need to provide sustainable operation on the ongoing basis by banking outlets at the grass root level. He remarked that RBI Roadmap for unbanked village should be continues as it is.

The Chairman said that the banks working in the State will focus their attention on unbanked areas and evolve strategies to cover all the Sub Service Areas by new branch expansion at the earliest.

(Action: LDMs/Banks)

AGENDA ITEM NO.-5

Review of Performance under Annual Credit Plan 2014-15 for the quarter ended June, 2014 in line with revised MIS monitoring system advised by RBI.

The progress under Annual Credit Plan 2014-15 for the quarter ended September, 2014 was deliberate in the House.

The Convenor said that the quality of data submitted by the member banks as per the new MIS format developed by RBI is not upto the mark and creates a lot of problems in compilation and rational analysis. The Convenor Bank is even facing problem in getting the Data / Information, in time, for the regular quarterly review meetings of SLBC.

The House expressed that achievement of 74% of the targets under ACP for Half year ended September 2014 is below the expectation and cannot be termed as satisfactory. The Banks have to put more concerted efforts to increase the flow of credit to Priority Sector segments having good scope of credit expansion in the State. More thrust is required in financing to Agriculture sector, Housing sector and Education Loan Schemes where the achievement is far below the Targets.

The Chairman expressed concern over a poor performance of the Regional Rural Banks and Private Sector Banks, under ACP 2014-15. The House has urged the Private Sector Banks to improve disbursements under the ACP and all Banks were advised to make concerted efforts for achieving the targets in the left over period of current fiscal.

The Chairman requested the line departments of State Government to supplement the efforts of Banks in increasing the flow of Investment Credit in Agriculture Sector.

(ACTION; BANKS/LDMS/Agriculture/Horticulture/Animal Husbandry)

AGENDA ITEM NO -6

REVIEW OF STATISTICAL BANKING DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

The House expressed satisfaction on the Branch Network expansion in the State. The Principal Secretary, Finance Dr. Baldi however expressed that no. of ATMs installed in the State is not matching to the number of Branches. He impressed that in view of geography and topography of the State, there is need to increase the installation of ATMs at least to match 1:1 ratio.

The Regional Director, RBI once again called upon the banks to look into their existing practice of opening the new branches in the already banked areas. The prevailing practice of opting for banked areas for opening of new branches will lead to a situation where the unbanked areas remain unbanked forever.

The Chairman expressed that opening of branches in unbanked area should be deliberated in the DLCC meeting and more thrust should be made in opening of Brick & Mortar branches in unbanked villages as per the RBI Roadmap 2013-16. The local Regional Controlling Heads should suggest the unbanked areas to their corporate offices for opening of new branches.

The House expressed satisfaction over the achievement of all the prescribed National Parameters except the DRI advances and CD ratio. The House stressed for adopting Strategies for increasing the flow of credit in the districts with Area specific Schemes as deliberated in detailed on review of CD ratio of Districts in the agenda no-2.

(ACTION: ALL BANKS/LDMs)

AGENDA ITEM NO -7

Review of Performance under major Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

The House reviewed the performance under the all the Govt. Sponsored Programmes and urged the Banks to achieve the Targets. The Nodal Departments were requested to gear up sponsoring of loan proposals in line with the allocated Targets and report the progress data in terms of sponsoring of Loan proposal to the Banks for effectively monitoring the position.

Representative from KVIC informed the House that the entrepreneurs under PMEGP is being imparted EDP training and they are sponsoring the cases to RSETIs in the State for imparting Training for Three days in the cases of loan proposals up to Rs. 2.00 lacs. It is reported by the KVIC representative that RSETIs are not presently entertaining the training Programmes for short duration. The issue deliberated in the house and it is informed that some of RSETIs have started the short duration training Programmes for the candidates sponsored by KVIC. The Chairman requested the RSETI sponsoring Banks to ensure that EDP programmes for the KVIC sponsored candidates are conducted as per the requirement of KVIC.

The representative from RD Department Informed that HPSRLM is going to enter into MOU with the Leading Banks in the State as per the instructions of MoRD, for facilitating the NRLM Scheme implementation in the State. In the Last meeting held on 28/11/2014, the MOU format circulated to the concerned banks for their comments and it will be finalized shortly. The HPSRLM has devised the format for Micro Credit Plan (MCP) needed for appraisal for third dose loan (Rs 2.00 lac and above) under the NRLM scheme, as per instruction of GoI. The MCP format would require approval of Sub Committee on Micro credit before put to use under the NRLM Scheme. The convenor Bank would convene the sub-committee meeting to examine the format and to accord approval, at the earliest.

The Representative from HPSRLM apprised the house on the issue of interest subvention under NRLM Scheme and requested the Banks for proper coding of SHGs in the loan cases sanctioned by them to SHGs, since the Data on financing of SHGs by banks is extracted by SERP (Society for elimination of Rural Poverty) for the purpose of calculation of interest subvention amount and until the SHGs financed by Banks are properly coded, the correct data will not be capture for assessment of the Interest subvention amount. A team from GOI - MoRD, recently visited the four Cooperative Sector banks (three Coop Bans and one RRB) in the Shimla, Mandi & Kangra Districts to get the Demo data and collected information for the purpose of calculating the Interest subvention amount for cooperative sector bank.

The Chairman expressed that reconciliation of data between the SLRLM and Banks for the purpose of interest subvention under the Scheme, should be expedited.

The House directed the sponsoring agencies and the Lead Distt. Managers to hold review meetings for every Govt. sponsored programmes especially NRLM and PMEGP regularly.

(ACTION: LDMS/SRLM/RD/UD/KVIC/KVIB/DI)

AGENDA ITEM NO.8

Review of Recovery Performance of Banks in Himachal Pradesh.

The House expressed concern over across the board decline in recoveries to all sectors and especially in Govt. sponsored programmes.

The NPAs in the State have increased to 5.72% with total NPA of Rs.1550.72 Crore and have crossed the danger Line. MSE Sector have highest proportion in Total NPA of Banks in the State followed by Agriculture Sector. The ED, Convenor Bank called upon the Banks and the State Govt. departments to take a serious view of every increasing NPA in the State. The growing NPAs could be very detrimental to the further credit expansion in the State.

The Cooperative Sector Banks have very high proportion of NPA and putting stress on the recovery position of Banking Sector in the State. Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Principal

Secretary, Finance has expressed concern on the high NPA level of the Cooperative Banks especially the NPA position of JCCB and HPARDB is critical and he directed the representative of these Banks to take proactive steps for Recovery of NPAs.

The Chief Secretary reiterated the commitment of the State Government for effective recoveries and assures all cooperation from different departments.

(ACTION: BANKS/DIRECTOR LAND RECORDS/CONVENOR SLBC)

AGENDA ITEM NO.9

Review of Progress under Non-sponsored Programmes

The House reviewed the progress made by banks under issuance of Kisan Credit Cards in the State and express satisfaction over the same.

The GM. NABARD emphasized on close monitoring of branch wise progress made in the formation and credit linkages of SHGs and JLGs. For the purpose a common format devised by NABARD was sent to LDMs for providing the Data / Information. He requested the LDMs for submission of the information to the Convenor Bank in the prescribed format so that a meeting of sub-committee of SLBC on SHGs could be convened by the convenor banks to have threadbare discussion on the various factors leading to promotion of SHGs and their saving linkages as well as the credit linkages.

The Woman Self Help Groups formed in the two identified districts i.e. Mandi & Sirmour needs more impetus on their credit linkages. It Is expressed that credit linkages of SHGs in Sirmour District needs to be strengthen and LDM to review the branch wise progress in the formation and credit linkages of SHGs and JLGs. The NABARD representative expressed that there are large number of pending Loan proposals of SHGs credit linkages with the banks and that needs to be disposed off immediately. The Controlling Heads of the banks are requested to issue necessary instructions to their branches to clear the pending cases at the earliest..

Action (ALL BANKS)

Action (ALL BANKS/NABARD/Convenor-SLBC)

AGENDA ITEM NO.10

FRESH ISSUES:

1 Implementation of National Pension System (NPS) -Swavalamban Scheme under PMJDY:

The feature of Swavalamban Scheme explained in brief for the information of the House. The house directed that FLCCs / FLCs set up in the State should holds camps for creating awareness among the people to open account under the Scheme. The GM Convenor Bank reiterated that detailed instructions and

the targets under the Scheme are circulated to the Corporate Offices of the Banks by the PFRDA.

2 Modified Direct Benefit transfer for LPG and Aadhaar seeding.

The position reviewed by the house under the MDBTL Scheme launched in 10 Districts of the State w.e.f. 15.11.2014. The House requested the banks to increase the Aadhaar seeding which is at present about 40% whereas the Aadhaar Enrollment in the State is more Than 95%. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is regularly reviewing the progress under MDBTL Scheme with the District level MDBTL implementation committee and State Level Monitoring committee.

3 Regarding Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) of H P State Electricity Board (HPSEB)

The House deliberated on the approvals of restructuring of loan under FRP pending with three participating Banks. The Principal Secretary Finance discussed the issue with individual Banks i.e. Canara Bank, Vijay Bank and Kangra Central Coop Bank (KCCB) where the decision on participation in the Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) is yet not finalized.

The representative from CANARA Bank informed that their Board has decided not to take the further exposure of Rs. 60 crore where as the existing exposure in the form of Cash Credit limit is still continued. The Principal Secretary has expressed that FRP is approved from the Ministry of Power, Govt of India and now there is no issue of fresh exposure. He directed the Canara Bank to take the matter with their corporate Office to review the position.

Vijay bank informed that matter is referred to their higher authorities and decision awaited.

The MD, KCCB informed the house that they have sought permission from NABARD for participation in the FRP which is denied. The matter deliberated in the House. The Principal Secretary Finance directed that KCCB will refer the matter again to NABARD under intimation to RBI, seeking permission for taking exposure under FRP. The Principal Secretary also requested Regional Director, RBI and G M NABARD to expedite the decision with regard to the exposure of Kangra Central Coop. Bank in restructuring of the loan under FRP.

All the participating Banks assured follow up action within one month.

(Action : By Concerned Banks/ RBI/ NABARD)

EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH OF SH. P.MITRA. IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH ON THE OCCASION OF 134th SLBC MEETING HELD ON 19.12.2014

At the outset, the Chief Secretary welcomed Sh. J K Garg, Executive Director, UCO Bank and the distinguished dignitaries present in the Meeting. The important points touched by the Chief Secretary are as under:

- It was heartening to note that lending to Priority Sector increased in quarter ended September 2014. But, he expressed surprise to learn that CD Ratio declined in majority of districts and the CD Ratio is critically below the 40% in seven Districts and in district Hamirpur it was as low as 21 % .
- CD ratio is one of important National Parameters. The Chief Secretary expressed that Agriculture and Horticulture sector alone would not be able to absorb much of the credit and Banks to explore the credit expansion in other sectors like Small Industries & Enterprises, Small business, Educational institutions and colleges, Housing sector to have positive impact in growth of CD ratio in the State.
- Branch expansion Programme by the Banks in the State is pretty good and 24 new bank branches opened during the quarter facilitating banking Services to the citizen of the State. The total strengthen of branch Network gone up to 1859 branches out of which 1483 branches are in the Rural Area which is a good indicator of outreach of Banking Services in Rural Areas. The total 43 new ATMS installed during the quarter facilitating Banking outreach to the people of the State.
- Out of 24 branches opened during the quarter, ten branches were opened in unbanked areas. The Banks should try to open maximum branches in unbanked areas as far as possible to expand the outreach to the excluded section of the population in the far flung areas.
- It was good to note that Banks concentrated on bringing new Technology to the convenience of the people of the State. The Convenor Bank had installed ATM with e-Lobby at BCS, Shimla providing the facility of receipt of Cash, deposit of Cheques , updation of passbook, round the clock.
- Banker friends would be happy to note that HP State Cooperative Banks is granted the status of Scheduled Bank by RBI, which is indeed a matter of appreciation for the cooperative sector banks in the State.
- Respected Chief Secretary expressed that pretty good snow fall in last few days was very useful to Agriculture and Horticulture Sector and it would lead to greater output in these sectors, next year. The Chief Secretary concluded the speech with happy note that greater output in Agriculture and Horticulture would lead to good Banking business opportunity next year, in the State.

The meeting ended with Vote of Thanks extended by Sh. A. K. Sinha, Deputy General Manager, UCO Bank.

134th STATE LEVEL BANKERS COMMITTEE MEETING OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HELD ON 19th DECEMBER, 2014 AT REGENCY HALL, HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME SHIMLA.

List of Participants

I. Chief Guest : **Sh. P. Mitra, IAS**
Chief Secretary, Govt. of HP

II. Chairman : **Sh. J.K. Garg**
Executive Director
UCO Bank

III Government of Himachal Pradesh & Related Agencies:

SARVASHRI:

1	Dr. Shrikant Baldi, IAS	Principal Secretary, Finance , Govt. of HP
2	Dr. Purnima Chauhan, IAS	Special Secretary , UD , Govt. of HP
3	R. Selvan	Registrar, Co-operatives
4	Rajendra Bhatt	DLR-cum-Dy. Secy law
5	J.C. Rana	Director, Agriculture
6	Gurdev Singh	Director, Horticulture
7	J.M. Pathania	Director, Urban Dev.
8	Robin George	Project Dir. NRLM
9	Deva Singh Negi	Director Land Records
10	Gopal Prasad	Director, Khadi & V.I. Commission Shimla
11	Harbans S. Brascon	Additional Director, SC,OBC & Minority Affairs
12	Sanjay Sharma	Dy. Director Inds. Deptt.
13	R.K. Sharma	Dy. Director women & child dev.
14	Dr. V B Negi	Assistant Director , Animal Husbandry
15	Ranjit Singh Dhiman	Suptd. Grade-I , Food & Civil Supplies
16	S C Kapoor	SPM (FI) , HPSRLM
17	V K Sharma	DCO, KVIC , Dharamshala
18	Jagat Sharma	Information Officer, I &PR Deptt.
19	K.C. Joshi	Asst. P.F. Commissioner, EPFO
20	Madan Bhatti,	Section supervisor, EPF Kasumpti
21	Jasbir Singh	Clerk , Industries Department

IV RESERVE BANK OF INDIA, NABARD, NHB, SIDBI

SARVASHRI:

1	I. S. Negi	Regional Director, RBI, Shimla
2	S. S. Saha	General Manager, NABARD, Shimla
3	G. Nagabhushvanam	DGM, NABARD, Shimla
4	Ravi Rawal	Asst. General Manager, RBI, Shimla

VI): COMMERCIAL BANKS:
SARVASHRI

1	V.K. Shrivastava	General Manager, UCO Bank, Circle Office, Chandigarh
2	G.S. Ghandoke	FGM, PNB, Shimla
3	A.K. Sinha	DGM, UCO Bank, Zonal Office, Shimla
4	T.B. Negi	DGM, UCO Bank, ZO, Solan
5	V.K. Goyal	DGM, PNB
6	Suresh Sood	AGM, State Bank of Patiala
7	V.K. Malik	AGM, Central Bank of India
8	Krishna Kant	Divisional Manager, Canara Bank
9	Damandeep Singh	AGM, IDBI Bank
10	Sunil Kumar	CM,P& S Bank
11	Surjit Singh	CM, Bank of Baroda
12	Dharamvir Singh	Chief Manager, OBC
13	H.S.Negi	CM, IOB
14	Subash Chand	CM, Allahabad Bank
15	H.S.Vohra	CM, SBOP Shimla
16	Jagmal Singh	CM, SBI
17	Kamal Sood	CM, Union Bank of India
18	T.R.Verma	Sr. Manager, Bank of India
19	Dhani Ram	Sr. Manager, Syndicate Bank
20	P.L. Karpa	Sr. Manager, Dena Bank
21	Satish Solanki	Sr. Manager, Vijya Bank
22	Rajesh Kumar	Sr. Manager, Bhartiya Mahila Bank
23	Asheesh Singh	Sr. Manager, Andhra Bank
24	Harish Kumar	Branch Manager, United Bank of India
25	Narender Kumar	Branch Manager, SBH Shimla
26	Rakesh Sharma	Spl. Asstt., Bank of Maharashtra
27	Amarjit Katoch	Sr. Manager, Corporation Bank
28	Naveen Chandra	AFO, Corporation Bank
29	Mohit Crackta	Spl. Officer FI, Central Bank of India
30	Rakesh Bhalla	CRM , Indian overseas Bank
31	S K Sharma	Chief Manager, SLBC
32	O P Panta	Senior Manager, UCO Bank
33	Kulwant Rai	Senior Manager, UCO Bank
34	Suresh Kumar	Senior Manager, UCO Bank
35	M L Sharma	Manager, UCO Bank
36	Amit Sharma	Officer , SLBC
37	Sunil Saraf	Security officer, UCO Bank
38	Devender Kalsi	IT officer , UCO Bank
39	Deepshikha verma	Officer, UCO Bank
40	Richa Sood	Officer, UCO Bank

V): LEAD DISTRICT MANAGERS:

SARVASHRI

1	K.S. Kanwar	LDM- Bilaspur
2	L. R.Thakur	LDM- Chamba
3	B.R. Sharma	LDM- Hamirpur
4	Mahesh Kapoor	LDM - Kullu
5	N. S. Negi	LDM- Kinnour
6	Amar Singh Thakur	LDM- Mandi
7	Kartar Singh	LDM- Shimla
8	RakeshVerma	LDM- Sirmaur
9	R.L. Bhardwaj	LDM- Solan
10	R. K. Sharma	LDM- Una
11	Ramesh Mahajan	Officer LDM office- Kangra

VII): COOPERATIVE & REGIONAL RURAL BANKS:

SARVASHRI

1	Sunita Kanga	GM, HP State Coop. Bank, Shimla
2	Rakhil Kahlon, HAS	MD, KCCB, Dharamshala
3	Satish Kumar Chawla	Chairman, HPGB, Mandi
4	M.D. Sharma	GM,ARBD shimla
5	R.S.Rathore	MD,JCCB Solan

VIII): PRIVATE BANKS:

SARVASHRI

1	Sandeep Chauhan	Manager,Indusind Bank
2	Akshita Modi	Regional Service Manager,ICICI Bank
3	Vikas Kumar	Asstt.Vice President,AXIS Bank
4	Mohinder Singh	Sr. Manager, J & K Bank

IX): INSURANCE COMPANIES:

SARVASHRI

1	G. S . Parmar	Sr. Divisional Manager, LIC of India
2	Anoop Jandu	Administrative Officer,AIC of India Ltd.
3	P.C.Sharma	Manager,LIC
4	Vinod Chauhan	Dy.Manager Micro Insurance,LIC

X): BSNL

SARVASHRI

1	S.K.Gupta	CGM,HP Circle BSNL
2	Prem Singh	GM, BSNL
3	Arvind Sharma	DGM, BSNL

XI): HP State Electricity Board (HPSEB)

SARVASHRI

1	Ramesh Sharma	Senior AO, HPSEB
2	Hira Lal Thakur	AAO, HPSEB