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All the Participants of
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Dear Sir,

REG: PROCEEDINGS OF THE 140th MEETING OF STATE LEVEL BANKERS COMMITTEE (SLBC)
HIMACHAL PRADESH HELD ON 27.06.2016 AT SHIMLA.

We enclose the proceedings of 140th SLBC meeting of Himachal Pradesh held on 27.06.2016 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 June,2016 on the prescribed Formats (revised) latest by 15th of July,2016 to enable the Convenor Bank to hold the next SLBC meeting as per schedule.

With regards,

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

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MINUTES OF 140th SLBC MEETING OF STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE -HIMACHAL PRADESH HELD ON 27.06.2016 AT HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME, SHIMLA (H.P.)

140th meeting of State Level Bankers Committee- Himachal Pradesh was held on 27th, June, 2016 to review the performance of banking sector in last quarter ended March, 2016. Sh. V C Pharka, IAS, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh chaired the meeting. Sh. Charan Singh, Executive Director, UCO Bank presided over the meeting. The list of participants mentioned in annexed (Annexure-I) at the end.

The meeting started with the permission of the Chair at 11.30 a.m. at the Regency Hall of Hotel Holiday Home Shimla. At the outset Sh. V. K. Shrivastava, General Manager & Convenor SLBC, UCO Bank extended warm welcome to distinguished dignitaries sitting on the Dias and Senior Bureaucrats/Executives from State Government Departments, Boards, Corporations, Senior Executives /Officers from Banks, Insurance Companies, media persons present in the meeting.

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

- Sh. V. K. Shrivastava, General Manager, UCO Bank and Convenor extended heartiest welcome to Sh. V C Pharka, IAS Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh on his maiden participation to chair the meeting. The GM, in a brief introduction of respected Chief Secretary, expressed that Sh. V C Pharka belong to Kinnaur district in Himachal Pradesh. He did his graduation from St. Stephen's College, Delhi, MA in International Studies and MBA from Australia. Sh. Pharka selected in IAS on 13th October, 1983 and served the Himachal Pradesh Government in various important assignments at district and State level. Before the present assignment, Sh. Pharka was Additional Chief Secretary-cum- Principal Secretary to Chief Minister. The GM, UCO Bank expressed gratitude to Sh. Pharka for sparing the valuable time to chair the meeting.
- Sh. Srivastava, GM extended heartiest welcome to Sh. Charan Singh, Executive Director, UCO Bank and expressed gratitude for his gracious presence to preside over the Meeting.
- The G.M. UCO Bank & convenor SLBC extended warm welcome to distinguished dignitaries sitting on dais viz. Dr. Shrikant Baldi , Additional Chief Secretary(Finance) Government of H. P. , Sh. I. S. Negi, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India and Sh. Deepak Kumar, Chief General Manager, NABARD. The GM expressed gratitude to dignitaries present on the occasion for their continued support, guidance and proactive participation in the SLBC review meetings.

In the welcome address, Sh. V. K. Shrivastava informed the participants on the various important initiatives included in the agenda for the meeting like financial inclusion, Achievement under ACP 2015-16, Banking Business profile in HP and CDR etc. as of March, 2016. The highlights of GM's welcome speech mentioned as below;

- The total branch network of banks in HP is 2023 as of March, 2016 and out of these Branches, more than 85% are in Rural area.
- Total no. of 1748 ATMs are operational in the State. The GM pointed out that as per direction of RBI, there should be a ratio of at least 1:1 of Branches and ATM. But in the State the ratio is slightly low He urged the banks to install more ATMs in the State.
- In implementation of ACP 2015-16, Banks have overall achievement of 92% of the annual targets and in Agriculture Sector the achievement is more than 95% of the targets. He emphasised for more credit expansion under MSME sector where the achievement is just 83%.
- Banks overall banking business have crossed Rs.1.18 lac crore of which the Deposits are more than 85 thousand crore and Advances are nearly 33 thousand crore.
- The Aadhaar enrolment in the State is more than 95% but the Aadhaar seeding is just nearly 69% as of March 2016. He urged the Bankers for paying preferred attention for increasing the Aadhaar number seeding to the maximum extant.
- GM, UCO Bank further added that under PMJDY Scheme, banks have opened more than 10 lac accounts and nearly 77% of the PMJDY account holders are issued Rupay Debit Cards. He added that Zero Balance Accounts in the State have been reduced to nearly 15% of the PMJDY Account Holders and banks should put their efforts to reduce the Zero balance account to the minimum extant.

In the concluded remarks, General Manager and Convenor of SLBC assured the Government authorities for whole hearted support and involvement of banking sector in the overall Socio-Economic Development in the State. In the end, Sh. V. K. Shrivastava, GM & Convenor extended heartiest welcome and good wish to the participants.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY SHRI CHARAN SINGH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UCO BANK.

- At the outset, Sh. Charan Singh, Executive Director, UCO Bank extended heartiest welcome to Sh. V. C. Pharka, Chief Secretary Government of Himachal Pradesh and congratulated him on behalf of SLBC for alleviation to the new assignment. He expressed that under the dynamic leadership of Chief Secretary, the forum will be perform more effectively in the development of the State. The ED, UCO Bank put on

record the heartiestest thanks and good wishes to the ex-chief Secretary of the State, Sh. P. Mitra (since retired) for his dedicated guidance, support and proactive participation in the SLBC meetings.

- The ED extended warm welcome to Dr. Shrikant Baldi, Additional Chief Secretary, (Finance) Govt of Himachal Pradesh, Sh. I. S. Negi, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Sh. Deepak Kumar, CGM NABARD and other Executives / Senior Officers from State Government Departments, Insurance Companies & Banks and media representatives.
- Sh. Charan Singh, ED expressed that SLBC is one of the important forums which is not only the association of bankers but it a common platform with association of State Administration , Regulators and Banks forming important forum putting joint efforts for development of the State.
- The ED expressed that Sh. Shrivastava, GM & Convenor UCO BANK has already highlighted the achievements of Banks in the last quarter of the financial year 2015-16 in his welcome address. He added that regulatory parameters of Banking business in the State are almost reasonable except for the CD ratio which is below the national average. The issue of CD ratio is also linked to growth prospectus of the State and in this direction, the Executive Director have placed few suggestions / important points before the house.
- Financial Inclusion is must for the inclusive growth and development of the State and in the recent past, the financial inclusion campaign is initiated in a big way in the country. In the implementation of F.I. initiative, there are two major stages i.e. 1) Linkages and 2) working stage. In the 1st stage for linkages, the accounts are opened, enrollment done under social security schemes, small credit are allowed in the Bank account. These all steps are covered in the first phase of implementation of F.I. initiative. Now the next important parts is the working state.
- In the working stage, the accounts opened are to be made productive and therefore linkage with Aadhaar number seeding and mobile number seeding is very important steps. The Executive director impressed the banks to complete the Aadhaar seeding in the Bank account in a mission mode, so that accounts opened are made productive. Similarly mobile number seeding in the bank account is equally important. Banks to ensure that these activities of Aadhaar number seeding and mobile number seeding is completed at the time of opening of account. He further added that 'JAM' trinity (the Jan Dhan Yojana, the Aadhaar initiative of UIDAI and Mobile number) has a very big role in the financial re-engineering programme of Government of India.

- Another important step of working of FI Initiatives is strengthening of BC Channel. The Executive Director expressed that since long we are in the implementation process of BC model but it needs to be streamlined and regulated as it would be a wonderful channel of providing Banking services as if we are adding a branch. He emphasized to the Banks for capacity building of BCAs and lot of thrust is required for providing training of BCAs to make this channel more effective and productive.
- The Executive Director emphasized on financial literacy campaign as it is one of the steps to bring the desired results in the direction of Financial Inclusion campaign.
- Sh. Singh, ED also emphasized on Agriculture and Rural Development as this sector in the past years are the worst affected by natural calamity, price fluctuation etc. resulting in to suicide cases in rural areas. The ED emphasized for forming of sub-groups of SLBC which will work in specific areas like allied activities, irrigation, SME etc. These sub-groups consisting of banks and expert from concerned Government departments will give valuable inputs for growth of these preferred sectors.
- The Executive director impressed that hassle free availability of finance is still abig issue for the Small and Marginal Farmers as they are facing issues like tenancy farming, size of holdings etc. He added that thrust should be given for development of allied activities in agriculture sector so that farmer's income can be supplemented by these activities. For development of farm sector, the research and extension programme has a significant role and all the stake holders should pay focused attention on providing of extension services to farmers from agriculture university and other Government machinery.
- He further emphasized that marketing of Agriculture produce is one of important areas that needs attention. It is a State subject and he urged the government for digitization of agriculture Mandis. He also laid emphasis on risk coverage of the farmers and urged the Banks to cover all farmers under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' (PMFBY). To have sustained growth and generation of employment in the State, he further laid emphasis credit expansion to Agro based & Agro processing units under MSME sector.
- The E.D., UCO Bank expressed concern that NPAs of Banks are growing. He urged the Banks to go in a big way for compromise settlement as one of the steps to bring down the NPA level in the State.

In the end, Sh. Charan Singh, ED, UCO Bank extended the good wishes and hope for conclusive deliberation on all issues placed in the agenda.

On conclusion of the address by Executive Director, UCO bank, the regular agenda of the meeting started by Sh. V. K. Shrivastava, General Manager & Convenor, UCO BANK with the kind permission of the Chair and proceedings noted as below;

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE LAST 139TH MEETING HELD ON 22.03.2016

Since, no comments received from any quarter, the minutes of the 139th meeting of SLBC stands confirmed and adopted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. : 2

ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) ON THE ACTION POINTS EMERGED DURING THE 139TH MEETING HELD ON 22.03.2016.

	Action Point Emerged	Deliberations/ Decisions emerged in 139th SLBC meeting
2.1	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.	Initiating deliberations on the issue, the G.M. & Convenor SLBC expressed that CD Ratio in the State is persistently below the level of National Parameter prescribed by RBI. More over there is declining trend in the CDR over the last four quarters and six districts are having CDR even below 40% which can be termed as critically low CD ratio. The Chief Secretary, Government of HP remarked that atleast Bilaspur , Kangra , Mandi and Hamirpur, districts having very low CDR is an area of concern and it needs priority attention of all stakeholders. The LDM Hamirpur commenting on low CDR in the District, expressed that in Hamirpur District, the per capita deposits is highest in the country and low off-take of the credit is due to lac of demand for the credit. There are not any major commercial activities in Industrial sector, infrastructural growth and Small projects are being financed under Horticulture and Agriculture sector. The LDM Bilaspur also apprised the house that due to four laning project of NHAI in Bilaspur District and thereof distribution of compensation to the land owners, there is many fold growth in Deposits and correspondingly on the other side there is low Credit off-take due to low demand for credit and therefore it has resulted in to low CDR in Bilaspur District.

	The Additional Chief Secretary , Finance to the Government of Himachal Pradesh expressed concern on declining trend in CDR in the State over the last two three year and he added that present trend in CDR indicates that savings of the State are being invested outside. The trend needs to be reversed. He laid emphasis on the following points. a) There should be small committee at district level headed by Deputy Commissioner that will review the position of CDR regularly and will make the concrete recommendation for improving the CDR, with specific role and responsibility on the part of State Government , Banks, RBI / NABARD . A direction to this effect will be issued to DCs from State Government. b) He requested the NNABARD that PLP(potential linked Plan) prepared by NABARD should be synchronized with CD ratio in the State with special focus on those districts having critically low CDR. c) THE ACS further added that growth in key sectors is essential to boost the demand for credit and all the stake holders have to make the coordinated efforts. The RD RBI emphasized for timely review of all issues concerning the growth in CDR etc by timely holding of review meetings with senior level participation to have effective deliberation on all important issues concerning State. The RD further observed that achievement vis a vis target was 92% under ACP 2015-16 leaving scope for finance to the extent of 8%. Had banks achieved the projected target which was formulated on the basis of NABARD-PLP, CD ratio would have been slightly higher. Therefore all banks need to make concerted efforts to achieve ACP target in the ensuing year so that low CD ratio can be enhanced. The CGM NABARD expressed that there is still scope for credit expansion in KCC scheme as there are still gap in coverage of all
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		eligible farmers under the scheme. The Chief Secretary, Government of HP advised that NABARD should adopt consultation approach with district level committee before finalizing of PLPs for the respective district so that area specific credit needs and the growth potentials can be focused in finalizing the credit plan and credit potentials in the district . Further the Chief Secretary advised that in all review meeting there should be target agenda in SLBC / DCC review meetings with deliberation on specific areas/ constraints that needs senior level deliberations. The review meetings should be held in time with limited agenda with main focus on impediments or constraints being faced to have meaningful deliberation to resolve the issues. All the LDMs are requested to ensure that sub-committee meeting of DCC are held regularly and position on CD ratio should be deliberated under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner with senior level participation from major banks and line Departments.
2.2	On-line access of Land Records to Banks – Adoption of “Bhoomi Bank Integrated Project” for online creation of charge on land.	This issue is a standing agenda item of SLBC review meetings. The Director, Land Records (DLR) apprised the house on the latest status on the issue. a) At the outset, the DLR informed that proposal is sent to FCR, Government of Himachal Pradesh for further approval. He added that mortgages where registration is compulsory under the Act and requires physical presence of the Mortgagor, in such type of charges/ mortgages on land record will not be covered under the scope of On-line charge creation on land records in the proposal. b) The NIC will be requested for developing of suitable software to facilitate integration of Land records for online creation of Charge. Moreover, the

		necessary training of Departmental staff and staff of other stake holders is also important for smooth handling of the Software to be developed by NIC. c) The Chief Secretary commenting on the issue expressed that there is a need to amend certain provisions of the relevant Act to facilitate the online creation of Charge on land record and he assured that the matter will be expedited at the State Government level.
2.3	Construction of RSETI buildings	The latest status of construction of RSETIs buildings by RSETIs set up in the State reviewed with the lead banks. a) In RSETIs with PNB the construction work is in progress in four RSETIs. In Mandi district where the construction work is yet to commence, the PNB will be finalizing the matter shortly. b) In RSETIs with UCO bank, their corporate office is in the process of according approval for starting construction work and soon the construction work will be stated in RSETIs with UCO bank. c) In Chamba, the Lease deed execution for land allotted to RSETI building is pending due to approval awaited from Department of Rural Development, Govt of H.P. The RD Deptt is requested to expedite the matter. The SBI is also requested to follow-up with RD Department expeditiously. The progress will be reviewed by the house in the next SLBC review meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO.-3

FINANCIAL INCLUSION CAMPAIGN IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN DHAN YOJANA (PMJDY) AND SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI JAN SURAKSHA YOJANA.

The House reviewed the progress under PMJDY and Social Security Schemes and achievements are highlighted under these initiatives in the welcome speech of General Manager , UCO Bank and in the key Note address of Executive Director of UCO bank.

The important points emerged for follow up action are mentioned as below;

- a) The issuance of RuPay Debit Cards in PMJDY accounts is nearly 77% and banks have to focus on 100% coverage with issuance of RuPay Debit Cards to all the PMJDY account Holders in a Mission mode.
- b) The Aadhaar enrollments is quite good in HP but the Aadhaar seeding in the Bank Account is lagging behind and so far in accounts under PMJDY, the achievement is just near to 69%. The house has urged the bankers to expedite the Aadhaar number seeding in the Bank account of customers to facilitate the transfer of Benefit directly to the account of Beneficiaries under the DBT scheme. The Executive Director emphasized to the controlling heads of member banks for close follow-up and monitoring of their branches for seeding of Aadhaar number and Mobile numbers.
- c) The Regional director RBI expressed that seeding of the Aadhaar number to newly opened accounts is one of the major tasks before the Banks. Banks need to step up the process of both seeding of Aadhaar number to account and issuance of RuPay debit card to their customers.
- d) The Chief Secretary emphasizes to bankers to deliberate on impediments/ constraints in smooth implementation of the various Schemes initiated under the financial Inclusion campaign so that solution can be find out for its smooth implementation.
- e) The Additional Chief Secretary (finance) to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh expressed the there is a need to expedite the settlement process of the Insurance claims due under the PMSBY and PMJJBY. He directed the convenor that information on pendency period in settlement of Insurance claims by the insurance companies should be placed before the house in next meeting to have a effective deliberation on the issue. In the course of deliberation, the representative from HPGB raised the issue of pendency of Insurance Claim pending under PMSBY with Oriental Insurance Company. The House directed the OIC to resolve the issue expeditiously.
- f) The GM, UCO bank apprised the House on the Financial Literacy Campaign launched by banks in Financial Literacy Centers and in Schools and progress achieved in financial literacy campaign is placed before the House. The GM urged the member Banks to complete the financial literacy campaign in all the schools and Skill Centers allotted to their bank in the State.

- g) The Executive Director UCO bank urged the banks on activation of BCAs deployed by Banks as out of the total number of 1357 BCAs deployed by the Banks in the State, only 50% BCAs are in active mode as observed from the verification calls made by Convenor from the call centre. The concerned banks are already apprised of the situation by the Convenor Bank.
- h) The House was briefed on the achievements under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY). The House directed to review the progress under PMMY in the next review meeting.
- i) The House was briefed on the New initiative on 'Stand up India Scheme' recently launched by Hon'ble PM across the Country where in the every bank branch will provide loan facility atleast to one SC/ST and one woman entrepreneur with credit need ranging between Rs. 10 lac to Rs. 100 lacs . The representative from NABARD appraised the house on the dedicated portal launched for mobilization of beneficiaries under the Scheme. He further added that in the portal there is a facility of handholding support to the Borrowers and borrower is classified under two categories i.e. Ready Borrower and Trainee borrower. The Executive Director, UCO Bank requested the member banks to upload the proposals on the web portal so that progress achieved by the banks can be reflected in the public domain in the portal. The progress under the 'Stand up India Scheme' will be reviewed in quarterly review meeting of SLBC.

(Action: Member banks/ LIC of India/ Oriental Insurance Company)

AGENDA ITEM NO.-4

REVIEW OF PROGRESS UNDER RBI ROADMAP 2013-16 - EXTENSION OF BANKING SERVICES IN ALL UNBANKED VILLAGES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH:

The progress achieved under the RBI Roadmap 2013-16 reviewed by the House. Banks in the State have covered total 18681 villages out of total 20060 villages under the RBI roadmap for providing banking services through the existing Bank branches as well as through the BCAs. The GM, Convener Bank requested the Regional Director, RBI to deliberate on the matter and guide the house on the issue.

Shri I. S. Negi, Regional Director, RBI, Shimla deliberating on the agenda issue, addressed the following issues and contents of address of RD mentioned as below;

- It has been observed that there is undue delay in the conduct of both SLBC meeting at the state level as well as DCC/DLRC meetings at district level. As per RBI guidelines, these meetings should be conducted within 45 days from the end of the respective quarter under review. The matter was taken up with the Chief Secretary and controlling offices of the lead banks by writing DO letters.
- The DCC/DLRC meetings under the Lead Bank Scheme and the SLBC forum which were implemented in 1969 and 1975 respectively have been serving as important fora for implementation of ACP and other government sponsored programmes and review thereof. The persistent delay in holding of these meetings on various reasons, defeats the very purpose of timely review of

progress with regard to implementation of schemes *ibid*. Therefore controlling heads of respective LDMs of all the districts should ensure that these meetings are held as per the calendar of meetings prepared in advance. Another issue which has been affecting effectiveness of DCC/DLRC is that either major players do not attend the meetings or participation is not at appropriate level. Lead banks and their controlling offices should ensure that the meetings should be held on time and are attended by officers at appropriate level. Likewise, non-participation of Heads of various government agencies also renders these meetings ineffective. Since these are inter-institutional fora to create healthy coordination between banks and different government departments for furthering the cause of economic development of the people of the State, all stakeholders need to attend these fora for healthy discussion on various issues by sinking their institutional ethos and personal egos, if any, in the ultimate interest of the development of the state.

The GM, UCO Bank and Convenor expressed that few member banks are causing abnormal delay in submission of data/ information to the convener bank and they are not adhering to the time schedule of submission of Data, resulting delay in compilation of information for the review meetings. The House observed that delay in submission of Data/ information should be viewed seriously and in case of undue delay in submission of the data/information, the progress would be reviewed with the available information and members those causing delay, their names would be mentioned in the agenda note and their progress will be reviewed in the meeting with their explanation for undue delay. All the member banks are requested to note the observation of House and ensure timely submission of Data / information for the next review meeting to be held in August, 2016. The House further directed the LDMs to ensure that DLCC should be held as per the calendar of the meeting as already decided and the meeting should be conducted before the review meeting of SLBC so that issues that emerged in the DLCC for state level review can be deliberated in SLBC meeting.

RBI Roadmap 2013-16

The RD, RBI expressed that most of the banks have been lagging behind in attaining the targets envisaged under the RBI roadmap. Only Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank has done a commendable job. Banks have to provide banking services in the unbanked areas on priority basis. The system of Business Correspondent should be stabilized for rendering effective banking services.

The RD, RBI further added that efforts need to be made by the banks to open both offsite and onsite ATMs, as most of the ATMs in the state are either located in the urban areas or at district headquarters.

The Chief Secretary to Government of Himachal Pradesh requested the Reserve Bank of India to undertake mapping of Himachal Pradesh for opening of Bank Branches and ATMs in unbanked areas within six months and allocate the unbanked areas to member banks for facilitating opening of Bank Branches and setting up of the ATMs in identified unbanked areas in the State.

Review of Progress under RBI roadmap for opening of Brick and Mortar Branches in villages having population of above 5000 in the State.

The Regional Director, RBI, reviewed the progress under Roadmap for unbanked Villages with population above 5000. There are total three villages with population above 5000 under the roadmap and out of which 2(two) villages are already covered with Brick & Mortar Branches. The RD directed PNB to open a branch in the only left out village allocated to PNB in Una District at the earliest

All the member banks are requested to take note of the above points mentioned in the addressed of RD RBI to the House and ensure compliance.

(Action: All Member Banks)

AGENDA ITEM NO.-5

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE UNDER ANNUAL CREDIT PLAN (ACP) 2015-16

The progress under Annual Credit Plan 2015-16 reviewed by the House. The GM & Convenor highlighted the achievement for the period under review as under;

- Banks have disbursed fresh credit disbursements of Rs. 14043.92 crore in the FY 2015-16, and marked the overall achievement of 92%.
- Banks have disbursed fresh credit to the tune of Rs.10496.36 Crores under Priority Sector lending and having achieved the 79% of the targets.
- Fresh credit disbursements under Agriculture Sector recorded at Rs.5525.57crore, and Banks have recorded achievement of nearly 95%.
- The fresh credit of Rs.3570.74 crores disbursed to Micro , Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) and thereby having recorded achievement of 83% under MSME sector.

The house expressed satisfaction on the achievement in various sectors and sub-sectors under the ACP 2015-16.

On review of implementation of ACP 2015-16, the Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, observed that achievement vis a vis target was 92% leaving scope for finance to the extent of 8%. Had banks achieved the projected target which was formulated on the basis of NABARD-PLP, CD ratio would have been slightly higher. Therefore all banks need to make concerted efforts to achieve ACP target in the ensuing year so that low CD ratio can be enhanced. Moreover, banks should ensure that the credit requirement of small/marginal farmers, rural artisans and people with small means are catered to on time.

ANNUAL CREDIT PLAN (ACP) 2016-17 FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH

The Annual Credit Plan (ACP) for the State for the year 2016-17 finalized by the Convenor Bank taking in to account the Annual Credit Plan launched in all the twelve district in the State. The Annual Credit Plan for 2016-17 envisages the total credit outlay

of Rs.18213.01 crores to 658802 fresh units. The financial outlay in the Credit Plan projected at annual growth rate of 18.95% for FY 2016-17.

In Priority Sector Advances, the total financial outlay of Rs. 15992.31crore with annual growth rate of 20.42% projected under the ACP for the year 2016-17.

Keeping in view the GOI's thrust on capital formation in Agriculture Sector for increasing the production and productivity, a sub targets has been made for Agriculture term loan at 32% of the total Agriculture credit. In Himachal Pradesh, the total financial outlay under the Agriculture Sector under the Annual Credit Plan, 2016-17 is Rs.6816.30 crores. Out of total target set under ACP 2016-17 for agriculture sector, banks have targeted for fresh disbursement of Rs. 3929.37 crore for short term Loans (Crop loans) and in term loan Rs.2888.93 crores and thus In line with the direction received from NABARD, the annual targets for term loan disbursements is more than 42% of the total financial outlay in Agriculture under ACP2016-17.

The House approved the ACP 2016-17 as presented in the Agenda papers.

– (ACTION; BANKS/ LDMS)

AGENDA ITEM NO -6

REVIEW OF STATISTICAL BANKING DATA AS OF MARCH,2016

The General Manager & Convenor, UCO Bank highlighted the banking sector performance in his Welcome address to the house. The House reviewed the performance in banking business parameters as of March,2016 and the main observations are noted as under;

- The National Parameters for business performance indicators set by RBI achieved in respect of Priority Sector lending(71%), Agriculture Sector (22%) lending to Weaker Section (19%) and advances to Women (7%) .
- The CD ratio is nearly 56% and below the normal level of 60% under the national parameters set by RBI. The House deliberated on issue and observations noted in Agenda items no- 2.
- The Y-o-Y growth in Deposit is 12% and Y-o-Y growth in Advances is just 11%. The total banking business in the State has crossed more than 1.18 lac crore. The house observed that Banks have maintained satisfactory growth in deposits mobilisation and Credit expansion in the State. But in spite of good growth in important business indicators, the CD ratio is the area of concern for all the stake holders and there is need to have regular review of position at District and State level with monitorable action plan to bring improvement in CDR.
- On branch expansion programme of Banks in the State , the House observed that Banks are opening branches in banked areas whereas the focus should be on coverage on unbanked areas to have outreach to banking services to excluded

section of our society. The Controlling Heads of Member banks are request to revisit their Branch expansion Programme to have more branch expansion in unbanked areas.

(ACTION: ALL BANKS/LDMs)

AGENDA ITEM NO -7

Review of Performance under major Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

The House reviewed the performance under the Govt. Sponsored Programmes. The observations are as mentioned as below;

- ♦ The GM & Convenor UCO Bank deliberated on pendency of sponsored cases under the various Govt Sponsored Scheme mentioned in the Agenda. The representative from Rural Development Department, HP informed that position of pendency reported under NRLM is quite high as per the pending position reported to them from their District level authorities. There are total 369 cases pending with Banks under the NRLM Scheme. The Chief Secretary of the State has directed the RD Department to take up the matter with Deputy Commissioner in the respective district for review of bank-wise position to clear the pendency of cases pending under various sponsored Scheme.
- ♦ The Govt of India has allocated Credit mobilization target of Rs.40.00 crore for the State under NRLM scheme for the current year 2016-17. The district wise allocation made by HPSLRM placed before the house for review. The house approved the district-wise allocation of Credit mobilization Targets. The representative of HPSRLM is requested to ensure bank wise allocation at the District level to have bank-wise review of progress in the quarterly review meetings.
- ♦ The Annual Targets of Rs.10.00 crore allocated to the State under for credit mobilization under SEP component under NULM scheme - Deendayal Antodaya (DAY-NULM) allocated to banks and placed in the agenda. The house approved the targets allocation among Banks as placed in the agenda papers.
- ♦ The table Agenda (as included in the PPT on agenda issues) for amendment in constitution of Sub -committee of SLBC on SHG placed before the house. The house approved the following amendments;
 - a). The Member Secretary (convener) of the sub -committee will be CEO , NRLM in the State as requested by RD department and accordingly henceforth, the meeting of sub -committee of SLBC on SHG will be convened by CEO, HPSRLM .
 - b) The Director, Urban Development, Himachal implementing the NULM scheme in the State is included as member in the Sub-committee on SHGs (Addition to the members of the sub-committee on SHGs as requested by UD Department.).

All concerned are requested to take note of the above amendments in the Sub – committee of SLBC on SHGs.

(ACTION: ALL BANKS /NRLM/ NULM /KVIC / KVIB)

AGENDA ITEM NO.8

Review of Recovery Performance of Banks in Himachal Pradesh.

The house reviewed the recovery position for the period under review. The observations are noted as below;

- a) The overall recovery position in the State is 66% and declining trend in recovery position is a matter of concern. The recovery under the agriculture advances has also declined in the State and banks have to focus to strengthen their recovery drives .
- b) The NPA ratio has upsurged to 5.29 % in the last quarter ended March, 2016. The house expressed concern on growing NPAs of Banks in the States. The MSME sector have largest proportion among the total NPAs. Banks to pay more attention on recovery MSME sector.
- c) For improving the recovery under Certificate Cases under State Recovery Act., the convener bank has requested the State Government for introducing of incentives to enforcing agencies. The Additional Chief Secretary Finance to the Government of HP proposed that SLBC convener should submit the proposal for amendment in the State Recovery Act for consideration of State Government authorities. The Executive Director, UCO Bank expressed that in the State of Madhya Pradesh, the incentive scheme is introduced under the State Recovery Act and SLBC convener may study the best practices followed in Madhya Pradesh to prepare a proposal recommending amendments in the State Recovery Act to the State Government.

The House urged the banks to strengthen their recovery mechanism to bring down the NPA level and bringing healthy recovery environment in the State.

(ACTION: ALL Banks/ SLBC Convenor)

AGENDA ITEM NO.9

REVIEW OF PROGRESS UNDER NON-SPONSORED PROGRAMMES

The House reviewed the progress made by banks under Kissan Credit Cards Scheme, GCCs, Self Help Groups (SHGs), and Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) in the State.

The house impressed to banks for issuance of the Rupay Debit Cards to all the KCC holders to have hassle free credit despendion and ensure to cover the left out farmers under the fold of the KCC Scheme in a time bound manner.

(Action: ALL BANKS)

AGENDA ITEM NO.10

FRESH & MISC. ISSUES:**AGENDA ITEM NO.- 10.1:**

Relief to Small and Marginal farmers in distress by way of repayment of banks loan in Installments - Directives from Hon'ble High Court , Himachal Pradesh to State Government in a court case - CWP no. 6631/2014 - Bhartiya Govansh Rakshan Sambardhan Parishad H. P. Vs. Union of India and others.

The background of the above issue placed in detail in the agenda papers and facts in brief placed by Convenor before the house as mentioned hereunder;

The Hon'ble High Court, HP in the decision on the above referred court case issued certain directives to the State Government for extending relief to the farmers. In the para 88 & 91 of the Judgment in the above mentioned court case, there are certain issues on extending relief to those farmers who have availed loans from Banks. The State Government, Finance Department referred these issues to the SLBC for necessary decision and directed to respond back to the State Government. .

The context of the issues referred to SLBC in Para 88 & 91 mentioned as below;

- a) State to provide a mechanism to reduce their burden by creating a corpus to waive off their loans at least to the extent of Rs. 50,000/- (Para 88)
- b) State to formulate a Scheme for waiver of loans raised by small marginal farmers, at least up to Rs. 50,000/- or in the alternative to permit them to pay the loans in instalments by reducing their rate of interest, if need be by creating corpus in consultation with Nationalized/ Gramin/Co-operative Banks. (Para 91)

Accordingly, these two issues referred by Finance Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh are placed in the agenda for deliberation and necessary decision of the House.

The Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh deliberating on the issue expressed that State Government has deliberated on the various directives mentioned in the judgment in the above court case including the issue of waiver of loan to Small & Marginal Farmers. The State Government has filed the reply in the case stating that, the State Government has never waived the loan in the past and it is not possible for the State Government to consider the waiver of Loan to farmers but the State Government will raise the issue with SLBC for deliberation. Dr. Baldi, ACS (Fin) further added that in the past, Government of India or the Banks have considered the proposal for the waiver of loans and therefore the issue may be deliberated in SLBC forum. He requested the house to deliberate on the issue and inform the State Government about the decision of SLBC.

Initiating deliberation on the issue Executive Director, UCO Bank requested the member banks especially the 'Lead Banks' in the State having significant presence in the State to express their view point on the above issues.

- The Convenor bank (UCO bank) expressed that there is a healthy recovery environment in the State and waiver of loan will damage the repayment culture in the State. The above issue of waiver of interest/ principal and rescheduling/ restructuring of the loan can be considered under the extant guidelines of OTS (One Time Settlement) scheme on merits on case to case basis.
- The representative from PNB deliberating on the issue expressed that they can consider the proposal under OTS (On time settlement) scheme on case to case basis where in issue of waiver of interest/ principal and rescheduling of loans can be considered depending on merit of proposal.
- The representative from SBI expressed that absolute waiver of loans will damage the recovery environment in the State and the issue of waiver interest/ principal and rescheduling of loans can be considered under the OTS scheme on case to case basis.
- The other member banks have participated in deliberation and concurred with the view point of lead banks.

The Chief Secretary deliberating on the issue urged the Banks to adopt holistic approach in extending relief by way of waiver or the rescheduling the repayment of Loans to the small & marginal farmers. The C S drew attention of the bankers on the Poly House loan cases in certain belt in Bilaspur and Mandi District where the loanee farmers are affected due to natural calamity and these farmers deserve the relief from Banks.

The House decided that the relief on waiver of Bank Loans and rescheduling of Loans of the loanee farmers can be considered by banks under extant OTS scheme being implemented by respective Banks as per the RBI guidelines. The relief may be extended by concerned bank on merit, on case to case basis to the individual loanee farmer for which the loanee farmer has to submit the proposal to the respective bank branch.

(ACTION POINT: Member banks)

10.2: Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Implementation: Aadhaar seeding in to the bank accounts of beneficiaries of MGNREGA & NSAP.

The representative from Rural Development Department of Govt of HP informed the house that MoRD is closely monitoring the progress of Aadhaar number seeding in the Bank account of beneficiaries under MGNREGA scheme, on weekly basis.

He added that in H.P. the Aadhaar number seeding of MGNREGA beneficiaries in the State completed up to 96% in their Data base but the conversion rate by seeding in bank account is nearly 75% and now the position is stagnant. The RD Department requested the banks to complete the Aadhaar seeding in pending accounts with close coordination and support from Rural Development Department.

The House directed the Banks to complete the task of Aadhaar number seeding in the Bank account of MGNREGA Workers and beneficiaries of social security old age pensioners under NSAP in a camp mode with in 15.7.2016 as per the direction of the MoRD.

(ACTION POINT: Member banks/ RDD/ SJ&E Deptt)

10.3 Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance scheme (WBCIS) for Kharif 2016 season in the State:

The Additional Chief Secretary, finance informed that Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance scheme (WBCIS) for Kharif 2016 season are adopted by the State Government and Agriculture Department of Government of HP has already issued notification to this effect in the State. He emphasized the bankers to provide risk coverage to all eligible farmers under the provision of the Scheme.

The Executive Director, UCO Bank urged the banks to ensure that all loanee farmers are compulsorily covered under the Scheme.

The representative from Agriculture Department requested the Banks to expand the coverage of the PMFBY scheme liberally to the non-loanee farmers also. He also informed the house that Agriculture Department has directed the notified insurance companies to launch the awareness campaign aggressively in the State..

(Action: All Member banks/ Insurance Companies)

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING CONCLUDED WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR.

The General Manager & Convenor SLBC, UCO Bank requested the Chairman to deliver the valedictory Address to the house.

CONCLUDING ADDRESS OF SH. V.C. PHARKA, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH

Respected Sh. V C Pharka, IAS, Chief Secretary extended good wishes to Sh. Charan Singh, Executive Director, UCO bank and other distinguished dignitaries, participants present in the meeting. He expressed that discussions were very fruitful on all issues deliberated in the meeting. In the course of deliberation the Chief Secretary has proactively participated in the deliberations on all important issues and guided the House.

The important points of the Concluding Address of the respected Chairman mentioned as below;

- The Chief Secretary expressed that Low CD ratio is an area of concern for all of us. He emphasized to Banks for financing liberally for the development and growth of Agriculture, Horticulture and Rural sector in the State. The CS emphasized to stakeholders for paying attention on Skill Development

Programme and capacity building of young entrepreneurs and urged the Banks to pay special thrust on credit expansion in MSME sector to increase the flow of credit and improvement in CDR.

- The Chief Secretary laid special emphasis on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) implementation in the State. He urged the Banks to pay focused attention on seeding of Aadhaar Number and Mobile Number in the Bank account of beneficiaries cover under DBT implementation with preferred attention on seeding of Aadhaar number in the bank account of MGNREGA workers and pensioners covered under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).
- Sh. V C Pharka , Chief Secretary expressed that growth with equality and inclusive growth is very important for socio economic development of the State and Banks have to play a significant role in effective implementation of Financial Inclusion initiatives in the State. He urged the Bankers to expand the outreach of Banking services in a effective manner covering the remote and unbanked areas in the State and pay thrust on Financial Literacy Campaign to have easy access to banking services to excluded section of our society.
- The Chief Secretary extended heartiest thanks to all the participants.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks extended by Sh. Vivek Kaul , Deputy General Manager, UCO bank expressing heartiest thanks to all the dignitaries and other participants for sparing their valuable time and for the proactive participation. He assured the house that all action points emerged in the meeting will be implemented in a time boud manner.

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140th STATE LEVEL BANKERS COMMITTEE MEETING OF HIMACHAL PRADESH HELD ON 27th JUNE, 2016 AT REGENCY HALL , HOTEL HOLIDAY HOME , SHIMLA.

List of Participants

I. Chief Guest : Sh. V C PHARKA, IAS

Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

II. ED : SH. CHARAN SINGH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UCO BANK

III. Convenor SLBC : SH. V.K. SHRIVASTAVA

General Manager
UCO Bank

IV Government of Himachal Pradesh & Related Agencies:

1.	Dr. Shrikant Baldi, IAS	Additional Chief Secretary(Finance) , Govt of Himachal Pradesh
2	Sh. Abhishek Jain	Director-cum Special Secretary (Rural Development), Govt of Himachal Pradesh
3	Sh. D.S. Negi	Director land Records , H P Government.
4.	Capt. J.M Pathania	Director Urban Development , H.P Govt.
5	Sh. R.S Tomar	DLR cum- Dy secretary (law) , Govt of HP
6	Sh. S M Sani ,	CEO, HP SLRM , Shimla
7	Sh. Ramesh Malta	Joint Registrar , Registrar of Coop , H.P. Govt.
8	Sh. D P Bhangalia	Director, Horticulture, H.P. Government.
9	Sh. Ramesh Chand	Joint Director , Agriculture , H.P. Govt
10,	Sh . Nalin Mahajan	OSD, Finance Dept. H.P. Secretariat. Shimla
11.	Sh. Dalip Negi,	Additional Director, Women & Child Dev. Hp Govt.
12	Sh. A J Dogra	DIRO (HQ) , Directorate of SOMA, H P Govt.
13	Sh. I. D Gupta	Resident Consultant, H P Horticulture Deptt.
14	Sh. Prem Thakur	PRO (ISPR) ISPR- (News)
15	Sh. Naresh Kashyap	Manager, MIS & ME, Urban Dev. Deptt.
16	Sh. Brijesh Bahadur,	Manager FI & ME, Urban Dev. Deptt.
17	Sh. Jitender kumar	MSP , UIDAI , RO Chandigarh

V RESERVE BANK OF INDIA, NABARD,

1	Sh. I. S. Negi	Regional Director, RBI, Shimla
2	Sh. Deepak Kumar	Chief General Manger , NABARD
3	Sh. Ramesh Chand	General Manager , RBI
4	Sh. V R Sudhakar	DGM ,NABARD
5	Sh . aveneshwar Singh	Manager , RBI

VI): COMMERCIAL BANKS:
SARVASHRI

1	Prabhat Kumar Mishra	DGM,SBI
2	R. K. Sharma	DGM, PNB Shimla
3	Vivek Kaul	DGM, UCO Bank, Zonal Office, Shimla
4	Anand Gupta ,	DGM , Bank of Maharashtra
5	C S Chugh	AGM, Central Bank of India
6	Sh. Manoj Kumar Upadhayay	Deputy Circle Head , PNB
7	Umesh Bhalla	AGM, Canara Bank
8	D C Chauhan	AGM, State Bank of Patiala
9	Damandeep Singh	AGM ,IDBI Bank Ltd.
10	I. .S Tulsi	AGM , UCO bank , ZO Solan
11	Suresh Tuli	AGM union Bank of India
12	Kulbinder Singh	AGM , Syndicate bank
13	Sh. Hari Krishan ,	Sr. Manager, Bank of Baroda
14	C. S. Patial	CM,SBI
15	Ramesh Pandey	CM Union Bank Of India
16	Subhash Chand	Chief Manager, Allahabad Bank
17	Anil Kumar Nanda	CM, OBC
18	Sunil Kaudal	CM, Punjab & Sind Bank
19	H S Negi	C.M. Indian Overseas bank
20	Narendra Kumar Tahiliari	Br. Manager, State Bank of Hyderabad
21	Punit	Br. Manager Bank of Maharashtra
22	Mamta negi,	Sr. manager Bank Of Baroda
23	Vikas Kumar	Manager, United Bank Of India
24	Harish Chauhan	Officer, Indian Bank
25	Ravi Katiyar	Manager, Dena Bank
26	S.K.Sharma	Chief Manager, SLBC
27	O.P.Panta	Senior Manager, UCO Bank
28	Mayur Mehta	Officer, SLBC
29	Deepesh Negtu	Officer, UCO Bank
30	Devender Kalsi	Manager , IT , UCO Bank

VII): LEAD DISTRICT MANAGERS:
SARVASHRI

1	K.S. Kanwar	LDM- Bilaspur
2	B K Rajdan	LDM Bilaspur (New incumbent)
3	Sudhir K.Gaur	LDM- Chamba
4	J.K.Sharma	LDM- Kangra
5	Mahesh Kapoor	LDM -Kullu
6	R P Tomar	LDM- Kinnaur
7	S. B Mishra	LDM- Shimla
8	Niraj Kaushik	Dy. Manager , LDM Office -Mandi
9	Sanjeev Sharma	LDM-Hamirpur
10	Rakesh Verma	LDM- Sirmour
11	J. P. Negi	LDM- Solan

VIII): COOPERATIVE & REGIONAL RURAL BANKS:

1	Smt. R. Kahlon.	M.D. Kangra Central Coop Bank.
2	Satish Kumar Chawla	CHAIRMAN, HPGB
3	Sh. S D Negi	M.D. JCCB
4	Sh. J S Kalra	General Manager, H P State Coop Bank Ltd.
5	Ms. Jayotika Khimta	AGM, H P State Coop Bank Ltd
6	Raj Narayan Jamalta	AGM, HPARD Bank
7	Sh. Suneel Sharma	Assistant Manager , Kangra Central Coop bank

IX): PRIVATE BANKS:

1	Anjali Khoond	Regional Head, ICICI Bank
2	Sh. Sanjeev Sharma	AGM & RH , ICICI Bank
3	Sh Pankaj sharma	CBM, ICICI Bank
4	Sh. Dhruv Bragta	Dy. Vice President, HDFC Bank Ltd.
5	Sh. Gaurav Tejpal	Agriculture Head, HDFC Bank Ltd.
6	Sh. Ankush Chauhan	Manager HDFC, Shimla
7	Rakesh	Branch manager , J & K Bank
8	Nikhil Kumar Handa	Asst. Manager, South Indian Bank

X): INSURANCE COMPANIES:

1	Sh. Prem Nath Bodh	Sr. Divisional Manager, Oriental Ins. Co. Shimla
2	Dr. Harjeet Singh	Sr. Div. Manager, New India assurance Co.
3	Sh. Abhinand Ghosh	General Manager , AIC
4	Sh. S. S. Saxena	D.G.M., AIC
5	Sh. Jaspal	RM. AIC
6	Sh. Vishal Gulati	DM - AIC IT
7.	Sh. Pawan Rana	AM, AIC

XII) Absentees:

Sr.No.	Name of the Institution	Remarks
1	Bank of India	Not attended
2	Andhra bank	Not attended
3	Axis bank	Not attended
4	ING Vaishya Bank	Not attended
5	Yes bank	Not attended
6	Indusind Bank	Not attended
7	LDM UNA-	Not attended
8	LDM - Lahaul & Spiti	Not attended
9	BSNL	Not attended
10	LIC of India	Not attended