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The Members of the SLBC Sub Committee on Digital Payment

Re: Minutes of the SLBC Sub-Committee meeting on Digital Payment held on 29.02.2024:

A meeting of SLBC Sub-Committee on Digital Payment was held on 29.02.2024 to review the progress made in Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payment Ecosystem as on 31.12.2023 for two newly adopted districts, i.e- Paschim Bardhaman and Purba Medinipur, in the state of West Bengal. The meeting was participated through VC by Sri Partha Sarathi Dutta, Dy. Director, Institutional Finance, Govt of WB; Sri Amit Das, AGM, RBI; Sri Sanjeev Kumar, AGM, NABARD and representatives of major member banks.

At the outset, Sri Shio Shankar Singh, General Manager, SLBC West Bengal, welcomed all the participants in the meeting. He briefly narrated about the developments happened in Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payment Ecosystem in adopted two districts as on 31.12.2023. The major points of discussion along with the action points emerged during the sub-committee meeting are given below:

1. Progress made in Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payment Ecosystem:

Sri Shio Shankar Singh, General Manager, SLBC, West Bengal, apprised the house that after 100% digitalisation of Nadia and Howrah districts, SLBC adopted Paschim Bardhaman and Purba Medinipur districts in 160th SLBC Meeting with an objective of making these two districts 100% digitally enabled within a time span of 12 months effective from 01.04.2023.

In Paschim Bardhaman district, member banks have covered 30,21,523 no of savings accounts in any one digital channel out of total 36,46,074 no of eligible savings accounts, thus achieving 82.87% digital coverage in the district, whereas in case of current accounts, member banks have covered 1,34,821 no of accounts in any one digital channel out of total 1,61,457 no of eligible cases, thus achieving 83.50% digital coverage in the district.

In case of Purba Medinipur district, member banks have covered 46,87,604 no. of savings accounts in any one digital channel out of total 61,08,399 no of eligible savings accounts, thus achieving 76.74% digital coverage in the district. In case of current accounts, member banks have covered 97,386 no. of accounts in any one digital channel out of total 1,42,315 no. of eligible cases, thus achieving 68.43% digital coverage in the district.

He expressed his concern about the lower digital achievement percentage in Purba Medinipur district.



Sri Amit Das, AGM, RBI advised the member banks to cull out the customers unwilling to adopt digital payment system, and take a declaration from them regarding their unwillingness in adopting digital payment system to expedite the process of achieving the goal of 100 % digitalisation like in a similar way adopted in case of Howrah District.

(Action Point 1: Member Banks)

Sri Sanjeev Kumar, AGM, NABARD informed the house that recently NABARD had adopted Bagda Krishi Mandi under North 24 Pargana district for promoting digital payment. In this regard, he requested BGVB to device strategy for achieving the goal of digitisation process for the specified Mandi in a time bound manner.

(Action Point 2: BGVB)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the dignitaries & other participants by Sri S. S. Singh.



(Shio Shankar Singh)
General Manager
SLBC, West Bengal



List of participants in Digital Payment Sub-Committee Meeting held on 29.02.2024

SI No.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	Sri Shio Shankar Singh	General Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
2	Sri Partha Sarathi Dutta	Dy. Director	Institutional Finance, GoWB
3	Sri Amit Das	Asst General Manager	RBI
4	Sri Sanjeev Kumar	Asst General Manager	NABARD
5	Sri Ratikanta Tudu	General Manager,FI	BGVB
6	Sri Sanjoy Biswas	Asst General Manager	SBI
7	Sri K.C.Tripathi	Asst General Manager	Indian Bank
8	AFM Nazmul Haque	Asst General Manager	Union Bank of India
9	Sri Subhabrata Dutta	Chief Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
10	Smt Parayani Saren	Chief Manager	PNB
11	Sri Prasun Mitra	Chief Manager	UCO Bank
12	Sri Partha Sarathi Ghosal	Vice President	Bandhan Bank
13	Sri Dipesh Chakraborty	State Nodal Officer	AXIS Bank
14	Smt Anwasha Baidya	Senior Manager	Bank Of India
15	Sri Pradipta Chakraborty	Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
16	Sri Asutosh Sarangi	Manager	Central Bank Of India
17	Sri Ripon Golder	Manager	ICICI Bank
18	Sri Amresh Tripathi	Officer	Canara Bank
19	Sri Abhijit Das	Officer	Bank of Baroda

