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- 1) The Member Banks under SLBC , West Bengal
- 2) The LDMs in West Bengal

Re : Minutes of the SLBC Sub-Committee meeting held on 06-05-2020

As advised by Hon'ble Finance Minsiter of West Bengal during the special meeting of the SLBC held on 04-05-2020, the SLBC Sub Committee on MSME convened the meeting on 06-05-2020 which was conducted through VC with the Govt Authorities participating from New Secretariat Building. The meeting Chaired by Mr. Rajesh Pandey, Principal Secretary of MSME & Textiles along with other senior Govt officials was participated by industry representatives, major banks as well as RBI and NABARD.


Welcoming the participants, Mr Pandey opined that with availability of adequate liquidity in the system, the banks should proactively assist the entrepreneurs for immediate resumption and revival of the MSME sector. He advised that the timelines should be adhered for implementation of the deliverables with monitoring thereof by banks and the stakeholders. The gist of the discussion and the action points emerged in the meeting are appended below,

- Banks are extending emergency line of credit of 10% of the fund based limit to the MSME loans .It is emphasised that all the eligible units should be covered by June,2020 quarter.Mr M Dhar , Special Secretary suggested that Rs.10000 crore should be the target for the banks which is reasonable in view of the of the overall MSME exposure. Mr M R Ray,Convener of SLBC urged the Banks to proactively participate in the process by achieving the said target.
(Action Point 1. Member Banks)
- While Mr Dhar informed that GoWB authorities will take up the matter with Reserve Bank of India regarding increase in additional credit limit of 30% for working capital in MSME units, Mr Ray also informed that banks are also working on reassessment of working capital needs of the MSME units . It was also agreed that small ticket borrowers with limit of Rs.1 lakh or so were badly affected by the Lockdown and restructuring of their advances with longer repayment period should be prioritised.
(Action Point 2. Member Banks)
- Representatives from FASII & FOSMI raised the issue of non-availability of stamp papers hindering the execution of documents. Mr Ray ,Convener of SLBC informed that the matter has been taken up with the State Govt authorities for waiver of penalty on stamp duty for delayed execution covering a specified period in view of the pandemic.
- Mr Pandey opined that the numbers of MSME clusters are to be increased and it was settled that as against the currently adopted 152 clusters, the adoption should be increased to 300 clusters in total, including Handloom clusters. The clusters details will be finalised and sent to SLBC. Same will be implemented through the LDMs, DICs, member banks in the clusters and progress will be reviewed in SLBC. It has been decided that the proposals generated in the cluster meets & pending with the branches since March, 20 should be disposed by 30-06-2020.
(Action Point 3. Deptt of MSME & T,SLBC,LDM & Banks)



- Regarding the Interest Subvention Scheme for Handloom Weavers, it was informed that the Scheme has already been notified and will be launched shortly. The development of the portal is going on and is advised that the sponsoring of proposals and disposal thereof should be undertaken on camp mode. (Action Point 4. Directorate of Handloom & member banks)
- Regarding PMEGP loans, it was opined by Mr Pandey that the sanction of 2280 against 15124 sponsored proposals is very low and needs immediate improvement. Mr Ray informed that as permitted by the authorities, banks can sanction and claim subsidy without EDP training for FY 2019-20 as per the new guidelines. He urged the banks to complete the disposal process by 30-06-20 and commence disbursements as per progress made by the beneficiaries. (Action Point 5. Member Banks)
- Regarding Stand Up India loans, the overall State position at 2584 loans is deemed to be not satisfactory. The banks are to scout for eligible proposals within the specific eligibility norms for sanction of 2 loans per branch in FY 20-21. For MUDRA loans, it is advised that banks should target more than 10% of last years' sanction/disbursement. PSU/, Private banks and RRBs sanctioned 37.95 lakh MUDRA loans in FY 19-20. (Action Point 6. Member Banks)
- The representatives of FOSSI, FOSMI also requested for extension of time for stressed MSME loans-where settled amount as per One Time Settlement agreed upon could not be paid on account of the pandemic. Bankers are also requested to take a considerate view regarding unavailability of some loanees in station for execution of documents/papers and instead rely on/ allow duly discharged e-documents for carrying out banking activities which will be supplemented by physical delivery after Lockdown norms are eased. SLBC requests that Individual member banks are to take a call in this matter on merit of each case.
- The Principal Secretary stressed upon the increasing role of all the banks in achieving the yearly target of Rs.90000 crore allocated for MSME sector for FY 2020-21. Convener of SLBC requested the banks to act immediately in this regard. The segregated target (sub-sector wise) will be forwarded on ratification & compilation of the respective Block/District Level ACPs with respective bank targets.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair & participants by Convener of SLBC.


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Convener of SLBC.

