

युनाइटेड बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया : United Bank of India अग्रणी बैंक प्रभाग : LEAD BANK DIVISION

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1) Member of the SLBC Sub-Committee on MSME

2) All member banks under SLBC, West Bengal

Re: Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting on MSME on 14-08-2019

The quarterly meeting on SLBC Sub-Committee on MSME was held on 14-08-2019 to review the progress in MSME sector. The point of discussion and the action points that have emerged during the meeting are given hereunder,

A) Regarding the performance of MSME sector it was informed by SLBC that as per reports received from 32 banks the deployment of credit for June,19 quarter stood at Rs.18585 crore which is 26.55 % of the ACP target of Rs.70000 crore. The House opined that the banks are progressing in right direction and the target should be achieved without fail.

It is also emphasized that the banks should give equal importance to SUI loans at par with MUDRA loans. (Action point 1 : Member Banks)

B) Interest Subvention Scheme for Handloom Weavers: Sri D Ghosh, Joint Director, Textiles & Handloom briefed the House about the salient features of the Scheme. It was opined by the House that the extension of Working Capital finance to the identified weavers with provision of 4% additional Interest Subvention will enable the banks with the opportunity to reach out to the 6.65 lakh weavers in the State (out of which 3.00 lakh weavers are actively associated with weaving works) majority of whom are dependent on non-institutional credit for carrying out their business. He stressed that in the 1st phase all the beneficiaries, provided with looms under Tanti Sathi Scheme, are to be taken up for working capital finance.

Regarding the query raised by Sri S Nath, AGM of NABARD, it was informed that majority of the weavers are located in Nadia (2.50 lakh) and Purba Burdwan (1.40 lakh)

Sri M R Roy, GM & Convener of SLBC, urged the banks to grab this opportunity which will increase MUDRA loan portfolio and assist in conversion of job workers to entrepreneurs as well as enabling handloom weavers to ward off the stiff competition from power-loom sector (Action point 2: Member Banks)

C) Adoption of Clusters: In addition to the 15 clusters adopted in 12 districts, SLBC proposes a list of 17 more clusters in the remaining districts and 8 more clusters in the districts already covered, which will result in overall 40 clusters under bank adoption in the State.

Sri S Bhattacharyya, AGM of RBI suggested that each lead bank of a district is to adopt one MSE cluster as per RBI master directive on MSME clusters. Accordingly, it is decided that all the 23 LDMs would select potential clusters (1 per district) in consultation with General Manager, DIC and would furnish the details (activity/number of units / particulars of the bank branches operating in & around the clusters) to SLBC for necessary action.

(Action point 3: LDMs are to select the clusters and send details to SLBC by 31-08-2019)





D) Bank linkage in Clusters: Initiating the discussion, Sri R Middya, Jt Director of MSME Deptt, GoWB sought feedbacks from the banks regarding the credit linkage in 12 adopted clusters. He again requested the banks to come forwards with proactive actions and extended all possible support from the District Industry Centres.

It was suggested by Sri M Dhar, Advisor, Institutional Finance that the clusters based banks with support from the Department should have the updated credit profile of the entrepreneurs and target the left-out segment for better result.

It is also advised that the banks should invariably cover the entrepreneurs availing the services of the operating Common Facility Centres. LDMs are to maintain liaison with the DIC General Managers and collect necessary information for onward circulation among the cluster based banks.

(Action Point 4: Lead District Managers and Member Banks)

E) PMEGP Loans: Sri Middya opined that the disposal of credit proposals needs to be accelerated and the pendency of proposals in Alipurduar, Coochbehar and 24 Parganas North district should be brought down at the earliest.

(Action Point 5 : Member Banks)

F) SLBC also suggests that member banks should participate actively in the ongoing MSME Outreach & Support program and promote the MUDRA loans with the revised collateral free coverage limit upto Rs.20.00 lakh as well as settlement of MSME loan proposals upto Rs.5.00 crore in "psbloansin59minutes" portal.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

General Manager

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