



UNITED BANK OF INDIA : LEAD BANK DIVISION
Convener : State Level Bankers' Committee for West Bengal

Ref : LB/SLBC-WB/Agri/ 455/2018

Dated , the 30th November, 2018

Re : Minutes of the SLBC Sub-Committee meeting on Agriculture held on 20.11.2018

The quarterly meeting on SLBC Sub-Committee on Agriculture was held on 20.11.2018 at United Tower, UBI, HO. At the outset, Sri Mukti Ranjan Ray, General Manager (Prisec) and Convener, SLBC welcomed the members. The agenda was to review KCC loans, Renewal of PMFBY and Claim settlement, Credit linkage to FPO and JLG adoption. The points of discussion and the action points that have emerged are given hereunder :

Sri Ray started with the Action Point on Sub-Committee meeting on Agriculture held on 03.09.2018 and showed his concern regarding non submission of the Action Taken Report from Banks and related departments. He pointed out at the fact that there is a sudden drop in number of KCC loanees (from 18.60 lakh to 13.96 lakh) with corresponding decrease in amount of Rs. 6.30 crore relating to WBSCB Ltd . In reply Mr. Kalyan Kumar Kar, AGM of WBSCB Ltd replied that Bank is taking initiative to revive the dormant KCC. WBSCB Ltd is requested to submit ATR before conduct of next SLBC meeting so that it can be placed before the meeting.

(Action Point : West Bengal State Co-operative Bank

Sri Ray showed his serious concern on PMFBY data as for the non-loanee farmers covered under the scheme has drastically came down to 2457 from 87925 in 2018. However ,as per Department records, number of loanee farmers have increased as on 1st November 2018. Banks are to look into the matter so that more and more dormant KCC may be renewed and covered under PMFBY.

(Action Point : All member Banks)

Mr. Imtiyaz Ahmad, DGM, FIDD, RBI pointed out that as per portal data, there are 12.41 lakh non-loanee farmers out of which 9.0 lakh are registered under PMFBY. Efforts should be taken up and they should be covered under KCC. He also showed his concern that only 40% of loanee farmers are covered under PMFBY whereas 70% of non-loanee farmers are insured through PMFBY. SLBC Convener clarified that NPAs are not covered and some good account holders are also not interested to be covered under PMFBY.

Mr. Sanjib Bhuyan, AGM, LBD stated on renewal of PMFBY and claim settlement that due to some technical issues claim settlements were delayed. As per Agriculture Department, Government of India report cases have already been settled and fund is already available with the Insurance companies. It was informed by the companies that correct information regarding accounts are required and SLBC has already provided the banks with the list of beneficiaries for scrutiny and furnishing the companies with correct data for remittance of the settled amount. SBI has raised the issue of non-settlement by UICL despite availability of portal details. Issues of unsatisfactory settlement status in case of NIACL was also taken up .

(Action Point : SLBC to refer the matter to UICL & NIACL)



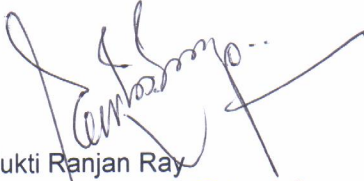
There was discussion of Credit linkage to FPO. There are 75 registered FPOs as per information available with SLBC. There are probabilities to finance the FPOs who are doing both forward and backward linkages. SLBC will forward the list of the summary note to all member banks. SBI and BOB are reported to be associated with credit linkage of FPOs. Other banks' credit portfolio may also be extended through this field by way of term finance and working capital finance to the FPOs.. SLBC will take an Agenda Note on it. SLBC has received letters that some FPOs are facing inconvenience to open Account. He requested all the member banks present to look into the matter and opined that Bank linkage for FPOs should also be one agenda item for the DCC meeting.

He requested the banks for sanctioning of big ticket size advances specially targeting investment credit in agriculture which will also improve CD Ration as a whole. Emphasize should be given on farm mechanization, Dairy farming, food processing, horticulture, poultry, fishery. He also advocated for accelerating the finance for negotiable warehouse receipt against agri products.

(Action Point : SLBC, ALL Member Banks)

During the discussion, reference was also made to the prevailing market condition for the potato and the loans given to cold storages. It was gathered from Sri A K Das of Agriculture Marketing Deptt, GoWB that more than 27 % of the stock is yet to be offloaded and the cold storages are staring at diminishing return again due to dwindling price. The matter will be taken up separately by the Sub Committee on Fixation on Ceiling Price for Potato.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the participants by AGM Lead Bank.



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