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- 1) The Members of the Sub Committee on RSETIs
- 2) The Directors of the 19 RSETIs in West Bengal

Re: Minutes of the SLBC Sub-Committee meeting on RSETI held on 16.02.2023.

The SLBC Sub-Committee meeting on RSETI was convened on 16.02.2023 to review the functioning & performance of the 19 RSETIs in the state as on 31.12.2022. The meeting was participated through VC by Sri Partha Sarathi Datta, Dy Director, Institutional Finance, GoWB; Sri G. Murli Rao, State Director for RSETIs; Sri Amit Kumar Das, DGM, NABARD; Sri Ashish Agarwal, Manager, RBI; Sri Tulshi Lal Bhaduri, Consultant (Banking & FI), WBSRLM and representatives of member Banks.

Sri Shio Shankar Singh, General Manager, SLBC West Bengal, heartily welcomed all the participants in the meeting and requested Sri G. Murli Rao to preside over the meeting. The key issues discussed along with the action points emerged in the meeting are enumerated below:

1. Achievement under Annual Action Plan 2022-23:

Sri Shio Shankar Singh apprised the house that all RSETIs had trained 9137 no of candidates conducting 329 no of training programmes upto December' 2022 quarter of FY 2022-23 thus achieving 76% & 77% of the AAP target in terms of no of programmes & no of trainees respectively. Sri G. Murli Rao highlighted that 11170 no of candidates had already been trained as on date and the AAP target for FY 2022-23 would be definitely achieved by 31.03.2023.

Sri S. S. Singh noted that cumulative settlement & credit linkage for RSETIs in the state of West Bengal stood at 72.64% & 61.48% respectively. Though the performance was satisfactory, he was optimistic about improvement of the performance further in coming days.

(Action point 1: All RSETIs & Member Banks)

2. Status of Land Allotment & construction of RSETI building as well:

Sri S.S. Singh highlighted the house that, from the latest report received from SDR, only a few number of RSETIs were running from their own building. In majority of cases, land allotment was pending at the end of respective district authority. Again land provided to some RSETIs had been encroached by some other people. In some RSETIs, land had been allotted by the State Govt. but construction of building had also not been started.

Sri G. Murli Rao apprised the house that work order for construction of RSETIs at Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri had already been issued by Central Bank of India; for RSETI at Paschim Medinipur & RSETI, Uttar Dinajpur, fresh tender would be floated shortly by Indian Bank & PNB respectively; For



RSETI Purulia, draft agreement towards allotment of land had been prepared by State Govt. department. Barring this development, land allotment issues for other RSETIs were still pending at State Govt. department since long. Smt Neha Kumari, CBI apprised the house that land allotted for RSETI, Coochbehar had been encroached by others and in the recent DLRAC meeting the district authority suggested for alternative land for construction of RSETI. Sri S.S. Singh requested WBSRLM to follow up long pending issues with District authorities. He also requested member banks to expedite the process of starting construction work of RSETIs where land had already been provided.

(Action point 2: WBSRLM & Sponsor banks)

3. Setting up of new RSETIs in newly formed districts:

Sri G. Murli Rao highlighted that setting up of new RSETIs in Kalimpong and Paschim Bardhaman district was entrusted to State Bank of India, whereas Central Bank of India was entrusted for setting up of RSETIs at Darjeeling and Alipurduar and Punjab National Bank for Jhargram district. These banks had already sent their request letter to MoRD for according necessary approval for setting up of new RSETIs. However, necessary approval from MoRD was still awaited. Sri Tulshi Lal Bhaduri, Consultant (Banking & FI), WBSRLM requested these banks to run RSETIs from rented premises. Apprising that MoRD in a recent VC had clearly instructed that no new RSETI should be opened until MoRD accord the approval, Sri G. Murli Rao requested banks to wait for getting necessary nod from MoRD regarding opening of new RSETIs.

Sri G. Murli Rao also informed the house that DLRAC for the district of Darjeeling had denied the proposal for shifting of their RSETI and work order had already been issued by CBI for construction of RSETI at the area under Siliguri Municipal Corporation.

4. Pending status of claim made by RSETIs:

Sri G. Murli Rao informed the house that a huge claim to the tune of Rs.8.00 crore, towards training to rural poors of different RSETIs, was lying pending at WBSRLM since long. Sri T. L. Bhaduri apprised that Rs.4.38 crore was lying pending as on date. He also informed that WBSRLM had already claimed fund from MoRD, Govt of India towards training expenses of RSETIs along with all the relevant documents and he assured the house that the pending claim would be cleared on receipt of the fund from MoRD.

Noting the same Sri G. Murli Rao requested WBSRLM for reconciliation of rest Rs.3.62 crore of claim pending at their end. Sri T.L. Bhaduri opined that, (i) as per SOP, RSETIs should claim 80% of the expenses after completion of training programme and the remaining 20% should be lodged after one year afresh subject to settlement of 70% trained candidates. But several RSETIs claim 100% of the eligible amount after completing the training programmes and 20% shown as pending amount since beginning. (ii) Again, eligible amount of reimbursement was being calculated on the basis of number of Rural Poor Candidates trained which is verified from the MIS Portal. It was often found that the figure entered in the portal by the RSETI at the time of commencement of a training programme is lesser than the number mentioned in claim papers submitted by RSETIs. Thus when the number is considered from the Portal, the reimbursement amount automatically come down creating such pendency. (iii) Further, RSETIs used to submit claim guided by Gazette Notification (5th Amendment) issued by MSDE, Govt. of India. But, funds for reimbursement to RSETIs for training of Rural Poor candidates were being provided by MoRD, Govt. of India and WBSRLM used to reimburse the claim amount guided by the latest letter from MoRD for reimbursement as per 3rd Amendment of Gazette



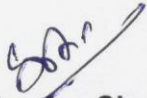
Notification issued by MSDE, Govt. of India - thus creating a gap between claimed amount & reimbursement amount. However, he assured for reconsideration of claim amount on receipt Gazette Notification (5th Amendment) from MoRD. He also apprised that reconciliation had been done for RSETIs sponsored by Canara Bank, CBI & UCO Bank. Sri S.S. Singh requested WBSRLM to conduct one physical meeting with nodal officers of SBI, PNB, Indian Bank & BOI and SDR for reconciliation of pending claim. Sri T.L. Bhaduri accepted his proposal.

(Action point 3: WBSRLM & Sponsor Bank)

5. Miscellaneous:

(i) Sri T. L. Bhaduri requested all banks to instruct their RSETI Directors for conducting 2 days Refresher Training Programme for FLCRPs, since these programmes were due since long.

There being no other points of discussion, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair & the participants by Sri S.S. Singh.



(Shio Shankar Singh)
General Manager,
SLBC, West Bengal



List of participants in RSETI Sub Committee Meeting held on 16.02.2023

SI No.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	Sri Partha Sarathi Datta	Dy Director	Institutional Finance, GoWB
2	Sri Ashish Agarwal	Manager	RBI
3	Sri Amit Kumar Das	Dy. General Manager	NABARD
4	Sri G. Murli Rao	SDR, West Bengal	NACER
5	Sri Tulshi Lal Bhaduri	Consultant (Banking & FI)	WBSRLM
6	Sri Arupendu Banerjee	Consultant (Banking & FI)	WBSRLM
7	Sri Shio Shankar Singh	General Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
8	Sri Sanjay Kumar Vishwas	Assistant General Manager	State Bank of India
9	Sri Abhay Kumar	Chief Manager	UCO Bank
10	Sri Abhishek Kumar	Chief Manager	Indian Bank
11	Sri Anjani Kumar Thakur	Chief Manager	PNB
12	Sri Dipen Sharma	Divisional Manager	Canara Bank
13	Sri Umakanta Mishra	Chief Manager	PNB
14	Smt Anwasha Baidya	Senior Manager	Bank of India
15	Sri Debojyoti Paul	Senior Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
16	Smt Sreeparna Banerjee	Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
17	Smt Neha Kumari	Manager	Central Bank of India
18	Sri Atin Das	Nodal Officer for RSETI	State Bank of India

