



Memo No.107-SH/2020

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### **The Member Banks under West Bengal**

Ref : Minutes of the SVSKP Committee meeting held on 22-01-2020

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the SVSKP Committee was held on 22-01-2020 at Head Office, United Bank of India. The meeting chaired by Sri Dibyendu Sarkar, Secretary of SHG & SE Department, was also attended by senior executives from SHG & SE Deptt, WBSCL, NABARD and the participating banks under the SVSKP.

After briefing the House regarding the objectives of the Committee which strives to streamline the implementation of the SVSKP loans with proper co-ordination among the Banks and the Stakeholders, Sri Sarkar informed that the focus of the Department is on timely disposal of sponsored proposals with maintenance of asset quality of the loans. The expectations of the Department and the expected work flow are appended below,

- PIC meetings are to be participated by the banks without fail for early disposal and resolving the recurrent issues.
- Joint inspections with Block Supervisors/ Prakaipa Sahayaks should take place within 15 days of receipt of the proposals.
- Disposal of the proposal (sanction or rejection as the case may be) should be arranged within 15 days from the date of joint inspection.
- Subsidy claim and receipt should be arranged within 15 days from sanction, subject to availability of subsidy and remittance thereof by the Department.
- Subsidies claimed and received from the Department are not to be kept pending nor returned.
- Banks are to disburse Subsidy proportionately as per norms.
- Disbursement should be in minimum installments ensuring proper creation of assets.

(Action Point : Member Banks and SHG & SE Deptt)

While assuring the Banks of all possible support in repayment of loans with active involvement of the Prakaipa Sahayaks / Motivators and the SHGSE Supervisors, Sri Sarkar informed that as per Department records, Rs.88 crore of Subsidy amount is lying undisbursed from 2002-03 onwards with substantial number of cases pending for 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 program years. Sri Sarkar and Sri M R Ray, Convener of SLBC stated that the matter has been repeatedly taken up at Sub Committee meetings and requested that,

- Updated position of Subsidy claimed and received but not disbursed should be reconciled by Banks with support from the Department.
- The Banks are to revisit the old pending cases where subsidy received and in case of viability of the sponsored schemes, sanction should be arranged under intimation to the Department.
- Camp mode may be adopted in select pockets where large numbers of proposals are pending.
- Non-viable proposals must be returned immediately to the Department with valid reasons.
- Disposal of pending cases with sanction or return of Subsidy is to be completed by Feb, 2020.

(Action Point : Member Banks and SHG & SE Deptt)

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The Department informed the House regarding the recent modifications in the SVSKP loans with maximum amount of Subsidy being capped at Rs.90000/-. It was opined that as most of the loans are of small ticket size, it will not have an adverse impact. Only in case of loans with bigger project cost, the portion of the Bank Loan may be increased accordingly.

(Action Point : Member Banks)

Next, the Department officials outlined the features of the newly developed SVSKP Portal followed by a PowerPoint Presentation under which the entire process commencing from generation of applications, sanction by banks followed by claim of subsidy and regular uploading of data regarding recovery of dues etc., will be fully automated. During the ensuing discussion it was opined that in addition to the branches and Nodal Officers of the participating Banks, controlling offices (RO/ZO, etc.) may also be allowed access to the Portal for tracking the development and initiate remedial measures, if required.

BGVB has informed that some of their branches with high level of NPA are under credit restrictions and these branches may not participate in the program till the embargo is lifted by their Board. The Banks have again been advised to share the list of NPA borrowers under SVSKP scheme with SHG & SE Department for extending necessary support to the branches in recovery of the dues (It was also an Action Point in the SLBC Sub Committee meeting dated 28-05-2019). However, the instructions received from the Finance Department of the State Government earlier and circulated to the Banks may be consulted before taking further stand on the issue.

(Action Point : Member Banks and SHG & SE Deptt)

Regarding applicability of the CGTMSE cover for SVSKP loans it was informed by RRB & Co-Op Bank representatives that they are not covered by the Scheme as member lending Institutions. For others, CGTMSE guarantee cover is part of the mandate of respective Banks.

(Action Point : Member Banks)

Last, the House was informed about the WBSSP scheme under which administration of the Interest Subvention for SHG loans have also become fully online with provision of data uploading in the Portal by the Nodal Officers on half yearly basis. The data uploading file has also been changed to xls. format with 39 fields. The Department may also share a SOP for accessing the Portal.

In view of the pending claims due for submission by some of the Banks, it was requested by the Banks that while the online claim through the Portal may be made mandatory for the period commencing from 01-10-2019, separate provision for the claims prior to the half years ending on 30-09-2019 may be made as per existing arrangement in view of the legacy data issues.

(Action Point : SHG & SE Department)

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

  
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