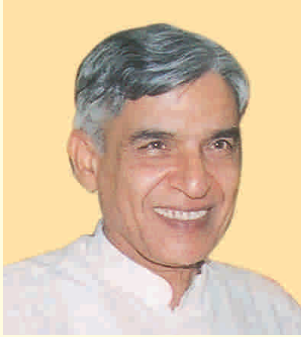


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State Level Bankers' Committees have emerged as effective fora of Bankers and other stakeholders for taking up all developmental issues and for successful launching of various Govt. sponsored Schemes like SGSY, SJSRY, PMRY, etc. for social and economic transformation by aiming at generating economic opportunities for the underprivileged and deprived sections of the society.

Also our vision of a proud, vibrant and developed India, free from the shackles of poverty cannot be achieved until we put in place adequate ways and means for percolation of benefits of high economic growth to the poorest of the poor.

We can take up a number of 'direct and indirect roles' to facilitate the objectives of poverty alleviation and I do believe that 'Financial Inclusion' is the right beginning prosperity. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has exhorted us to work for 100% financial inclusion because financial exclusion leads to social exclusion also. It is heartening that in West Bengal, the Bankers have taken it upon themselves to achieve 100% financial inclusion at an accelerated pace.

There is also a need for all the Bankers to think and look beyond the horizon for raising the levels of aspirations of the poor by spreading knowledge about various deposit and loan products, counseling them to take up remunerative economic activities and making them familiar with the concept of SHGs to enable them to overcome their financial difficulties and thereby achieving a veritable integration with the social & economic prosperity of India.

On the occasion of the 100th meeting of SLBC for West Bengal being convened by United Bank of India, I extend my warm greetings and best wishes.

(Pawan Kumar Bansal)