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IMPORTANT MATTER

- 1) The State Heads of the member banks under SLBC, West Bengal
- 2) All the LDMs in West Bengal

Re : Functioning of Bank Branches in the State from 21.07.2020

In terms of the Govt. of West Bengal's Notification No. 2259-F(P2) dated 20.07.2020 in exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to 25 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 read with Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-PUD(i) dated 08.06.1957, the Governor is pleased to declare that all the Saturdays shall be public holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 in respect of all bank branches working in the State of West Bengal, in addition to the existing holidays on 2nd & 4th Saturdays. This will take immediate effect and will remain in force until further notification.

The Govt. of West Bengal has also advised the following measures with an aim to combat COVID-19;

- The Business Hour of the Bank Branches across the State may be restricted from 10 A.M. to 02.00 P.M.
- Restriction in the number of employees on duty.
- Strict social distancing norms while transacting with the customers by implementing suitable arrangement both inside and outside of the Bank Branch premises.

The aforesaid instructions are for your information and necessary action. Govt. of West Bengal Notification No. 2259-F(P2) dated 20.07.2020 and letter from Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of West Bengal vide No. FS-152/2020 dated 20.07.2020 are enclosed for necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Chief General Manager &
Convener, SLBC, West Bengal