

Minutes of the Review Meeting on RSETIs.

A Review Meeting was held on 18-07-2025 to review of functioning of RSETIs. The meeting was chaired by the Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal. SMD and CEO, WBSRLM, Addl CEO, WBSRLM, officials from L & LR Department, Government of West Bengal, ADM (LR) from 12 districts, General Manager from State Level Bankers' Committee, all Project Directors of the Districts, State Director for RSETIs, Directors from RSETIs, Senior Bankers from Sponsor Banks and other Officials of State Rural Livelihoods Mission team were also present.

Opening Remarks:

- Secretary, P & RD Department, Govt. of West Bengal focused on the current situation of RSETIs in the state. He also stressed on the co-operation between the DMMU and RSETIs, development of training qualities and need based trainings to the rural youths in the various parameters, as per the targets given by NRLM. He also cited the various challenges the RSETIs are facing, like the problems on rented premises, land issues, conducting the District Level RSETI Advisory Committee (DLRAC) meeting and various other operational issues.
- General Manager, SLBC, highlighted the various achievements done by RSETIs in the State. However, he also focused on the segment of credit linkage of the trained youth, which is only 65% and requested the bankers to put more focus on it, as it would enable the youths to be self dependent. GM, SLBC also focused on his recent visit to various RSETIs and with his experience he desired that the RSETI directors and the LDMs should have a better coordination for promotion of various schemes as well as the flagship scheme of West Bengal Bhavishyat Credit Card.

Discussion over Presentation

The presentation was shown by SMD and CEO of WBSRLM (A copy of PPT enclosed). Thereafter thread bare discussion on each aspect was started:

- There was a shortfall in achieving the training target in RSETIs at Bankura, Birbhum, Jalpaiguri, Howrah, RKMSSSM & Uttar Dinajpur in the first quarter of FY 2025-26.



The Chair directed the Directors of all these RSETIs to focus on the training, mitigate the the shortfall and focus on quarterly targets, as it is necessary during the reviews by NRLM in each quarter.

He also highlighted the issues like filling in the vacancies of RSETI Staff should not be delayed, else the target for each quarter would be hampered. Sponsor Banks assured that they would take care of the process at the earliest.

- The Chair asked WBSRLM to prepare a training calander for the remaining part of the financial year so that every one knows the schedule and can act accordingly.
- Percentage of Settlement of Trained Candidates through credit linkage was low in as many as 8 (eight) RSETIs in the last financial year. Most of the Directors of RSETIs informed that they had sent the list of trained candidates to the Bankers in the vicinity of the trainees by couriers and thereafter made no track of the applications. These applications were stalled at the Bank Branches without any progress. SMD & CEO, WBSRLM advised that the list of such pendng applications RSETI-wise should be forwarded to WBSRLM and SLBC. SDR was requested to monitor the same.
- On BC training, SDR informed that the target from the NRLM has been received on 22nd June 2025 and the achievement will be done as per the target by next quarter.
- The Chair advised the Project Directors to nominate the persons in time so that FL-CRP & BC Trainings, both fresh and refreshers, are to be conducted by RSETIs to achieve the quarterly target.
- In regard to land allotment, the Chair informed that the banks should be proactive in their coordination with the District land authorities. Where construction is in process, it should be completed in the desired time- frame.
- Special Secretary, L & LR Department, Govt. of West Bengal expressed that NOC from the Sponsor Banks will be taken once land is agreed upon for allotment.
- The Chair expressed to the banks sponsoring RSETIs at Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling that banks must seriously consider the slow pace of construction and strict follow-up must be taken to complete at the earliest.
- Indian Bank General Manager assured that the construction for Paschim Medinipur RSETI would start from August 2025.
- Concerned Sponsored Bank for Uttar Dinajpur RSETI expressed that tender was floated and would complete the construction in the desirable time.



- Purba Medinipur district has been allotted land in 2015. However, due to various challenges the given land could not be allotted. Currently a land was identified at Mechada, but a proposal is yet to be sent to the L & LR Department, Govt. of West Bengal. Project Director of the district was advised to send the needed documents with the NOC at the earliest.
- ADM (LR), Howrah, Govt. of West Bengal informed the various issues that banks had not sent their consent for the lands identified previously for RSETIs at Howrah. In response the Sponsor Bank had informed that they are agreeable for one of the lands, for which the proposal would be sent shortly.

Conclusion Remarks by Secretary, P & RD Department, Government of West Bengal.

1. Opening of 4 (four) new RSETIs at four new districts viz. Alipurduar (CBI), Jhargram (PNB), Kalimpong & Paschim Bardhaman (SBI) are to be started in the rented premises within this month and SDR would keep liaison with the Bank officials.
2. Performance of RSETIs regarding quarter-wise training targets, yearly settlement of trained candidates and also settlement through credit linkage should cross the target.
3. Staff vacancies of RSETIs should be filled in by the sponsored Bank on priority basis.
4. Sponsor Banks of RSETIs, where land has not been identified as yet, should send the proposal at the earliest. Sponsored Bank of RSETIs, where land has not been allotted as yet, would take up the matter with the L & LR Department, Government of West Bengal at the earliest.

Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks.

