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- 1) The Member Banks under SLBC, West Bengal
- 2) The LDMs in West Bengal
- 3) The Departments, Govt. of West Bengal

Reg: Minutes of the SLBC Sub-Committee meeting on Agriculture held on 24.02.2026

Meeting of the SLBC Sub-committee on Agriculture was held through hybrid mode on 24.02.2026. The meeting was presided over by Shri Onkar Singh Meena, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of West Bengal and participated by Shri Supriya Das, Additional Secretary, DFPI & H Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Hrishikesh Mudi, Senior Special Secretary, Agriculture Marketing Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Partha Sarathi Kabiraj, Director, Agriculture Marketing Department, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Manas Dhar, Special Secretary & Director, Institutional Finance, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Walter Kujur, Dy. General Manager, NABARD, Shri Amit Kumar Mandal, AGM, RBI and other dignitaries of the Line Departments and representatives of major member Banks.

Shri Balbir Singh, General Manager & Convenor, SLBC West Bengal, welcomed all the participants in the meeting and acknowledged the cumulative efforts of all member banks including the support received from the Govt. Departments for boosting up Agriculture & allied sector.

Followings are the excerpt of observations made during the meeting:

Agriculture ACP Achievement during FY 2025-26:

Shri Balbir Singh, General Manager & Convenor, SLBC West Bengal, stated that disbursement position under Agriculture as on 31.12.2025 stood at Rs.83,376 Crore, thus achieving 72% of Agriculture ACP for FY 2025-26.

Shri O.S. Meena, Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of West Bengal, noted the same and requested all the member banks, who were lagging behind the ACP target, to make an action plan to overcome the shortfall and to achieve the target by 31.03.2026. He also suggested the member banks to put more focus on KCC renewals during the remaining period of this financial year to achieve the yearly target under KCC.

(Action Point 1: All the Member Banks)

Shri Meena also requested the member banks to claim KCC interest subvention before 1st week of March, 2026, to pass on the benefits to the loanee farmers within this financial year.

(Action Point 2: All the Member Banks)

Potato Procurement Scheme 2026 (PPS, 2026):

While discussing about Potato Procurement Scheme 2026, Shri Meena stated that this year the state could have a bumper production of potato. He stated that the notification would be issued soon. He also informed the house that 30% space of cold storage would be reserved for small and marginal farmers and the



window for reservation would be opened from 01st March, 2026 to 20th March, 2026. He expected that the Cold Storage Owners, who were already onboarded in this scheme or intended to onboard in this scheme, to apply to their parent banks. He also requested the Member Banks to provide NOC to Cold Storage Owner within 24 Hours, if due to any technical difficulties bank unable to take credit decision. This would enable the Cold Storage Owners to apply credit facility under PPS, 2026, from any other banks.

Shri Manas Dhar stated that by weekly basis potato would be released against receipt of cash and at the month end the bulk deficit amount (if any) would be reimbursed by the State Government. So, there should not be any difficulties for servicing the monthly interest charged in case of Cash Credit Accounts, hence there is no possibilities for getting the account turn into NPA.

Shri Sujan Sarkar, Managing Director, West Bengal State Co-Operative Bank, requested the member banks to explore the possibility of changing the repayment period in loan agreement of Potato Procurement Scheme to quarterly basis instead of, conventional, monthly basis, if RBI guidelines permit. This could provide the cold storage owners a buffer time in distress time, specially in case the price remains very low due to huge production of potato this year. He also requested the Agriculture Marketing Department that, if the price remains low throughout the repayment period, the reimbursement should be credited directly to the loan linked account of the bank, so that any amount if remains unpaid is recovered instantly.

(Action Point 3: Member Banks & Agriculture Marketing Department)

Annual Credit Plan 2026-27:

Shri Meena requested SLBC West Bengal to formulate Annual Credit Plan for upcoming financial year 2026-27 as per the demand and credit potentiality of the grassroots level and disseminate the same to all the stakeholders by the middle of March 2026. Shri Manas Dhar, requested SLBC West Bengal, after formulation of ACP'2026-27, to discuss the ACP related matter in a separate meeting with the major member banks.

(Action Point 4: SLBC West Bengal)

PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME Scheme):

Shri Supriya Das, Additional Secretary, DFPI & H Department, GoWB, informed the house that, as on date the member banks had cumulatively sanctioned 648 cases under PMFME, whereas the pendency is around 800. He requested all the member banks to put maximum effort to dispose of the pending applications at the earliest.

Shri Meena congratulated the member banks for their significant progress under the scheme; however, he simultaneously requested the member banks to dispose of the pending applications and disburse the sanctioned cases by 10th March, 2026. He also requested the Horticulture Department, GoWB to provide handholding support to the banks, if required, where disbursements were pending due to documentation or any other technical issues.

(Action Point 5: All the Member Banks & Horticulture Department)

The meeting ended with exchange of thanks to the chair & the participants by Balbir Singh.


(Balbir Singh)

General Manager & Convener,
SLBC West Bengal



List of Participants of SLBC Sub-committee meeting on Agriculture held on 24.02.2026 at 3.30 pm at Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Nabanna, Howrah

List of participants attended physically

S No	Name	Institution	Designation
1	Shri Onkar Singh Meena	Agriculture Department, GoWB	Principal Secretary
2	Shri Supriya Das	DFPI&H	Addl Secretary
3	Shri Hrishikesh Mudi	Agriculture Marketing Department, Govt. of West Bengal	Senior Special Secretary
4	Shri Partha Sarathi Kabiraj	Agriculture Marketing Department, Govt. of West Bengal	Director
5	Shri Manas Dhar	Institutional Finance, Govt. of West Bengal	Special Secretary & Director
6	Shri Balbir Singh	SLBC, West Bengal	General Manager & Convenor
7	Shri Sandip Saha	DFPI	LPM SPMU PMFME
8	Shri Sourav Narayan Mondal	DFPI	MIS-In-Charge
9	Shri Asok Kumar Sit	DDA (FB) HQ Directorate of Agri	DDA (FB) HQ
10	Shri Chinmoy Mandal	AIF-WBSPMU	Project Consultant
11	Shri R Sengupta	Dir. of Ag-Mktg, Govt. of West Bengal	JDAM(A), Kol
12	Shri P S Kabiraj	Dir. of Ag-Mktg, Govt. of West Bengal	Dir. A.M (incharge)
13	Shri Walter Kujur	NABARD	Dy General Manager
14	Shri Amit Kumar Mandal	Reserve Bank of India	Asst. General Manager
15	Shri R R Mishra	Punjab National Bank	General Manager
16	Shri Mithlesh Kumar	Indian Bank	Dy General Manager
17	Shri Raj Kokil Singh	Central Bank of India	Dy General Manager
18	Shri Yadavendra Singh	Bank of Baroda	Asst. General Manager
19	Shri Dinesh Kumar Bhardwaj	State Bank of India	Asst. General Manager
20	Shri Sanjay Kumar	Canara Bank	Asst. General Manager
21	Ms Ismat Jahan	UCO Bank	Asst. General Manager
22	Shri Umesh Kumar Singh	Union Bank of India	Asst. General Manager
23	Shri Mahendra Nath Soren	Bank of India	Asst. General Manager
24	Shri David Rodinglana	State Bank of India	Chief Manager
25	Shri Rajendra Prasad Chatterjee	Bank of Baroda	Chief Manager
26	Shri Arunanshu Ghosh	Union Bank of India	Sr Manager
27	Ms Sutrtha Das	Bank of India	Manager
28	Ms Neha Kumari	Central Bank of India	Manager
29	Shri Somenath Das	Axis Bank	Asst. General Manager
30	Shri Rohit Goyal	ICICI Bank	Zonal Head

List of Member Banks attended through Video Conference

S No	Name	Institution	Designation
31	Shri Rajesh Mishra	West Bengal Gramin Bank	General Manager
32	Mr Md Shahzeeb	Bank of Maharashtra	Dy General Manager
33	Shri Vipin Tewari	HDFC Bank	Circle Head, Agri
34	Shri Jaspal Shawney	Punjab & Sind Bank	Asst. General Manager
35	Shri Rupam Sinha	Indian Overseas Bank	Sr Manager
36	Shri Abhishek Narayan Pandit	Bandhan Bank	Sr Manager
37	Shri Subrata Banerjee	IDBI Bank	Manager

