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The Members of the SLBC Sub Committee on Digital Payment

Reg: Minutes of the SLBC Sub-Committee meeting on Digital Payment held on 22.08.2024:

A meeting of SLBC Sub-Committee on Digital Payment was held on 22.08.2024 to review the progress made in Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payment Ecosystem as on 30.06.2024 for all the districts in the state of West Bengal. The meeting was participated through VC by Sri Partha Sarathi Datta, Dy. Director, Institutional Finance, Govt of WB; Sri Prosenjit Bhattacharya, AGM, RBI; Sri Timir Baran Saha, AGM, NABARD and representatives of major member banks.

At the outset, Sri Shio Shankar Singh, General Manager, SLBC West Bengal, welcomed all the participants in the meeting and briefly narrated about the developments happened in Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payment Ecosystem in all the districts under West Bengal as on 30.06.2024. The major points of discussion along with the action points emerged during the sub-committee meeting are given below:

1. Progress made in Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payment Ecosystem:

Sri Shio Shankar Singh, General Manager, SLBC, West Bengal, apprised the house that after 100% digitalisation of Nadia and Howrah districts, SLBC West Bengal adopted Paschim Bardhaman and Purba Medinipur districts in 160th SLBC Meeting with an objective of making these two districts 100% digitally enabled.

Subsequently, he narrated that, as per RBI letter no FIDD CO LBS No S1684/02.01.014/2023-24 Dated 25th January 2024 the reporting framework had been changed and member banks were assigned to furnish the progress reports under Digital Payment Ecosystem Data for all the districts which were not yet 100% digitally enabled.

While stating the overall district wise performance as on 30.06.2024, he highlighted that member banks had cumulatively covered 8,66,32,387 number of savings accounts in any one digital channel out of total 9,56,21,987 number of eligible savings accounts, thus achieving 90.60% overall digital coverage in the districts of West Bengal. In case of current accounts, member banks had cumulatively covered 17,48,534 number of accounts in any one digital channel out of total 21,01,945 number of eligible cases, thus achieving 83.19% overall digital coverage in the districts of West Bengal. He further requested all member banks operating in West Bengal to exert their best effort in order to make all the districts fully digitized within the stipulated time frame of RBI (i.e, September 2024).

Sri S. S. Singh also advised the lead banks of respective districts where digital coverage percentage was comparatively low, to take more responsibility to improve the figure accordingly.



Sri Prosenjit Bhattacharya, AGM, RBI, expressed his concern, as the digital coverage of the districts were around 90 % as on 30th June 2024. The timeline given for achieving 100 % digitisation for all the remaining twenty one districts is September 2024. So, he requested member banks to give special focus, so that the September 2024 timeline for attaining 100 % digitisation could be maintained.

(Action Point 1: Member Banks, LDMS)

As there was no other observation from RBI, NABARD or any other member banks, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the dignitaries & other participants by Sri S. S. Singh.


(Shio Shankar Singh)
General Manager
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List of participants in Digital Payment Sub-Committee Meeting held on 22.08.2024

SI No.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	Sri Shio Shankar Singh	General Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
2	Sri Partha Sarathi Datta	Dy. Director	Institutional Finance, GoWB
3	Sri Prosenjit Bhattacharya	Asst General Manager	RBI
4	Sri Timir Baran Saha	Asst General Manager	NABARD
5	Representatives of major member banks		

