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- 1) The Members of the Sub Committee on RSETIs
- 2) The Directors of the 19 RSETIs in West Bengal

Reg: Minutes of the SLBC Sub-Committee meeting on RSETI held on 06.12.2024.

The meeting of SLBC Sub-committee on RSETIs was convened on 06.12.2024 to review the functioning and performance of 19 RSETIs, operating in the state of West Bengal, as on 30.09.2024. The meeting was participated through VC by Shri Debasish Maity, Institutional Finance, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Nagraj, Director NACER, Shri Prasenjit Bhattacharya, Asstt. General Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata, Shri Timir Baran Saha, Asstt. General Manager, NABARD, Kolkata, Shri G Murli Rao, State Director of RSETIs (SDR) West Bengal, Shri T L Bahaduri, WBSRLM and representatives of member banks & RSETI Directors.

Shri Balbir Singh, General Manager & Convenor SLBC West Bengal, heartily welcomed all the participants in the meeting and requested Shri G Murli Rao, SDR West Bengal, to preside over the meeting. Shri Rao welcomed the new SLBC Convenor for his new assignment and assured him that the entire team will work hard in the remaining quarter and will present a good figure of the State. The key issues discussed along with the action points emerged in the meeting are enumerated below:

1. Achievement under Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2024-25:

Shri Rao apprised the house that all the RSETIs had trained 9742 candidates by conducting 627 number of training programmes upto September, 2024 for the FY'2024-25 and thus achieving 51.27% & 51.36% of the AAP target in terms of both the number of trainees and number of programmes. He informed the house that the Cumulative Settlement & Credit Linage for RSETIs in the state of West Bengal stood at 46% & 61% respectively which is quite satisfactory.

He also informed the house that, for the FY'2024-25, a target of 1000 candidates per RSETI has been allotted to be trained for the state of West Bengal. He assured the house that the given target would be achieved by the RSETIs in all 3 parameters. He further urged upon all the stakeholders to extend support so that RSETIs could achieve the given target.

(Action point 1: All RSETIs, Member Banks & SDR)

2. Status of land allotment and construction of RSETI buildings:

Shri Rao apprised that out of 19 RSETIs, only 4 RSETIs are functioning in the own premises. Further, he informed that, in 4 RSETIs, the construction of RSETI building is in progress. He informed the house that RSETI Jalpaiguri is nearing completion and will start functioning in the own premises tentatively from Feb'2025. As regards RSETI Darjeeling work is going in full swing and the proposed date of shifting is scheduled to March'2025. 2 RSETIs i.e. Debra and North Dinajpur it is pending at Bank's end.



Further he apprised that 7 proposals where land has been identified and recommended to the state for approval and subsequently requested the SLBC convenor to look into it. SLBC convenor assured to take up the matter with the concerned authorities.

As reported, RSETI Hooghly and RSETI Howrah, sponsored by UCO Bank, were the only RSETIs where land identification was yet to be completed.

(Action point 2: SLBC, WBSRLM & Sponsor banks)

3. Setting up of new RSETIs in newly formed districts:

- Shri Rao highlighted that setting up of 2 new RSETIs in Kalimpong & Paschim Bardhaman districts were entrusted with State Bank of India whereas setting up of 1 new RSETI was entrusted with Central Bank of India in Alipurduar district and setting up of 1 new RSETI was entrusted with Punjab Nation Bank in Jhargram district.
- He urged upon all the sponsor banks to identify the land or rented premises for setting up new RSETIs.
- Shri Sanjay Kumar Biswas, AGM, SBI, informed the house that for opening RSETI at Paschim Bardhaman suitable location has been identified. Other operational issues like rent fixation etc. are in progress. Shri T.L Bahaduri, WBSRLM, informed the house that he had also visited the proposed site for opening of RSETI at Paschim Bardhaman and found suitable for opening of a new RSETI. He requested the SBI official to speed up the process.
- Shri Rao also informed the house that Joint Secretary MoRD has taken a very serious note of concern in this issue in the recent review meeting with SDR/SCR & WBSRLM officials at New Delhi. Joint Secretary MoRD, in the said meeting, has set the timeline to made functional all 4 RSETIs in West Bengal by Feb'2025.
- Shri Prasenjit Bhattacharya, AGM, RBI, also requested the member banks to look into the RSETI building construction issues and opening of new RSETIs on priority basis.

(Action point 3: Sponsor banks & NACER)

4. Pending status of claim made by RSETIs:

- Shri Rao informed the house that a huge claim towards training to rural poor, of different RSETIs, operating in West Bengal, was lying pending at WBSRLM since long. He also informed that Rs. 15.83 crore of claim was pending for disbursement.
- Shri T.L Bahaduri, WBSRLM, informed that the claim process was under process up to financial year 2022-23 and only 17 proposals of 20% reimbursement are pending at their end which would be reimbursed very soon. However, he requested all the member banks as a one-time measure to lodge all old pending claims prior to 2022-23 with an undertaking that in the event of double payment the same may be deducted from the next bill. The pending old bills to be lodged by 31st December 2024 and thereafter it will not be considered.

(Action point 4: WBSRLM, RSETI, Sponsor Banks)

5. Other miscellaneous issues:

- Shri Rao informed that some of the banks have not started the recruitment process for already vacant positions. He categorically mentioned the RSETI Purulia (PNB), RSETI Debra & Birbhum (Indian Bank), RSETI Jalpaiguri & Darjeeling (Central Bank of India). He also informed that PNB RSETI Purulia has been categorised as non-CNN (Common Norms Notification) complied RSETI due to non-installation of Biometric Device.
- Shri Rao also informed that RSETI Bankura has been downgraded to "BA" grade during the last grading exercise from "AA" in the previous financial year due to due to issues like non-recruitment of staff etc.



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- Shri Rao informed that new HR policy of RSETIs has not been implemented by UCO Bank & Central Bank of India and requested them to implement the same on priority basis.
- He also informed that Central Bank of India, as sponsoring agency, is not releasing the funds timely to RSETI for their day-to-day expenditure.

(Action point 5: RSETI, Sponsor Banks)

Shri Timir Baran Saha, AGM, NABARD requested to scrutinise the credit linkage percentage of RSETI Hooghly which is showing 92% in the report and does not seem to be in commensurate with the figures of achievement. Shri Rao explained him that the credit linkage percentage figure is derived even from those candidates who had taken training prior to March 2024 and were provided Bank loan during this half year as such the credit linkage has increased. He was satisfied with the reply made by Shri Rao.

Shri Singh requested the member banks to look into the miscellaneous issue raised by Shri Rao and requested them to resolve the same.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair and the participants by Shri Balbir Singh.

(Balbir Singh)
General Manager & Convenor,
SLBC, West Bengal



List of participants in RSETI Sub Committee Meeting held on 06.12.2024			
Sl No.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	P.Bhattacharjee	Assistant General Manager	RBI
2	Sri Timir Baran Saha	Assistant General Manager	NABARD
3	Sri G. Murli Rao	SDR, West Bengal	NACER
4	Tulshi lal Bhaduri	Consultant	SRLM
4	Sri Balbir Singh	General Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
6	Nodal officers		Member Bank

