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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 10.06.2024.

The meeting of SLBC Sub-Committee on RSETI was convened on 10.06.2024 to review the functioning and performance of RSETIs, operating in the state of West Bengal, as on 31.03.2024. The meeting was participated through VC by Shri G. Murli Rao, State Director for RSETIs (SDR), West Bengal, Shri Laxman Soy, DGM, NABARD, Shri Timir Baran Saha, AGM, NABARD, Shri P. Bhattacharya, AGM, RBI, RSETI directors and representatives of member banks.

Shri Shio Shankar Singh, General Manager, 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. The key issues discussed along with the action points emerged in the meeting are enumerated below:

1. Achievement under Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2023-24:

Shri G. Murli Rao, SDR, West Bengal, informed that, all RSETIs had trained 12,696 no. of candidates conducting 504 number of training programmes during FY 2023-24 thus achieving 102.64 % & 109.57 % of the AAP target in terms of number of trainees & number of programmes respectively. Cumulative Settlement and Credit Linkage for RSETIs in the state of West Bengal stand at 82% & 70% respectively, which is quite satisfactory.

He also informed the house that for the FY 2024-25 a target of 19,000, i.e 1,000 candidates per RSETI, had been allotted. He assured the house that the given target would be achieved by the RSETIs. He further urged upon all the stakeholders to extend wholehearted support so that RSETIs could achieve the given target.

Shri Singh requested to the RSETI directors to improve the settlement percentage and credit linkage percentage in the coming quarters.

Shri Singh expressed concern over the low settlement rate of RSETIs.

Shri G. Murli Rao, SDR, West Bengal, stated that, RSETI provided handholding up-to two years after the completion of training to the trainees for settlement of their venture. However, he informed that a certain portion of candidates were reluctant to become self-employment after getting trained; rather they were more interested in taking wage employment over self-employment. He, further, informed the house that to improve the settlement percentage, RSETIs were taking one declaration on starting new venture after receiving training.

Shri Singh, suggested to invite the banks on the final day of the training programmes for providing financial support for starting new venture.



Shri Rao requested GM SLBC to motivate all the stakeholders for providing finance and financial guidance to the trainee.

Shri Singh assured that all the member banks were keen to provide financial support and only the proper coordination was required, in this regard. He further requested Shri Rao to provide the detail information to SLBC for better coordination.

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

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

- Shri Rao apprised the house that only 4 out of 19 RSETIs in the state were operating from their owned premises. In case of 8, out of remaining 16 RSETIs, land had been allotted; of which construction work had been commenced in 4 cases. In Jalpaiguri district, the construction has been started and the contractor has assured that the construction would be completed within July 2024. In Darjeeling district land encroachment issue is resolved and the construction has been started. The work is expected to be completed within March'2025. In Paschim Midnapur district, soil testing has been done. However, due to model code of conduct the tender is yet to be floated for the construction work. In Uttar Dinajpur district, work order for construction of building given to CPWD and the estimated plan has also been shared with the bank for approval.
- Shri Rao, informed the house that land had been identified for 7 RSETIs and the same had been sent to State Government for their approval. As reported, RSETI Howrah & Hooghly, sponsored by UCO Bank, were the only RSETIs where land identification was yet to be completed.
- Shri Rao, further, informed the house that 2 RSETIs namely Purulia & Coochbehar had been facing encroachment issues. Although the district authorities were supposed to provide alternate land for the RSETIs but no response received from the District Authorities.
- Zonal Manager BOI stated that the house that RSETI North24 Parganas was operating from BDO office on monthly rented basis (Rs 16000.00/month). However, BDO office demanding Rs 35000.00/month as a monthly rent of that premises. He informed the house that district administration had allotted one land measuring 0.44 Acre which did not meet the land requirement criteria (i.e., 0.50 Acre). He further informed the house that they were ready to handover the management of the RSETI to the Lead Bank of the district, i.e., Central Bank of India.
- Shri Rao, apprised the house that handover of management was not permitted as per the guidelines. Moreover, he suggested that MoRD was considering the land requirement criteria along with special consideration.

(Action point 2: WBSRLM & Sponsor banks)

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

- Shri Rao, highlighted that setting up of new RSETIs in Kalimpong and Paschim Bardhaman district was entrusted with State Bank of India, whereas Central Bank of India was entrusted for setting up of RSETIs at Darjeeling and Alipurduar and Punjab National Bank for Jhargram district.
- Shri Rao, informed that previously only after receiving permission, new RSETI could be formed. However, MoRD clarified that RSETI could be operated in a rented premise even if the suitable government land was not available. However, permission to start functioning RSETI to be taken from MoRD. After finalization of allotment of land at a later date, suitable proposal should send to NACER for sanction of advance fund for construction of RSETI building.
- He urged upon all the sponsor banks to identify the land or rented premises for setting up new RSETIs.



- Sri Singh, suggested that sponsor banks should setting up RSETIs at rented premises and approached for land allotment as the land allotment was a time taking process.

(Action point 3: Sponsor banks & NACER)

4. Pending status of claim made by RSETIs:

- Shri Rao informed the house that, as per available reports, an aggregate claim amount of Rs.16.41 crore was pending for reimbursement at the end of WBSRLM.
- He also informed that MoRD sanctioned Rs.10 crore and the fund was received in the month of March'2024. The remaining Rs. 6 crore would also be received within this month, the same would be allotted to the RSETIs.

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

5. Miscellaneous:

- Shri. Rao informed the house that new HR policy implemented by MoRD from 01.04.2024 for the faculties & office staff of RSETIs. He further informed that Punjab National Bank & State Bank of India implemented the policy, other sponsor banks requested to implement the same on urgent Basis.

(Action point 5: Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Indian Bank, Canara Bank, UCO Bank)

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

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(Shio Shankar Singh)
General Manager,
SLBC, West Bengal



List of participants in RSETI Sub Committee Meeting held on 10.06.2024

SI No.	Name	Designation	Organisation
1	P. Bhattacharjee	Deputy General Manager	RBI
2	Sri Laxman Soy	Deputy General Manager	NABARD
3	Sri Timir Baran Saha	Assistant General Manager	NABARD
4	Sri G. Murli Rao	SDR, West Bengal	NACER
5	Sri Shio Shankar Singh	General Manager	SLBC, West Bengal
6	Nodal officers		Member Bank

