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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 25.02.2025.

The meeting of SLBC Sub-committee of RSETIs was convened on 25.02.2025 to review the functioning and performance of 19 RSETIs operating in the state of West Bengal as on 31.12.2024. The meeting was participated through VC by Shri Partha Sarathi Dutta, Dy. Director, Institutional Finance, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Nagraj, Director NACER, Shri. G. Murli Rao, State Director of RSETIs (SDR) West Bengal, Shri T.L.Bahaduri, WBSRLM, Shri Ajit Singh, Asstt. General Manager, NABARD, Kolkata, Shri Anupam Mukherjee, Manager, Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata and representatives of member banks & RSETI Directors.

The representative from SLBC 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) 2024-25:

Shri Rao apprised the house that all the RSETIs had trained 14,772 candidates by conducting 492 number of training programmes up to December, 2024 for the FY 2024-2025 and thus achieving 78.47% & 77.48% 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 Linkeage for RSETIs in the state of West Bengal stood at 57% & 56% respectively against the benchmark of 70% & 50% respectively which is quite satisfactory.

He also informed the house that for the FY 2024-2025 a target of 1000 candidates per RSETI has been allotted 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 RSETI could achieve the given target.

(Action point: 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 (RUDSETI Berhampore, PNB RSETI Bankura, PNB RSETI Howrah, PNB RSETI South 24 Parganas) are functioning in their own premises. Further, he informed that in 4 RSETIs (Jalpaiguri, Darjeeling, Debra, Uttar Dinajpur) work is in progress. He informed the house that RSETI Jalpaiguri is nearing completion. However, of late, the contractor, entrusted for construction of RSETI Jalpaiguri & RSETI Darjeeling, has stopped the work. The sponsored bank, i.e., Central Bank of India informed that they have initiated legal action against the contractor. Central Bank of India have been requested to take measures for speedy completion of both the RSETI buildings.

(Action Point: Central Bank of India)

Indian Bank and Punjab National Bank are requested to expedite the process of building construction in RESTI Debra and RSETI Uttar Dinajpur respectively.

(Action Point: Indian Bank and Punjab National Bank)

Further Shri Rao apprised that 7 proposals, where land has been identified and recommended to the state for approval and subsequently requested the SLBC & WBSRLM to look into it. Representative of SLBC assured to look into the matter. Representative from Bank of India also raised the issue regarding getting the approval of land from the district authority. Shri T.L. Bhaduri informed the house that the proposals are not being routed through WBSRLM by District Authority. As a result, they are unable to follow up the matter with appropriate authority and requested to forward the proposals through WBSRLM.

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: 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 respective sponsor banks to identify the land or rented premises for setting up new RSETIs.
- The representative from 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. SBI is yet to finalise any premises for RSETI Kalimpong.
- 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 March'2025.
- The representative from PNB informed that they are in the process of opening RSETI Jhargram very soon.
- The representative from Central Bank of India informed that advertisement for opening RSETI at Alipurduar has been published and they are in the process.

(Action Point: State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Central Bank of India)

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. 21.20 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. He, further, informed that fund requisition for the year 2023-2024,2024-2025 to the tune of Rs.28 crore has been placed for approval to the competent authority and whenever it will be received, all pending claims will be settled. Certain claims have been processed but due to some problem in PFMS portal, the amount is not being credited to the respective Banks.

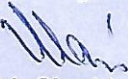
(Action point 4: WBSRLM, RSETI, Sponsor Banks)

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) for non-compliance in this regard.
- 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)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.


(Balbir Singh)
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SLBC, West Bengal

