

**MINUTES OF 161st MEETING OF STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, PUNJAB
Held on 18.08.2022.**

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The **161st Meeting** of the **State Level Bankers' Committee, Punjab** to review the performance of banking system in the State of Punjab for the quarter ended **June 2022** was held on **18.08.2022 at Hotel Mount View, Chandigarh** from **11:00 A.M onwards**. The meeting was held under the **Co-Chairmanship** of **Chief Guest Shri Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary Finance, Government of Punjab** and **Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh** along with presence of **Shri V Sundaresan, Chief General Manager, Corporate Office, Punjab National Bank.**

Besides, the meeting was attended by the following dignitaries-

- Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance cum Director, Institutional Finance & Banking, Punjab
- Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD, Chandigarh
- Shri Kanwaljit Shorey, General Manager, Corporate Office, Punjab National Bank
- Shri Sumanta Mohanty, Convener, SLBC Punjab & Zonal Manager, Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana Zone

Also the Senior Officers from RBI, State Government, Banks, Financial Institutions and various Corporations participated in the meeting. Meeting was also attended by special invitee Sh. A. David Brainard, National Chairman, SC/ST Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

The list of participants is as per **Annexure-I.**

At the outset, Shri Sumanta Mohanty, Convener-SLBC Punjab & Zonal Manager, Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana Zone in his welcome address extended a warm & hearty welcome to **Chief Guest Shri Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary Finance, Government of Punjab; Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, RBI; Shri V Sundaresan, Chief General Manager, Corporate Office, Punjab National Bank; Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance cum Director, Institution Finance & Banking, Govt. of Punjab; Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD; Shri Kanwaljit Shorey, General Manager, Corporate Office, PNB** and LDMs, Senior Officers from RBI, State Government, Banks, various Corporations.

He said that SLBC will deliberate & review the progress of Banks for the period ended June, 2022 along with the policy, financial & other issues related to development of

state of Punjab. As per RBI's Revamped Lead Bank Scheme, SLBC-Punjab conducted meeting of five Sub-committees to SLBC on 09.08.2022 to deliberate statistical data and other routine issues. Action points emerged during the meetings were circulated to the steering sub-committee to finalize the agenda for the SLBC meeting.

He said, to maintain the accuracy of data and ensure timely submission for the upcoming quarter, all the member banks are requested to do parallel checking of data through the SLBC Portal. However, most of the banks have not utilized the platform and have submitted the data manually only. Expressing his concern over the inconsistency in the data submitted by many banks for the Q.E. June 2022, he said number of discrepancies were observed in the data which creates doubt about the sanctity of data. For example, the CD Ratio of rural areas has come down by 15.39% YoY which is a serious concern and each bank needs to check the authenticity of the data.

Further the member banks are requested to put in more efforts for achieving the overall CD Ratio of 60% which at present has come down to 58.54%

Commenting on the progress of Banks in Punjab for the period ended June 2022, he said the YOY deposit growth in state is 10.07%. SCBs growing at 10.02%, PSBs growing at 6.70%, Pvt. Banks growing at 18.94%. PSBs' share in deposits is 71% and Pvt. Banks have share of 24%. Deposits of major banks as on June 2022 are SBI :122682 Cr, PNB: 109221 Cr & HDFC: 57181 Cr. The YOY credit growth is 7.54% with SCBs growing at 7.34%, PSBs growing at 1.10% & Pvt. Banks growing at 17.48%. PSBs' share in advances portfolio is 59% and Pvt. Banks' share is 36%. Position of major banks in advances as on June 2022 is SBI: 64274 Cr, HDFC: 55490 Cr & PNB: 45182 Cr.

Speaking on Agriculture growth, he said the growth in the state is at 8.91% as on 30.06.2022, SCBs growing @ 8.51%, PSBs growing at 7.20%, Pvt. Sector banks are growing at 10.66%. PSBs' share in Agriculture advances is 56% and Pvt. Banks' share is 35%. The term loan component under agriculture credit is only 22.08% which is a major area of concern and there is a need for Infrastructure financing or Capital formation in rural areas which will ultimately increase agriculture/ rural income of farmers in the state. The MSME growth is at 35.67% as on 30.06.2022.

Under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, out of 341 received applications, 234 have been sanctioned and 208 applications have been disbursed. Out of these 208, PSBs have disbursed 175 applications amounting to Rs.125 Cr and Pvt. banks have disbursed 21 cases amounting to Rs. 27 Cr. Under PMFME scheme, total 683 applications have been

received and 266 applications have been sanctioned. Out of 266 sanctioned applications, PSBs have sanctioned 200 applications and Pvt. banks have sanctioned 45 cases.

While deliberating on the progress of banks under National Goals, he apprised the house that Share of Priority Sector Advances to NBC is 56%. Share of Agriculture Advances to Total NBC is 27% and Share of Weaker Sector Advances to NBC is 19%.

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with Department of Financial Services, GoI launched a Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign for providing Kisan Credit Card facility to all eligible Animal Husbandry and Fishery Farmers. During Quarter ended June 2022, total of 22790 KCCs amounting to Rs.365.47 Crore were issued under the campaign as above in the state.

Further, under JANSURKSHA Schemes, the state, especially the Public sector Banks have performed exceptionally well. Under PMSBY, overall achievement was 134 % & 121 % under PMJJBY.

Speaking on NPA under agriculture, he said NPA under agriculture is 12% of Agri Advances. SCBs have 13.00%, PSBs 18% & Pvt. Sector banks have 5% NPA under agriculture. As the economy is now gaining pace and demand is growing, he requested the banks and state missionaries to work in coordination & cooperation among all the members. He wished fruitful deliberations on all Agenda items and a successful meeting ahead.

Shri V Sundaresan, Chief General Manager, Punjab National Bank in his Keynote address extended a warm and hearty welcome to distinguished guests **Shri Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary Finance, Government of Punjab; Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India; Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance cum Director, Institutional Finance & Banking, GoP; Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD** along with senior executives from State Government, Banks, Financial Institutions, RBI, NABARD and other offices.

He said that SLBC Forum will not only be benefitted from the views and guidance of all dignitaries present but will also set priorities for future course of action.

He started with his strong statement “Punjab has been the leader of the Green Revolution in the country and one of the most prosperous states. Agriculture and allied services are one of the key strengths of the State. In the current scenario, farmers of the state are under stress and finding it difficult to meet both ends. Bankers need to focus on the strategies for augmenting the investment credit in Agriculture and ancillary activities to ensure sustainable development of the Agriculture in the state. This will be in line with the ‘Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ of Govt. of India under “Doubling the income of farmers” to put the economy back to growth track post Covid Pandemic”.

Apprising the house on the economic front, he said to reassess the evolving inflation-growth dynamics and the impact of the developments after the monetary policy review during June 6 to June 8, 2022, the latest meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) was held during August 3 and 5, 2022. It was decided to increase the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 50 basis points to 5.40 per cent with immediate effect bringing the Repo Rate to Pre COVID Regime.

Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 5.15 per cent, the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate & the Bank Rate to 5.65 per cent. While focusing on withdrawal of accommodation and supporting growth to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward. The Projection of Growth for 2022-23 has been retained at 7.2 percent, the same as in June, 2022 MPC.

While concluding, he thanked the State Government and its various departments, RBI and NABARD for their excellent support, guidance and co-operation rendered to the banking sector in the State over the years and assured full cooperation from banking fraternity towards strengthening and uplifting the socio-economic conditions of the people of the State.

Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India welcomed all the dignitaries, officers from banking fraternity and State govt. departments. To begin with, he appreciated the role played by SLBC, being an apex level forum, in the development of Punjab state for the past so many years. He apprised the house that during the last SLBC Meeting chaired by the worthy Union Minister of state for Finance, all the major issues were discussed in detail. It was noted by the Union Minister that State is doing well in all the parameters put up for the rural development.

Speaking about the progress of the state, he said that the state has performed well and achieved the targets in most of the parameters for the Q.E. June 2022 as well, for which he congratulated all the stakeholders.

Highlighting the importance of Financial awareness, he said the Reserve Bank is very serious about Financial Literacy for which campaign is being run in mission mode by RBI through banks as well as Financial Literacy Centers. As per RBI mandate, each and every district must have at least one FLC through which they can spearhead the Financial Literacy Mission. However, 6 districts of Punjab are still not having FLCs. The LDMs of concerned districts were requested to put concerted efforts to fulfill the mandate and ensure that FLCs are operationalized.

Further, Sh. Mall said that there is a huge network of Banking Correspondents, being the extended arms of Banks and supplementing the role of Brick & Mortar branches for financial inclusion. But there is a large number of BCs who are inactive. All the member banks to see why the BCs are not operating and replacement should be done wherever required. Also the Minimum Skilling Certification of BCs should also be ensured by the banks.

Another important forum started in 2017 & specifically targeted for age group of 18-60 years, for creating Financial Literacy & awareness is Centre for Financial Literacy(CFLs). As many as 1700 Financial Literacy Camps have been conducted by CFLs in FY 2022-23 up to Q.E. June 2022. He requested all the member banks to extend required cooperation to CFLs.

Sh. Mall further told that that for systematic learning, the Financial Literacy should start at early stage in schools & colleges and apprised the house that Financial Literacy Curriculum has already been included for 10th Class. Efforts are being made to include the same for other classes as well and all the regulators are focusing on this.

Stressing upon the accuracy and sanctity of SLBC data, which forms the basis for reviewing the performance of banks, he said all the member banks to make use of SLBC data portal for submission of data. All member banks to ensure that there is no manual intervention for the upcoming SLBC meeting.

To conclude with, Sh. Mall said, the SLBC Forum should be representation of all the stakeholders including the Payment Banks for the real impact of the meeting and should be attended by the Senior Functionaries/State Heads of banks only.

Chief Guest Shri Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary Finance, Government of Punjab in his keynote address extended a hearty welcome to all dignitaries on the Dias and the senior officials from banking fraternity. He congratulated all the member banks for achieving the targets and said same pace of growth is expected in future as well.

Sh. Sinha said "Punjab is a unique place in the ways the people work here which creates a win-win situation for everyone. However, the major area of concern is CD Ratio where the national goal of 60% has not been achieved. Specially the six districts i.e. Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, SBS Nagar, Pathankot and Rupnagar having CD Ratio below 40% is a matter of concern for the state and needs a serious relook, as to where we are lagging behind". So he requested all the member banks to impress upon the branch officials for more focused approach for expanding the credit.

He further said that the per capita Milk Production of Punjab is highest in the country and it is a very progressive business. So to achieve the targets and meet the national pace, the focus should be on extending KCC card facility to farmers engaged in Dairy & Animal Husbandry without any impediment.

Sh. Sinha further told that the state has done remarkably well over the past few years in Agriculture Infrastructure creation. He appreciated the efforts done by NABARD for the same by way of extending credit to the state. He further added that during the current year also, the state is poised for a great jump as compared to last year. All the scheduled commercial banks were requested to extend credit facility under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme. Sh. Sinha also stressed upon the digitization of banking products in the state.

Impressing upon another important segment of Govt. sponsored schemes, he said that in schemes like PMSVANidhi, the state has not even achieved 50% of targets despite the small ticket sized while the states like Utter Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana have almost surpassed their targets. He emphasized that these schemes may be small sized applications but their impact on livelihood of people is great. He requested all banks in the state to achieve the targets in the ensuing quarter.

Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD, Chandigarh in his address welcomed all the dignitaries and distinguished guests. Beginning with the performance under Rural Infrastructure Fund, he said NABARD has been supporting the state govt. and has done really well in the last 2 years. In the current year also, NABARD has planned to sanction at least Rs.1200 Cr from RIDF and likely to disburse Rs.850 Cr for the rural infrastructure.

Speaking on the issues of Crop Loans & Term Loan under Agriculture sector, he said despite organization of KCC Saturation programmes at various levels and issuing new KCC Cards, the growth has almost been stagnant for last 2-3 years and overall achievement is 88%. He apprised the house that to improve the GLC flow under agriculture, the Govt. of India has announced 1.5% interest subvention. The banks may increase the finance and can derive the benefit of subvention to pass onto the beneficiaries, especially the Co-operative & Punjab Gramin Bank to increase the achievement for the next quarter.

Further, the achievement under Term loan in the last quarter was only 50% and there has been a decreasing trend for the last 3-4 years. So the focus is on increasing the targets under term loans. With regards to JLG Financing in the State, he emphasised that banks should focus on this scheme and NABARD was ready to provide required trainings to the banks.

Sh. Sablania also stressed on financing under KCC to Animal Husbandry and Fisheries. He said that the state has a great potential in this category. Further, GOI launched central scheme for Farmer Produce Organisations and till now 111 FPOs have been formed in the state. He requested all the member banks to visit the FPOs for finding potential areas for financing and NABARD was ready to provide all kind of assistance for the same. Also he requested all the banks to come forward and take advantage of grant

assistance provided by NABARD under Financial Inclusion Fund for FLCs and various other programmes on financial awareness.

Talking about the issue of Utilisation Certificates, he requested the banks for timely submission of the Utilization Certificates to NABARD in respect of all Govt. Sponsored Schemes where Capital Subsidy have been availed by the banks from NABARD.

Special Invitee, **Sh. A. David Brainard**, The National Chairman, SC/ST Chamber of Commerce & Industry, in his address to the house said that to achieve the Govt. of India's objective of eradicating poverty and raising the standard of living of people by creation of jobs & thereby increasing their income, there is a need for more focused credit flow for SC/ST as per RBI guidelines. The Govt. of Punjab is giving lot of Capital & Interest incentives for the SC/ST. So he requested that each bank should have an SC/ST cell to monitor QoQ/YoY Credit flow and the same should also be included for deliberations at DCC/DLRC level meetings so that with the enhanced credit flow, this strata of society can contribute towards the development of nation.

The Agenda Items were discussed as under: -

Agenda Item No. 1	Confirmation of minutes of 160th meeting of State Level Bankers' Committee (Punjab)
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The House confirmed the e-mailed/circulated minutes of above meeting as no comments/suggestions were received.

Item No. 2.1	PM Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM- SVANidhi) a special Micro Credit Facility Scheme
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As on 07.08.22, total of 124485 applications were uploaded on the portal, out of which Banks have sanctioned 50522 applications and 43765 applications have been disbursed. Further, 56573 applications have been returned/rejected by banks citing various reasons and 17390 applications are yet to be picked up by Banks for sanction/disbursement.

All the banks were requested to sanction/disburse all the pending applications and LDMs to take up the issue at BLBC Level to clear the pendency.

DGM, SLBC requested the Bank heads to instruct all the branches to Login on daily basis for disposing of the pending applications.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance cum Director, Institution Finance & Banking expressed concern over high rejection rate of almost 45% under the scheme and asked the banks to analyze & furnish reasons for the same.

Shri Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS, Chief Guest said that it was discussed with the LDMs & Senior Officers of Banks to dedicate one day in a week towards this loan as per directions of GOI. Further, as all the pendencies are confined to bigger areas like Ludhiana, Jalandhar & Amritsar, the ULBs were advised to organize camps, call people physically, check the deficiencies in documents if any and process the applications. So all the banks to give emphasis on the scheme as the same is monitored by the

Honorable Prime Minister himself. This scheme covers only 2.5% of total population of the state, hence the same needs to be addressed on priority.

He advised the Local Govt. Dept. to organize camps at municipal corporation level in coordination with ULBs with due publicity and instruct the district officials to get in touch with banker counterparts.

Sh. M.K. Mall, RD, RBI also expressed his concern over high rejection rate under the scheme and said the major disbursement is given by Public Sector banks. So the Pvt. Sector banks to take the issue seriously as their participation is very less. He then enquired from the Nodal Officers of major Private Banks i.e. Axis Bank, ICICI, YES Bank, Indusind Bank with almost zero sanctioned cases & the reason for the poor performance. All the banks who have minimal sanctioning/disbursement were advised to ensure that each & every application is seriously seen and no application is kept pending just for the sake of rejecting it. He further requested all the Zonal heads to check the functioning of all branches and make sincere efforts to improve performance since the amount of loan is small whereas it is of great help for the targeted beneficiaries.

Baldeep Singh, Technical Director, Local Govt. informed that the disbursement in Second Tranche loans is only 17% which should be 100% since all the formalities are already completed by the beneficiaries. Bankers should come up with the issues if any and all kind of support is always available from Local Govt. Further, DAY NULM Ministry has also been requested to convene a meeting for the banks to resolve issues & doubts.

Addressing to the concern raised by the Local Govt. representative, **Shri Ajoy Kumar Sinha**, IAS, said that there is no reason for holding back the second tranche applications by the banks.

Action: All Banks/LDMs& ULBs

Item No. 2.2	Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)
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Out of Total 205377 net eligible borrowers, Banks in the State have sanctioned credit facilities to 180253 borrowers which comes to 87.77%. However, disbursement has been made in 143493 accounts, which comes to 79.61% of sanctioned accounts. Banks were asked to disburse the facility to all eligible borrowers.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 2.3	Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) for Stressed MSMEs
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Only 10 Banks have reported financing under the scheme with 300 total number of applications received as on 30.06.2022 and an outstanding amount of Rs.45 crores. All banks were requested to identify eligible borrowers and ensure to offer the facility to all.

The data of Federal Bank was found apparently incorrect. The bank was asked to provide explanation for the same. Also many major banks also reported the data as NIL. The banks were requested to check and rectify the same.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 2.4	Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign for providing Kisan Credit Card facility to all eligible Animal Husbandry and Fishery Farmers announced by Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
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Under the campaign, a total of 40052 applications have been received so far for KCC to Animal Husbandry & Dairy out of which 29408 have been sanctioned, 8688 applications have been rejected and 1706 applications are pending with banks. Out of total pending applications, 1069 applications are pending for more than 15 days.

Further, for KCC to Fisheries, out of total 327 applications received, only 35 applications have been sanctioned and 107 applications are pending which is a matter of concern. The Lead District Managers were requested to expeditiously dispose of the pending applications.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance observed that there is no participation by Pvt. Banks at all which is a serious concern. Banks were asked to furnish the reasons for the same.

Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD enquired from Pb. State Coop. Bank the reasons for 157 pending applications and asked to clear the same at the earliest.

Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India appreciated Punjab & Sind Bank for doing well under the campaign. Sharing the success story, it was informed by P& Sind Bank representative that monitoring of all branches is being done by concerned Nodal Officers on daily basis under the scheme. Worthy RD Sir requested all the banks to emulate the strategy followed by the Punjab & Sind bank as lot of potential is there under the scheme. He then enquired from the Nodal Officers of Pvt. Banks, the reasons for non- performance and asked them to come prepared with the data & also ensure accuracy of the same. Referring to the success story shared by LDM Hoshiarpur, he requested Zonal Heads of banks to ensure that such stories are percolated at all levels to field functionaries.

Taking into consideration the suggestion given by LDM Hoshiarpur, **Shri Ajoy Kumar Sinha**, IAS, Chief Guest asked SLBC to recommend for reward & recognition, Top 3 Performer Banks with good achievement percentage under the scheme. Due recognition will be given by the State Govt. on 26th January to those banks.

Action: Action: Banks/ LDMs

Banks have received 341 applications under the scheme and have sanctioned 234 of them and 107 are under process. The state is lagging behind in Agriculture Infrastructure creation. Banks to ensure timely processing and sanction of the proposals received by them.

Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, RBI raised the concern that funds amounting to Rs.4713Cr have been allocated to the state, however less than one third is utilised. Also a large number of proposals are pending with the banks. He requested all the banks to go through those applications and take their decision.

He further said that there are some banks which are doing really well under the scheme especially PNB, Punjab & Sind Bank and HDFC and other banks can learn from their strategies.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the performance of most of the Pvt. Sector Banks, **Madam Garima Singh, IRS**, Secretary Finance said that a Proactive approach is required at the level of the banks to create awareness as the credit is not really taking off under the scheme. Also banks reflecting zero performance need to check the correctness of the data reported. Further, in future all the data reported by the banks for SLBC meeting should invariably be signed by the respective Zonal Heads so that no such issue of data inaccuracy surfaces during the discussions in meeting. In the absence of signed/authenticated data from any bank, the same should not be considered for SLBC meeting.

Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD said it is the duty of the banks to guide the customers for taking benefit of interest subvention under the scheme.

A suggestion came up during the discussion from Sh. Charanjit Singh, RSETI Director that during the DCC/DLRC meetings, there should be representatives from RBI & NABARD to increase awareness regarding the scheme.

DGM, SLBC asked the banks to ensure "One Branch One Loan" under the NOBOL campaign which will create huge infrastructure in the state.

To create more awareness regarding the scheme and discuss the progress of the state, a detailed presentation on AIF was also given by Madam Ravdeep Kaur, KPMG.

Action: Banks, NABARD & Horticulture Dept.

Item No. 2.6	PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM FME Scheme)
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Banks have received 683 applications under the scheme. 266 of them have been sanctioned as on 22.07.2022 and 302 applications are still pending with banks.

Sh. Rajnish Tuli, GM, Punjab Agro informed that the PMFME scheme for enhancing the competence of Micro Food Enterprises has picked up well in the state, however around 300 applications are still pending with banks. Further, out of total pending applications, there are 75 such applications for which branches have not logged in yet and they are pending for more than 2 months which is a matter of great concern. Also the banks are taking a lot of time in clearing the pendency.

He further apprised that 35% capital subsidy is available in the scheme and maximum amount is Rs.10 Lakhs. Under the group category i.e. FPOs, SHGs & Co-ops., the upper limit for subsidy is Rs.3 Crores. Some of the banks are doing very well and have very low rejection rate, Canara Bank being one such bank. Thus, there is a need to make more concerted efforts by the banks to clear the pendency & rope in more applications by taking proactive actions.

Sh. M.K. Mall, RD, RBI advised all the banks to Login regularly, sanction the applications and give input for non-sanction able applications. The banks should ask for support wherever required and not just sit on the applications.

Action: LDMs & Banks

Item No. 3	Overall CD Ratio
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During the period under review overall CD Ratio of Commercial Banks in the State of Punjab has been decreased from 59.43% as at June 2021 to 58.54% as at June 2022 thereby showing decrease of 0.89 PPs. The same has decreased by 0.99 PPs on QoQ basis during the quarter ended June 2022.

The major decline is in the Jana Small Finance Bank (-23.98%), Indian Bank (-15.25%) & Axis Bank (-14.74).

Concerned Banks were to submit reason of such decline and take steps for improvement.

Action: All Banks & LDMs

Item No. 4	Credit Deposit Ratio – Implementation of the Recommendations of Expert Group on CD Ratio
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The CD Ratio of 3 districts Kapurthala, SBS & Pathankot have decreased which is a matter of concern.

Sh. M.K. Mall, RD, RBI said that the CD ratio of 6 districts i.e. Hoshiarpur, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, SBS Nagar, Pathankot and Rupnagar being less than 40% is a serious concern. He asked the concerned LDMs to throw light on the issues faced, come up with special schemes and future strategies to achieve the targets of CD ratio as per monitor able action plan of respective district. The CD Ratio of these districts can be improved with focused approach only. He said that the monitor able action plan should be discussed at DCC Level and assured that all kind of support from RBI, NABARD & State Govt.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance enquired from LDM Pathankot, the reasons for 7% decline in CD Ratio and said that target oriented approach is required for visible results.

DGM, SLBC requested all the Bank Heads to particularly focus in these six districts.

Action: Concerned LDMs/Banks

Item No. 7	Review of National Goals
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The state has surpassed the targets under Priority Sector Advances and achievement to Net Bank Credit as on 30.06.2022 is 55.43%, well above the target of 40%. Under agriculture, the state has achieved 24.61% against the target of 18%, however the achievement of national goal under small & marginal farmers is 8.90% against the target of 10%. The achievement of Export Credit under priority sector is also only 0.30% against the target of 2%.

Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, RBI expressed concern regarding non achievement of targets for small & marginal farmers and said any kind of technical issue being faced can be apprised to the house so that same can be resolved.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 8	Priority Sector Advances
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During the period under review, Priority Sector Advances in Punjab has been increased by Rs. 19270 Crores, from Rs.147013 crores as at June 2021 to Rs.166283 crores as at June 2022 thus showing a growth of 13.11%, however the same has declined in case of Public Sector Banks, which needs special attention in the upcoming quarter.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 9	Agriculture Advances
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The Agriculture Advances in the State during the period under review witnessed an increase of Rs. 6189 crores from Rs. 69492 crores as at June 2021 to Rs.75681 crores as at June 2022 thus showing increase of 8.90%.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance & **Sh. M.K. Mall, RD, RBI** raised the concern regarding discrepancy in the Agriculture data submitted by the banks and asked to reconcile the same.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 10.1	KCC-ATM cum Debit Cards position
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The overall percentage of cards issued as on 30.06.2022 is only 66%. Banks were requested to issue Debit cards to all remaining KCC holders.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance said that there should not be declining trend in issuance of cards and needs to be curbed.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 11	KCC Accounts Seeded with Aadhar
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The overall achievement of KCC accounts seeded with Aadhar as on 30.06.2022 is 79.64%. The banks were requested to seed all accounts with Aadhar so that the benefits of DBT can be availed by the farmers.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 12	Bank-wise progress under Agri Clinics-Agri Business Centers (ACABCs)
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Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD informed that there is no considerable improvement under the scheme despite organization of workshops by NABARD for skill development. Punjab being an agrarian economy, the LDMs were asked to share feedback for the issues faced. Also LDMs were requested to increase awareness regarding the scheme by having deliberations at DCC Level.

As the scheme is specifically for Agriculture Graduates only, NABARD was requested to provide list of Agriculture Graduates for target oriented approach.

Action: All LDMs & NABARD

Item No. 14	Farmers Produce Organization
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Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD apprised the house that the major problem being faced under the scheme is lack of awareness in bankers. He asked the LDMs, Lead banks & DDMs to visit some of the successful FPOs first and have interaction with them, then encourage & guide the other FPOs as well with the success stories.

He said that the mobilization of farmers is a major issue in Punjab and the FPOs are also discouraged by some of the financing agencies. Thus, success stories may encourage others to follow. Further, help & guidance is also being taken from Universities for mobilizing purpose.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance said that since the scheme has not really taken off in Punjab, NABARD can share experiences of other successful states and the same can be replicated in our state as well. The issue be analysed viz-a-viz state. Further, the banks can come forward with suggestions/issues if any for improvement as this area can be really impactful.

The Chairman, Punjab Gramin Bank informed that many FPOs have been formed with 100 number of members and efforts are being done to scale up the number of members to 300 with the help of Innovative farming.

Sharing the success story of Kerala State, **Sh. J.S. Samra**, Senior Advisor CRRID suggested that to promote the FPOs, the scale is very important for the viability purpose and there is a need for item based, highly marketable product.

Taking into consideration the suggestion, **Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, RBI** said that studies of some successful states can be done and with comparative analysis, it can be seen where our state is lagging behind. Accordingly, it can be diagnosed to take input/support from Banks, State Govt. for improvement.

Action: All Banks, LDMs & NABARD

Item No. 15	Digitization of Land Records – Creation of Online charge by Banks
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Sh. M.K. Mall, Regional Director, RBI said that Digitization of Land Records needs to be done and the access should be provided to Bankers so that all the appraisal activities and lending to the farmers can easily be done. He then asked the banks to come up with suggestions.

It was informed by the banks that the access to the records is there for public at large, however the charge cannot be created.

Sh. M.K. Mall said that the issue should be discussed in Agriculture Sub Committee as well and the outcome be put forth before SLBC Forum later on.

Apprising about the successful process of Digitization & Creation of Online charge in other states like Gujrat & Madhya Pradesh, **Shri H.K. Sablania**, General Manager, NABARD requested the state Govt. to have the same system in Punjab as well since it will certainly prove an accelerating tool to give wings to the credit off-take.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance said that a meeting with the Revenue Dept. can be held for the same.

Action: Revenue Department

Item No. 18	Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)
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Banks have achieved 24% of their allocated targets under the scheme. Most of the private banks have not participated in the scheme despite allocation of targets to them. All the Banks were requested to dispose of the pending applications with them and also claim pending margin money Immediately.

The representative from Dept. of Industries informed that camps are being organized in all the districts at various levels and assured that maximum targets for the upcoming quarter will be achieved.

DGM, SLBC apprised the house that it was informed by the Industries Dept. during the Sub Committee meeting that they are coming up with two different schemes under the programme for which district level campaign will be launched as the scheme is really good for employment generation.

Action: All Banks & Industries Dept.

Item No. 20	Annual Credit Plan 2022-23 Achievements up to 30.06.2022
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ACP achievement of the Banks during F.Y 2022-23 for the Q.E June 2022 is 92%, Banks have achieved 74% in agriculture, 162% in MSME and 61% in other priority sector.

Banks and LDMs to send their response and suggestions for improvement in performance to achieve ACP targets in current financial year especially in Agriculture & OPS.

Action: All Banks& LDMs

Item No. 21	Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY).
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The overall performance of State as on 30.06.2022 is 133% in PMSBY and 121% in PMJJBY. The state has shown tremendous growth under the Govt. of India's saturation drive.

Banks are further requested to enroll all eligible persons in unorganized sector under both these schemes.

Action: All Banks

Item No. 23	Atal Pension Yojana (APY)
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The performance of State under the scheme is not satisfactory and overall achievement as on 30.06.2022 is only 15%.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance expressed concern that the position is not satisfactory and asked the bottom performing banks to furnish reasons for zero performance.

Action: Concerned Banks & LDMs

Item No. 28.1	EXPANDING AND DEEPENING THE DIGITAL PAYMENT ECO-SYSTEM IN IDENTIFIED DISTRICTS- KAPURTHALA, SAS NAGAR(MOHALI) & MALERKOTLA
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The overall Digital coverage as on 30.06.2022 for Kapurthala, SAS Nagar(MOHALI) & Malerkotla districts in Savings accounts is 87%, 89% & 66% respectively. Further, for Current Accounts, the achievement is 75%, 67% and 41% only.

As the timeline for the 100% digitalization in Kapurthala and SAS Nagar is already lapsed, both the districts were requested to complete the 100% digitalization as per RBI Guidelines.

Further, the performance of Malerkotla district was found to be very low. It was assured by LDM Malerkotla that the performance will be improved in the next quarter.

Action: Concerned LDMs

Item No. 29.1	Pending Loan Applications of RSETI trained candidates
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As on 30.06.2022, as many as 1155 Loan Applications of RSETI trained candidates are pending with the banks. It was further informed by the **RSETI Director Sh. Charanjit Singh** that around 3000 such applications are pending as on date. The objective should be to dispose of the applications within 15 days and not keep the same pending. All the LDMs were also requested to put pressure for NIL pendency.

The matter was viewed seriously by **Sh. M.K. Mall, RD, RBI** and all the concerned banks were advised to take decision on pending applications in time bound manner & dispose of the applications without any further delay.

Sh. Charanjit Singh further apprised the house that the Ministry of Rural Development has changed the guidelines for grading of RSETIs and any RSETI with less than 70% achievement will be assigned Zero number. Thus, he requested all the member banks for providing requisite Cooperation. Also each district should have one RSETI and the LDMs of the distt. without RSETI were requested to follow up for setting up of the same in their District.

A suggestion was given by AGM, SBI to have portal for real time monitoring of RSETI's performance for which Director RSETI was requested to take up the matter with MORD.

Action: Concerned Banks & LDMs

Item No. 30	Issues of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
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The representative from UIDAI, Sh. Sanjeev Mahajan apprised the house regarding recent developments wherein UIDAI has reduced Aadhar authentication charges for banks from Rs.20/- to Rs.3/-. This will enable banks to do online authentication of Aadhar.

Further, the state has achieved 100% Aadhar enrollment for age group of 18 years & above, however the major challenge is of enrollment of children up to 5 years where the achievement is only 45%. He requested all the banks for enrolling children of age group of below 5 years.

Action: All Banks

Item No.31	Scale of Finance in Agriculture Advances
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The recommendations of the committee formed for re-examining the issue of Over Financing in Agriculture were placed before the house.

Shri H.K. Sablania, General Manager, NABARD raised the concern regarding over financing which is incorrect ethically also and asked the banks that how the same can be avoided as many a times, the over financing leads to cases of suicide by the farmers.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance suggested that the committee should come up with specific recommendations and more actionable points to reach on a conclusion.

Action: RBI Chair, NABARD, Revenue Dept. & SLBC

Item No. 34	Delay in taking possession of assets by Chief Metropolitan Magistrates/District Magistrates under section 14 of SARFAESI Act, 2002
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Department of Institutional Finance & Banking has already requested all the District Magistrates in the State of Punjab to accord due priority to the pending cases.

Madam Garima Singh, IRS, Secretary Finance said the state is ready to intervene whenever required. She asked the affected Banks & SLBC to come separately for a meeting to discuss the issues so that the same can be resolved.

Action: Concerned Banks & SLBC

Thereafter the meeting ended with Vote of thanks proposed by Sh. Arun Kumar, General Manager, Union Bank of India.

Annexure - I**List of Participants****161st Meeting of SLBC (Punjab)
Held on 18.08.2022 at 11.00 A.M**

S. No.	Name of participant (Shri/Smt)	Designation/Bank/Department
1	Ajoy Kumar Sinha, I.A.S	Principal Secretary Finance, Government of Punjab
2	M K Mall	Regional Director, RBI
3	Garima Singh, I.R.S	Secretary, Finance cum Director, Institutional Finance & Banking Government of Punjab
4	H.K. Sablania	General Manager, NABARD
5	A. David Brainard, National Chairman	SC/ST Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Reserve Bank of India		
6	Pronobesh Barua, DGM	RBI
7	Vikram Dhanda, AGM	RBI
Punjab National Bank		
8	V Sundaresan, Chief General Manager	Punjab National Bank
9	Kanwaljit Shorey, GM	Punjab National Bank
10	Sumanta Mohanty, GM	Punjab National Bank
11	Parveen Kumar Guglani, DGM	Punjab National Bank
12	Ramesh Kumar, Chief Manager	Punjab National Bank
13	Kamal Taneja, Senior Manager	Punjab National Bank
State Government Departments/Boards/Corporations(Shri/Madam)		
14	Sanjeev Aggarwal, Deputy Director	Department of Institutional Finance & Banking
15	Kamal Goyal	Department of Institutional Finance & Banking
16	G.S. Oberoi	Department of Institutional Finance & Banking
17	Piyush Bhargav, DGM	SIDBI
18	Aashutosh Sardana, DGM	NABARD
19	Rajneesh Tuli, GM	Punjab Agro

20	J.S. Samra, Senior Advisor,	Renewable Energy Programme , CRRID
21	Sanjeev Mahajan, Director	UIDAI
22	Dr. Raminderpal Singh, Assistant Director	Animal Husbandry(Punjab)
23	Dr.Karan Goyal, Veterinary Doctor	Animal Husbandry(Punjab)
24	Ramandeep Singh, Assistant Director	Department of Industries (Punjab)
25	Vinod Kaura, Dy. Director	Dairy Development Department(Punjab)
26	Amardeep Singh, Sr. Fisheries Officer	Department of Fisheries(Punjab)
27	Charanjit Singh, Director	RSETI
28	Baldeep Singh, Technical Director	Local Govt. Deptt.
29	Vishal Sharma, SLTC	SUDA/NULM
30	Navneet Kaur, Dy. Registrar	Registrar Coops. Pb
31	A.K. Singh, Deputy Director	National Housing Bank
32	A Roy David, Vice President	SC -ST Chamber of Commerce
	Banks (Shri/Madam)	
33	Sumit Phakka ,GM	STATE BANK OF INDIA
34	Anil Dewani, DGM	STATE BANK OF INDIA
35	Parveen Nagpal, AGM	STATE BANK OF INDIA
36	Dev Raj Barnwal, Regional Head	BANK OF BARODA
37	B K Singh, ZM	BANK OF INDIA
38	Amit Goyal, ZM	BANK OF MAHARASHTRA
39	Salina Goyal ,GM	CANARA BANK
40	S K Arora, Div. Manager	CANARA BANK
41	Manmeet Vyas, ZM	UCO BANK
42	Ashni Kumar, DGM	PUNJAB & SIND BANK
43	J Sandhu, DGM	INDIAN BANK
44	D K Puri, AGM	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
45	Kritika Senior Manager	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK

46	Rajnish Sharma, DGM	CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
47	Arun Kumar , GM	UNION BANK OF INDIA
48	Sumit Jain, AGM	PB. STATE COOPERATIVE BANK
49	Sanjeev Kumar Dubey, Chairman	PB. GRAMIN BANK
50	Harvinder Kapoor, Regional Head GSP	HDFC BANK
51	Lalit Batra, RRH	HDFC BANK
52	Prabhjeet Singh Purba , Zonal Coordinator	ICICI BANK
53	Sanjeev Verma ,VP	AXIS BANK
54	Charu Bakshi, AVP	AXIS BANK
55	Amarjeet, DGM	IDBI BANK
56	Gagandeep Kaur Walia ,DVP	INDUSIND BANK
57	Umesh Sharma, Sr. Executive	J & K BANK LTD.
58	Varun Sharma, AVP	KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK
59	Kashif Tripathi, AVP	BANDHAN BANK
60	Ankush Sachdeva, Sr. Manager	RBL BANK
61	Vishal Singla , SVP	AU SMALL FINANCE BANK
62	Amit Gupta, AVP	AU SMALL FINANCE BANK
63	Pooja Pahuja, Chief Manager	IDFC FIRST BANK
	Lead District Manager(Shri/Madam)	
64	Pritam Singh	Amritsar
65	Mohinder Pal Garg	Barnala
66	Manju Galhotra	Bathinda
67	Gurvinder Singh	Faridkot
68	Jaswant Singh	Fatehgarh Sahib

69	Ram Kumar	Fazilka
70	Charandeep Singh	Ferozepur
71	Kewal Kako	Gurdaspur
72	Tarsem Singh	Hoshiarpur
73	Jai Bhushan Bharmouria	Jalandhar
74	P P Siroha	Kapurthala
75	Sanjay Gupta	Ludhiana
76	Kamal Garg	Mansa
77	Savita Jaiswal	Moga
78	Gurcharan Singh	Sri Muktsar Sahib
79	Lalit Kumar Mehra	Pathankot
80	Davinder Kumar	Patiala
81	Amish Nath Ojha	Rupnagar
82	Upkar Singh	SAS Nagar
83	Harmesh Lal	SBS Nagar
84	Nirmal Roy	Tarn Taran
85	Parwinder Kumar Chopra	Malerkotla