

## **MINUTES OF 165th MEETING OF STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, PUNJAB Held on 18.08.2023.**

### **CONVENER: PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK**

1. The **165<sup>th</sup> 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 2023** was held on **18.08.2023** at **Hotel Hyatt Centric, Chandigarh** from **11:00 A.M onwards**. The meeting was Co-Chaired by **Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Punjab** and **Sh. Vivek Srivastava, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh**.

#### **Besides, the meeting was attended by the following dignitaries-**

- Shri Diprava Lakra, IAS, Secretary Finance, Institutional Finance & Banking, Punjab
- Shri Kanwaljit Shorey, General Manager, HO, PNB
- Shri Puskar Tarai, General Manager & Convenor, SLBC Punjab
- Shri Raghunath B, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Chandigarh

Also, the Senior Officers from RBI, State Government, Banks, Financial Institutions and various Corporations participated in the meeting.

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

**At the outset, Shri Puskar Tarai, Convenor-SLBC Punjab & General Manager, Punjab National Bank** in his welcome address extended a warm & hearty welcome to **Sh. Ajoy Sinha, Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Punjab, Sh. Vivek Srivastava, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh, and Shri Diprava Lakra, IAS, Secretary Finance, Institutional Finance & Banking, Punjab; Sh. Raghunath B, Chief General Manager, NABARD, Shri Kanwaljit Shorey, General Manager, HO, PNB, LDMs, Senior Officers from RBI, State Government, Banks, various Corporations.**

He told that SLBC will deliberate & review the progress of Banks for the quarter ended June, 2023 along with the policy, financial & other issues related to progress & economic conditions of state of Punjab. As per RBI's Revamped Lead Bank Scheme, SLBC-Punjab conducted meeting of five Sub-committees to SLBC on 07.08.2023 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 requested all member banks to ensure data sanctity and timely submission of SLBC data.

Speaking about the progress of Banks in the Punjab state for the period ended June, 2023, In Punjab the YOY deposit growth is 9.12% as on 30.06.2023. Scheduled Commercial Banks(SCB) growing at 9.35%, Public Sector Banks(PSB) growing at 5.34%, Pvt. Banks growing at 19.92%. PSB share in deposits is 68% and Pvt. Banks have share of 26%. Position of Major banks in deposits as of June 2023 is: **SBI: 131486 Cr, PNB: 117694 Cr and HDFC: 69308 Cr.**

He cited that in Punjab the YOY credit growth is 9.69% as on 30.06.2023. SCB growing at 10.16%, PSB growing at 3.63%, Pvt. Banks growing at 19.93%. PSB bank share in advances portfolio is 55.33% and Pvt. Banks share is 39%. Major banks in advances as on June 2023 are: **SBI: 70085 Cr, HDFC: 65049 Cr, PNB: 45845 Cr.**

Commenting on Agriculture growth, he said that the state is growing at 5% as on 30.06.2023 with SCB growing @ 5.53%. PSB banks share in Agriculture advances is 52.73% and Pvt. banks share is 37%. The term loan component under agriculture is only 27% and there is a need for Infrastructure financing or Capital formation in rural area which will ultimately increase agriculture/ rural income of farmers in the state.

Further, in MSME the state is growing at 11.51% as on 30.06.2023. SCB growing at 11.37%. PSB banks share in MSME advances is 40.18% and Pvt. Banks Share in MSME advances is 59%.

While deliberating on the progress of Banks under National Goals he apprised that share of Priority Sector Advances to Total Advances is 54.13%. Share of Agriculture Advances to Total Advances is 25.26%, Share of Weaker Sector Advances to Total Advances is 19.03%, Share of Advances to Small and Marginal Farmers to Total Advances is 11.22% and Share of Micro Advances to Total Advances is 11.45%

He extended best wishes for fruitful & conclusive deliberations on all agenda issues of the meeting.

**Shri Kanwaljit Shorey, General Manager, HO, PNB** in his Keynote address extended a warm and hearty welcome to distinguished guests **Sh. Ajoy Sinha, Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Punjab, Sh. Vivek Srivastava, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh, Shri Diprava Lakra, IAS, Secretary Finance, Institutional Finance & Banking, Government of Punjab; Sh. Raghunath B, Chief General Manager, NABARD,** LDMs, Senior Officers from RBI, State Government, Banks, Corporations and other offices.

He apprised the house that we will be reviewing the performance of Banks in the state of Punjab for the quarter ended June 2023 and deliberating on road map for attaining the targets for FY 2023-24 set forth by Regulatory & other Authorities.

He also touched upon the evolving macro-economic conditions in the country. He said that The Global growth is projected to fall from an estimated 3.5 percent in 2022 to 3.0 percent in both 2023

and 2024. While the forecast for 2023 is modestly higher than predicted in the April 2023 World Economic Outlook (WEO), it remains weak by historical standards. The world economy is predicted to pick up some momentum, expanding by 2.5 per cent in 2024, with inflationary pressures gradually easing.

He also mentioned that the Central Bank has kept the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate at 6.25 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.75 per cent. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation** for the fiscal year 2024 has been projected to be 5.1%. Inflation is expected to remain above the RBI's target of 4% throughout 2023-24 due to factors such as uncertainty in the monsoon season, international commodity prices, and financial market volatility.

Talking about the Banking network he said that in the state of Punjab, there are 6,464 branches, out of which Public Sector Banks have 4,020 branches, Private Sector Banks have 2008 and Regional Rural Banks have 436 branches. Further, there are 7,226 ATMs in the state.

He affirmed that the banks in the state of Punjab have been putting in concerted efforts for effective implementation of various Government led schemes and contributing to economic well-being & financial inclusion in the state of Punjab.

Informing the house about performance under ACP during FY2023-24, he said that the banks in the state of Punjab have disbursed Rs.79304 Crore i.e. 144% of target up to June 2023 under ACP 2023-24. The achievement under Agriculture and MSME segment was 108% and 204% respectively during this period.

He congratulated the member banks and LDMs of Jalandhar, Muktsar Sahib, Fatehgarh Sahib and Ludhiana districts for achieving more than 100% of their allocated targets of total Priority Sector under Annual Credit Plan.

Speaking about the Saturation Campaign under PMJJBY & PMSBY schemes, he said that the Dept. of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India launched a Saturation Campaign of Three Months starting from 01.04.2023 to 30.06.2023 to ensure that every eligible citizen gets the benefits of these schemes. All the LDMs and member banks put concerted efforts to cover each and every eligible beneficiary in the state and made this campaign a huge success. The Total enrolments under Social Security Schemes during Current FY up to 30.06.2023 are- 322095 in PMJJBY, 905226 in PMSBY and 83116 in APY.

He further added that Credit facilities to the tune of Rs.1126 Crore has been sanctioned to 96178 beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) during FY2023-24 and 29% of the target for Financial Year has been achieved which is satisfactory performance for one quarter. However, To augment off-take in MUDRA loans, he suggested Sourcing as many PMMY loan applications via digital modes as possible and exploring the involvement of BCs in sourcing of loan applications.

The Percentage of Disbursement against Total sanctioned applications under 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tranche of PM- SVANidhi scheme is 84%, 70% and 82% respectively. He requested all member Banks to dispose of the pending applications for sanction & disbursement immediately and also ensure that no rejection is done on flimsy grounds.

Informing the house regarding digital coverage in saving and current bank accounts, he said that during the initial stage, Kapurthala, SAS Nagar (Mohali) and Malerkotla districts were identified for 100% digitalization in the state of Punjab. To further scale up the Digitalization Programme in the State, two more districts i.e. Fazilka & Faridkot were identified.

He suggested member banks to strive for 100% Digitalization in the state of Punjab and focus on increasing the share of digital transactions vis-à-vis the total transactions through adoption of new age technologies and on-boarding of more and more customers/merchants on digital platforms.

While concluding, he conveyed his best wishes to all member banks for achievement of targets in this Financial Year and assured full cooperation from banking fraternity towards strengthening and uplifting the socio-economic conditions of the people of the State.

**Sh. Vivek Srivastava, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Chandigarh** in his address to the house welcomed the dignitaries and all participants. He Thanked the entire SLBC & member banks for the support rendered in successful conduct of Financial Literacy Quiz by RBI for Govt. school & Municipal corporation children. He then asked to go beyond the existing Five districts and cover the entire state for 100% digitalization across all districts. The same will be monitored more closely by the Reserve Bank.

Talking about the **Reserve Bank of India's** 100 Days 100 Pays' Campaign for unclaimed deposits in DEAF accounts, he requested the member banks to come forth for identifying/tracing and reaching out to the customers as the amount collected from these DEAF A/Cs is very huge. He asked the member banks to use FINTECH for credit from the formal sector to the informal sector particularly to farmers. Wherever Banks have tie up with Fintech for such facilities, they can evaluate the risk and explore the possibilities, identify the area of concern if any & report the same to RBI in writing.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Punjab** in his keynote address emphasized to focus on development schemes as during various review meetings with Secretaries of different departments, it has come to the notice of State Govt. that there is hunger for Bank loans. He said that a proposal will soon be submitted to SIDBI from Punjab Agro & other institutions and the state govt. is also going to give support for value addition.

Speaking about the KCC given to farmers, he said that figures related to Term Loan in Agriculture are not very encouraging. Although the achievement of targets under crop loan is satisfactory if compared with other states also, but for Asset creation we are far behind and there is need for term Loaning which is of Prime importance to achieve the scale of Finance as per NABARD.

Further, there is lot of demand from middle & small industries like Sports, IT etc. in Punjab. He requested the Bankers to come up for discussions if they are interested to establish any FINTECH or Back Support Office in the GMADA (Greater Mohali Are Development Authority) as the Govt. is under process of establishing a Big FINTECH Tower for all Financial services.

He pointed out that the achievement under insurance coverage is quite less and the state is lagging behind at almost 50% of the targets. Although there are challenges with street vendors, the sanction & disbursement is not very encouraging despite organization of several camps. So there is a long way to go as the State can achieve much better.

He further congratulated the Banks who have achieved their ACP targets for the current quarter and said that looking at the performance, still there are many Banks who are lagging behind & districts who have not even achieved state average. So he requested all the Banks and LDMS to join hands and strive hard and for the development of the state and assured complete support from state govt. wherever required.

**Shri Diprava Lakra, IAS, Secretary Finance**, Institutional Finance & Banking, Punjab in his maiden address to the house said that it's a great opportunity to be a part of the SLBC. Sharing his thoughts, he said that the State Govt. & Bankers are partners for the development of Punjab state and offered complete support from Govt. of Punjab for the purpose. Expressing his concern over rising Financial Frauds with FINTECH, he said that these frauds are happening to even Financially Literate people also. So there is a need for robust Redressal Mechanism system to create faith in people for digitalization.

Addressing the concern, **Sh. Parveen Guglani, DGM, SLBC** said that despite putting up Cyber Security mechanisms, frauds are very high. He said that the banks are working on it and the systems will be strengthened further.

**Shri Raghunath B, Chief General Manager, NABARD** in his address flagged the issue regarding non-revision of Scale of Finance. He said that the growth in agriculture lending in crop loan for last 5 years i.e. CAGR is less than 3%. The ground level credit is not going up as the Scale of Finance has not been revised from last 3 years. The Agriculture Dept. needs to take charge to set guidelines/targets for Scale of Finance taking into account the Cost of cultivation, Marketing etc.

As per RBI guidelines, there should be an incremental increase of 10% every year covering the inflation but at present, it is only covering cost of cultivation. Because of which many MFIs are gaining more grounds in state as compared to main lending institutions, even though they are lending at 20-30%. If Scale of Finance is not increased, it will increase the indebtedness in farmers.

Thus, it is an opportunity for the Banks to revisit the Scale of Finance and increase our share as the RRBs & PSCB's share is also coming down in agriculture lending.

Sh. Parveen Guglani, DGM, SLBC said that it is a paradoxical situation that on the one front committee has been formed to study issue of over financing in agriculture while on the other hand we are referring to the incremental part in Scale of Finance. He said that while sanctioning KCC, the banks must be considering the 10% incremental part.

Thereafter, he informed the house that Banks have given their inputs on Action points emerged in 164<sup>th</sup> SLBC Meeting and the same will be discussed during the course of meeting with agenda items. It was accepted by The Punjab State Coop Bank in action taken report that the data submitted for 164<sup>th</sup> meeting under Agriculture advances & KCC was incorrect and now corrected data has been submitted.

The Agenda Items were discussed as under: -

<b>Agenda No. 1</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Confirmation of minutes of 164th Meeting of State Level Bankers' Committee (Punjab)</b>
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The House confirmed the e-mailed/circulated minutes of above meeting as no comments/suggestions were received.

<b>Item No. 2</b>	<b>Annual Credit Plan 2023-24 Achievements up to 30.06.2023</b>
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ACP achievement of the Banks during F.Y 2023-24 for the Q.E June 2023 is 144%, Banks have achieved 108% in agriculture, 204% in MSME and 87% in other priority sector.

The top performing banks are HDFC, ICICI, Punjab Gramin Bank and Union Bank of India. The Public sector banks have grown by 104%, Pvt. Sector Banks by 186%, RRBs by 170% and Co-op. Bank by 131%.

Top performing districts with more than 100% achievement i.e. Jalandhar, Muktsar Sahib, Fatehgarh Sahib & Ludhiana were applauded for their performance.

**DGM, SLBC** requested the State Heads of Banks with low performance to put rigorous efforts so that targets under ACP can be achieved.

He further apprised the house that as per observations of worthy RD Sir and PSF Sir during 164<sup>th</sup> SLBC meeting regarding growth of only 25-27%, which does not seem to be reasonable, the ACP targets for F.Y. 2023-24 were revised in a special meeting held on 15.06.2023 with State Heads of Banks. A growth of 10-11% in targets was given to all banks. However, as far as PLP is concerned, if targets are fixed as per PLP, the variance will be very high as CAGR for last 3 years is 2.5-2.8% only. So, while finalising the targets, the achievement of last year has been taken into consideration. The targets have been accepted by the banks and same has been placed as Table Item in today's meeting.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary, Finance** observed that looking at the achievement for current quarter, it is not rational to lower the targets. He asked that whether the credit offtake is a seasonal activity and said that the targets should be higher when most of the banks are already achieving more than 100%. However, the major banks i.e. Bank of Baroda, IOB, Indian Bank with less than 50% achievement owe an explanation to the house and advised the banks to work harder for improved performance.

**Action: All Banks & LDMS**

<b>Item No. 3</b>	<b>Overall CD Ratio</b>
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During the period under review overall CD Ratio of State of Punjab has declined by 1.17% on QoQ basis, although the achievement under ACP is very good. However, on YoY basis, it has grown by 0.45%.

The major decline is in the Indian Overseas Bank (-38.17%) and UCO Bank (-28.81%). The concerned banks were requested to apprise of reasons for such major decline and to make concerted efforts for improved position in the upcoming quarter.

**Action: All Banks& LDMS**

<b>Item No. 3.1</b>	<b>CD Ratio - Rural Areas</b>
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The CD Ratio in Rural Areas was continuously declining from last 2-3 quarters. However, during the current Q.E.June 2023, the CD Ratio has increased by 0.38 PPS on YoY basis and 1.50PPS on QoQ basis.

**Action: All Banks& LDMS**

<b>Item No. 3.2 &amp; 3.3</b>	<b>CD Ratio - Semi Urban Areas &amp; Urban Areas</b>
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During the review period, the CD Ratio of Semi Urban area has increased by 1.74 PPs from 49.26% as at June 2022 to 51% as at June 2023.

Similarly, the CD Ratio of Urban area has decreased by 0.60 PPs from 68.88% as at June 2022 to 68.28% as at June 2023.

**DGM, SLBC** said that unavailability of CC Balances can be one reason for the decline, however the State Heads are requested to ponder upon reasons for no Growth in CD Ratio. For improvement in CD Ratio, the Banks should ensure steady growth instead of any particular quarter growth.

<b>Item No. 4</b>	<b>Credit Deposit Ratio – Implementation of the Recommendations of Expert Group on CD Ratio</b>
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CD Ratio has decreased in Jalandhar, SBS Nagar & Hoshiarpur districts.

LDM Jalandhar informed that the reason for downfall in CD ratio is lesser availment of Limits after March quarter and more repayments in June. Also with the coming of Delhi Katra expressway, deposits increased with acquisition of land and CD ratio declined further on YoY basis. A Special DLC meeting to discuss strategies for improving CD ratio was called wherein the various Govt. Departments i.e. Agriculture, Dairy, Fisheries etc. were requested to give more proposals to Banks.

**DGM, SLBC** suggested that the review meetings under Monitorable Action Plan should be held more frequently & not only on quarterly basis and Branch wise monitoring should be done after discussing the targets with DCOs.

LDM SBS Nagar was advised to strive hard for improving the CD Ratio and formulate strategy for regular monitoring as the district is lagging behind at 20% only.

There is improvement in CD ratio of Pathankot & Hoshiarpur districts. DGM, SLBC requested the districts to keep on working to achieve target of 40% CD ratio.

**Action: Concerned LDMS/Banks**



<b>Item No. 5</b>	<b>Review of National Goals</b>
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The state has surpassed the targets under all parameters of National Goals except the Export Credit. The Priority Sector Advances achievement to Net Bank Credit has come down slightly to 54.13% as on 30.06.2023 from 55.43% as at June 2022. Under agriculture, the state has achieved 25.26% against the target of 18%, the achievement of National goal under small & marginal farmers is 11.22% against the target of 10%. However, the CD ratio is at 58.99% which is slightly below the benchmark of 60% and needs improvement.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 6</b>	<b>Ground level Credit data</b>
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The achievement of Commercial Banks under Ground Level Credit is 98%, RRBs 176% and Coop Banks is 137%. The overall achievement as on 30.06.2023 is 108%.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary Finance** raised the concern that the achievement under Farm Mechanization, Plantation & Horticulture is very less as compared to the targets.

**DGM, SLBC** said that since term loan financing is not there in state, the farmers are sourcing it through KCC which causes over financing in agriculture. Banks have also financed on the basis of oral lease as reported by the study committee on Over Financing.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS** emphasized on sector wise review in Agriculture and requested the CGM, NABARD for same.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 7</b>	<b>Priority Sector Advances</b>
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During the period under review, Priority Sector Advances in Punjab has been increased by Rs. 11843 Crores, from Rs.166283 crores as at June 2022 to Rs.178126 crores as at June 2023 thus showing a growth of 7.12%.

However, the Public sector banks were requested by DGM, SLBC to give special attention during current Quarter to improve their position as they have shown negative growth of 2.93%.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 8</b>	<b>Agriculture Advances</b>
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The Agriculture Advances in the State during the period under review witnessed an increase of Rs.3963 crores from Rs.75681 crores as at June 2022 to Rs.79644 crores as at June 2023 thus showing increase of 5.24%.

The Top performing banks are Punjab Gramin Bank, PSCB, SBI, HDFC & PNB.

However, again there is a dip in case of Public sector Banks. The Indian Overseas Bank & UCO Bank were advised to focus more for improvement.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 8.1</b>	<b>NPA in Agriculture Sector</b>
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The percentage NPA under Agriculture sector have come down to 2.77% from 2.99% on YoY basis. As on June 2023, NPAs are to the tune of Rs.9583 crores which is 10.93% of Agriculture advances outstanding.

Thus the recovery mechanism has been good and the position will be improved further. However, the Banks with high NPA percentage i.e. Bank of India, IDBI, Kotak Mahindra need to improve their recovery system, increase the share of agriculture advances to decrease the NPA percentage.

**Action: All Banks/ Agriculture Dept.**

<b>Item No. 8.2</b>	<b>Agriculture Advances through Term Loan.</b>
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Out of the total Agriculture advances of Rs.87668 crores, term loan component is Rs.23727 crores which comes to 27.06%.

Punjab being the Agriculture state, the Agriculture Infrastructure Financing should pick up and go beyond at least 30%.

Banks which need to focus more are UCO Bank, IDBI, Pb. State Coop Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank.

**Action: Concerned Banks/ Agriculture Dept.**

<b>Item No. 9</b>	<b>Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme</b>
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The Outstanding under KCC for commercial banks is 53635cr as on 30.06.2023 and for Coop. Banks is 5758cr. The position has improved as compared to previous year, however there is a long way to go further and improve financing to protect the farmers from high interest rates of Pvt. Financing and come under the fold of Banks, which will ultimately lead to growth of Punjab state.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 9.1</b>	<b>KCC-ATM cum Debit Cards position</b>
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The overall percentage of cards issued as on 30.06.2023 is 74% and the same was 69% as on 31.03.2023. Although, the position has improved slightly, but the Pvt. Sector Banks are still lagging behind.

During the previous SLBC meetings also, it was advised by RBI that cards have to be issued in all new as well as old KCC accounts. The Banks which are still lagging behind are Canara Bank, Punjab Gramin Bank, PSCB, IDBI, J& K, Kotak Mahindra and Axis Bank.

The concerned Banks to remove this gap at the earliest.

The Banks with 100% issuance of cards are Punjab & Sind Bank, Bank of Maharashtra, ICICI, Indusind, Bandhan Bank & Yes Bank.

**DGM, SLBC** requested the banks for immediate issuance of Debit cards to all KCC holders as only then DBT will be possible.

**Action: Concerned Banks**

<b>Item No. 10</b>	<b>Advances to SC Beneficiaries</b>
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The **Advances to SC Beneficiaries** in the State during the period under review witnessed an increase of Rs.84 Crores i.e. 1.50 % on YoY basis.

The Banks which need to focus are IOB, Bank of India, J&K, idbi, Kotak Mahindra, Axis Bank and HDFC.

**Action: Concerned Banks**

<b>Item No. 11</b>	<b>Farmers Produce Organization</b>
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67 FPOs have been promoted under Government of India PRODUCE Fund, 5 FPOs under Farm Sector Promotion Fund and 33 FPOs under Produce Organization Dev. Fund (PODF). Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur and Ludhiana are the leading districts under the scheme.

As the formation of new FPOs is not there, NABARD was again requested to look for other states who have performed well to make the scheme more beneficial and consider change in policy for reducing minimum threshold limit of 300 members.

**Action: All Banks, LDMs & NABARD**

<b>Item No.12</b>	<b>Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)</b>
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The achievement against the target of Rs.3883.40cr is Rs.1126.81cr and comes out to 29%.

The performance under the scheme is good and top performing banks are PNB, PGB, UBI, Indusind & PSB.

The Banks to work further to achieve targets of F.Y.2023-24. Bandhan bank, Kotak Mahindra and Yes Bank to focus more under the scheme.

**DGM, SLBC** requested the banks to focus more on Shishu Loans as interest subsidy of 2% is provided for same.

**Action: All Banks & LDMs**

<b>Item No. 12.1</b>	<b>NPA under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)</b>
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NPA under MUDRA increased from 8.76% as on 30.06.2022 to 11.21% as on 30.06.2023 with Public sector banks having 11.51% NPA, Pvt. Sector Banks 9.40% and RRBs 13.59%. The banks with more NPA i.e. HDFC, Bank of Maharashtra, Central Bank of India, PNB and Indian Bank need to keep a check and ensure end use of loans to reduce the NPA percentage.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 13</b>	<b>Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)</b>
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The Banks in the state of Punjab have achieved 57% of quarterly targets of Margin Money under PMEGP scheme. The growth has however been good in the previous two years and hopefully will be picked up in the coming 3 quarters.

Except HDFC, other Pvt. Banks are not contributing to the progress which is a matter of concern.

**Sh. Vivek Srivastava, RD, RBI** raised the concern regarding NIL performance of Axis Bank.

The representative from KVIC informed that the progress has picked up in July and the achievement as on date is 74%. He requested the banks to claim their margin money at the earliest.

**Action: All Banks & KVIC Dept.**

<b>Item No. 14</b>	<b>Stand-up India Programme of Ministry of Finance</b>
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Expressing concern over the performance of Banks under Stand-Up India Flagship Programme, **DGM SLBC** said that the scheme has not yet picked up in state and Out of total 6464 Branches, only 145 branches have participated and sanctioned 145 loans amounting to Rs.59.68 crores.

All LDMs were requested to achieve atleast one loan per branch to get progress under the scheme.

**Sh. Vivek Srivastava, RD, RBI** asked the LDMs to have discussions in BLBC meetings and identify reasons for non-performance.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 15</b>	<b>Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana (PMSBY) and Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana (PMJJBY).</b>
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DGM, SLBC apprised the house that during last year, 10,24,494 enrolments were done under the schemes while this year, 12,27,321 enrolments have been done in one quarter only.

Although, the achievement this year has been highest since the launch of schemes but despite organisation of large number of meetings and camps, only 9% of eligible population under PMSBY and 20% PMJJBY has been covered. While as per the targets fixed by the Govt., 18% & 30% of eligible population was to be covered under both schemes.

The Target was to cover 39 lakh beneficiaries this year and so far 12 lakh enrolments have been done.

Convener SLBC said that the number of active enrolments is very less & renewal percentage is also not satisfactory. He requested the banks to strive hard to achieve targets set by the govt.

DGM, SBI suggested that the state govt. can call a meeting of entire machinery involved on lines with the earlier meeting held.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS** said that instructions will be given to departments concerned to put camps in Mandis, give necessary support to banks and suggested the banks to have targeted approach.

**Action: All Banks**

<b>Item No. 16</b>	<b>Atal Pension Yojana (APY)</b>
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The overall achievement under the scheme as on 30.06.2023 is 17.12%. The same was 77% last year and there has been improvement over previous years. The state has also received award from PFRDA for two banks i.e. IDBI & Union Bank of India.

But the state is lagging behind as compared to other states. The Private sector banks have achieved only 4.97% and to improve their performance in the upcoming quarters.

**Action: Concerned Banks**

<b>Agenda Item No. 17</b>	<b>Review of progress of implementation of various packages announced by RBI/Govt. of India for different sector of economy in view of COVID pandemic</b>
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<b>Item No. 17.1</b>	<b>PM Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM- SVANidhi) a special Micro Credit Facility Scheme</b>
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Out of 153395 applications received till 30.07.2023, 91330 applications have been sanctioned so far and 73910 applications have been disbursed. 17420 applications are pending for disbursement and

there are 273 applications which are yet to be picked up by the banks. The concerned banks i.e. SBI, P&SB, HDFC and IOB were requested to sanction the pending applications at the earliest.

**DGM, SLBC** informed the house that many rejected applications were uploaded again on portal and same were sanctioned from backend instead of going to branches. As a result of which application cannot be rejected if the applicant does not turn up.

In case of PNB, out of 7000 applications, around 4000 applicants did not turn up to avail the facility even after written notices, telephonic calls & contacting nodal officers also. Similarly, in case of SBI, around 6000 applicants are not turning up.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, PSF, GoP** enquired from Local Govt. representative the status of such applications and asked to share the data with Institution Finance & Banking, Punjab. he said that those applications where the applicants are not turning up should be removed from the portal pendency. He advised the concerned dept. to acquire new applications & upload those on portal instead of re-uploading unavailable ones.

Endorsing the same, Convener SLBC also advised the Nodal dept. to not keep on showing old pendency of untraceable applicants and give fresh applications instead.

**DGM, SLBC** requested the member banks to clear the pendency before the **Visit of Dr Bhagwat Karad, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance at Chandigarh on 25.08.2023 to Review Progress under PM SVANidhi Scheme.**

**Action: Banks/ LDMs & ULBs**

<b>Item No. 17.2</b>	<b>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 &amp; Dairying</b>
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Under the campaign, a total of 59094 applications have been received so far for KCC to Animal Husbandry & Dairy out of which 45607 have been sanctioned and 813 applications are pending with banks.

Further, for KCC to Fisheries, out of total 391 applications received, only 54 applications have been sanctioned, 15 applications are pending with banks and as many as 322 applications have been rejected.

The concerned banks were requested to clear the pendency at the earliest. The Fisheries Dept. was requested to source new applications to improve the position.

**Action: Banks/ LDMs**

<b>Item No. 17.3</b>	<b>CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME FOR “FINANCING FACILITY UNDER AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND”</b>
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Banks have received 7307 applications under the scheme and have sanctioned 3750 applications and 1843 applications are still under process.

Representative from Horticulture dept. said that the state is progressing well this year with support of banks. AIF position has been regained and Punjab is at 2<sup>nd</sup> position in terms of sanction. The Banks were however requested to share the Interest Subvention Claim data.

**DGM, SLBC** said that the AIF is a very lucrative scheme and if awareness is being created, there is a lot of scope for good proposals.

Convener SLBC asked the nodal dept. to source maximum number of applications.

**DGM, SBI** requested the Nodal Dept. to take up the matter for covering the Solar Pumps in CGTMSE as lot many applications have to be rejected due to unavailability of same.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, PSF, GoP** asked the Nodal Dept. to discuss the issue separately with him for resolving the same.

Banks with maximum pendency HDFC, SBI, UBI, P&SB were requested to clear the pendency at the earliest.

**Action: Banks & Horticulture Dept.**

<b>Item No. 17.4</b>	<b>PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PM FME Scheme)</b>
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Banks have received 2152 applications, out of which 1159 have been sanctioned. 276 applications are still pending with banks with HDFC & SBI having maximum pendency.

**Sh. Rajnish Tuli, GM, Punjab Agro** informed that rejection rate is very less in Punjab and the state is at number one position in country. However, he raised the concern regarding disbursement issue by the banks as they insist for more margin money than 10% due to which the small enterprises face problems.

**Sh. Ajoy Kumar Sinha, PSF, GoP** asked the dept. to flag the name of the banks asking for more margin money than defined National Norms.

**Convener SLBC** asked the dept. to organize more camps as PMFME is a very good scheme and urged the banks to clear the pendency by adhering to time limit.

**Action: LDMs & Banks**

Item No. 18 & 18.1	<b>EXPANDING AND DEEPENING THE DIGITAL PAYMENT ECO-SYSTEM IN IDENTIFIED DISTRICTS-KAPURTHALA, SAS NAGAR(MOHALI), MALERKOTLA, FARIDKOT &amp; FAZILKA</b>
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**DGM SLBC** said that as advised by **Sh. Vivek Srivastava, RD, RBI**, all the districts in the state of Punjab will now be covered for 100% digitalization. All the LDMs and Banks to start working for the purpose.

**Action: All Banks & LDMs**

Item No.19	<b>Scale of Finance in Agriculture Advances</b>
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**DGM, SLBC** apprised the house that nomination from RBI Chair has not yet been received for the committee formed to study issue of Over Financing in Agriculture.

**Sh. Vivek Srivastava, RD, RBI** said that the matter will be viewed separately and will be conveyed to SLBC.

Item No. 20	<b>Opening of Brick &amp; Mortar Branch at village Dona Mattar,Distt Ferozepur</b>
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After approval in 163rd SLBC and approval in DCC, Branch at alternate site Village Pindi which is at distance of 5 KM from Hadbast of Dona Matar has been opened on 31.03.2023 and the matter has been resolved.

Item No. 22	<b>“100 Days 100 Pays” Campaign to settle Unclaimed Deposits</b>
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**DGM, SLBC** requested all the member banks and LDMs to resolve their Top 100 accounts district wise and bank wise under the Reserve Bank of India’s “100 Days 100 Pays” Campaign to settle Unclaimed Deposits.

**Action: All Banks & LDMs**

**DGM, SLBC** assured on behalf of all the Bankers to live up to the expectations of regulators and showcase improved performance.

Thereafter, the meeting ended with Vote of thanks by Shishram Tundwal, General Manager, Central Bank of India.



**List of Participants****165<sup>th</sup> Meeting of SLBC (Punjab)  
Held on 18.08.2023 at 11.00 A.M**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of participant (Shri/Smt)</b>	<b>Designation/Bank/Department</b>
1	Ajoy Kumar Sinha, IAS	Principal Secretary Finance, Government of Punjab
2	Vivek Srivastava	RD, RBI
3	Diprava Lakra, IAS	Secretary Finance, Institutional Finance & Banking, Punjab
4	Raghunath B	Chief General Manager, NABARD
	<b>Reserve Bank of India</b>	
5	Vikram Dhandu, AGM	RBI
	<b>Punjab National Bank</b>	
6	Kanwaljit Shorey, GM	Punjab National Bank
7	Puskar Tarai, GM	Punjab National Bank
8	Parveen Kumar Guglani, DGM	Punjab National Bank
9	Sumanth Kumar, Chief Manager	Punjab National Bank
10	Kamal Taneja, Senior Manager	Punjab National Bank
11	Shaveta, Manager	Punjab National Bank
12	Ishan Mehra, Dy. Manager	Punjab National Bank
	<b>State Government Departments/Boards/Corporations(Shri/Madam)</b>	
13	Sanjeev Aggarwal, Deputy Director	Department of Institutional Finance & Banking
14	Kamal Goyal	Department of Institutional Finance & Banking
15	Anil Khanna, AGM	NABARD
16	Rajneesh Tuli	Punjab Agro
17	Sanjeev Mahajan, Director	UIDAI
18	Ashutosh Kaushik, Deputy Director	UIDAI
19	Dr. Sukhwinder Singh	RBI Chair
20	Dr. Harinder Singh	Animal Husbandry(Punjab)
21	Yash Pal Singh, Director	KVIC
22	Bhupinder Singh, Under Secretary	Revenue Department
23	Amardeep Singh, SFO	Department of Fisheries(Punjab)

24	Baldeep Singh, Technical Director	Local Govt. Deptt./SUDA/NULM
25	Harpreet Singh, ADH	Horticulture Department
26	Nitya Tewari	SPMU-AIF
27	Raman Sharma, Director	Rural Development
28	Kashmir Singh, Director	Dairy Deptt
29	Dr S K Dubey, Centre Incharge	National Horticulture Board
30	T H R Samad, DGM	SIDBI
	<b>Banks (Shri/Madam)</b>	
31	Bipan Gupta, DGM	STATE BANK OF INDIA
32	Anil Dewani, DGM	STATE BANK OF INDIA
33	Parveen Nagpal, AGM	STATE BANK OF INDIA
34	SYED AIJAJ ALI, DGM	BANK OF BARODA
35	H K Harish, DZM	BANK OF INDIA
36	S K Trivedi, Zonal Manager	BANK OF MAHARASHTRA
37	B L Meena ,GM	CANARA BANK
38	Ghanshyam Parmar, DGM	UCO BANK
39	Chaman Lal Shienhmar , FGM	PUNJAB & SIND BANK
40	Roopali Singh, DGM	INDIAN BANK
41	Shaina, Nodal Officer	INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK
42	Shishram Tundwal, GM	CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA
43	Sunil Ahuja , DGM	UNION BANK OF INDIA
44	Arvinder Pal Singh, GM	PB. STATE COOPERATIVE BANK
45	Ravinder Kumar, GM	PB. GRAMIN BANK
46	Harvinder Kapoor, Regional Head GSP	HDFC BANK
47	Prabhjeet Singh Purba , Zonal Coordinator	ICICI BANK

48	Charanjit Singh Parmar ,SVP	AXIS BANK
49	Charu Bakhshi, AVP	AXIS BANK
50	Amarjeet, DGM	IDBI BANK
51	Gagandeep Kaur Walia,DVP	INDUSIND BANK
52	Zainul Abdeen	FEDERAL BANK
53	Varun Sharma, AVP	KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK
54	Riya, CRO	BANDHAN BANK
55	Vishal Singla , SVP	AU SMALL FINANCE BANK
56	Mukesh Chand, Cluster Head	CAPITAL SMALL FINANCE BANK
57	Iftikhar Abdullah Sofi, AGM	J & K Bank
58	Tajeshwar Bathla, VP	YES BANK
59	Pankaj Kaushik, EVP	YES BANK
60	Sadhna, Assistant Manager	JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
61	Raviraj Singh, Sr.Manager	Fino Payment Bank
62	Raminder Bir Singh, Circle Head	IPPB
63	Manish Mudgil, AVP	Airtel Payment Bank
64	Tarun Kaul, Chief Manager	Airtel Payment Bank
<b>Lead District Manager(Shri/Madam)</b>		
65	UMANG MAINI	Amritsar
66	Mohinder Pal Garg	Barnala
67	Manju Galhotra	Bathinda
68	RAMESHWAR DASS	Faridkot
69	Mukesh Saini	Fatehgarh Sahib
70	Manish Kumar	Fazilka
71	Kewal Kishan	Gurdaspur

72	RAJESH JOSHI	Hoshiarpur
73	GEETA MEHTA	Ferozpur
74	Sarabjit Singh	Ludhiana
75	Vijay Gupta	Mansa
76	Chiranjit Singh	Moga
77	Gurcharan Singh	Sri Muktsar Sahib
78	Lalit Kumar Mehra	Pathankot
79	Davinder Kumar	Patiala
80	Manish Tripathi	Rupnagar
81	M K Bhardwaj	SAS Nagar
82	Harmesh Lal	SBS Nagar
83	Nirmal Roy	Tarn Taran
84	Parwinder Kumar Chopra	Malerkotla
85		Sangrur