MINUTES OF 24th SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF SLBC ON SHG & RSETI HELD ON 23rd MARCH, 2015 AT SBI, LHO, PATNA

The 24th meeting of Sub-Committee of SLBC on SHG & RSETI was held on 23rd March, 2015 at State Bank of India, Local Head office, Patna. The meeting was attended by Mrs Vijayalakshmi, CEO, BRLPS, GOB, officials from RBI, NABARD, Banks and representatives of JEEVIKA and UDHD. The list of participants is enclosed as Annexure-I.

The AGM, SLBC welcomed all the participants.

After confirmation of the Minutes and Action Taken Report of the 23rd Steering Committee meeting of SLBC on SHG & RSETI held on 23.12.2014, the Agenda items were tabled and the following issues were discussed:

Urban Self Help Group:

The representative of UDHD apprised the House that 5867 SAMVARDHAN promoted urban SHGs have been formed in the 45 Urban Local Bodies (ULB) of the state. Out of this 2740 accounts have been opened by the Banks. But the credit linkage of the urban groups is happening at a very slow pace. So far, only 82 SHGs have been credit linked and that too with an average credit limit of approx Rs. 26 thousand. The UDHD Official requested the bankers for extending credit to SAMVARDHAN promoted SHGs on the same lines as being done for rural SHGs i.e 4 times of the corpus or Rs. 50,000/- whichever is higher, as first dose. She also requested the controlling heads of banks to provide the UDHD a copy of the letter addressed to their respective branches, in this connection.

Smt Irina from UDHD also made a request to extend training support to urban entrepreneurs for livelihood promotion through the RSETIs and creation of USETIs on the pattern of RSETIs for catering to exclusive training needs of urban SHGs. Sri Manoj Kumar, State Project Co-ordinator (SPC) for RSETIs responded by saying that despite the word 'rural' in RSETI, the training requirements of urban youth is also being taken care of in the RSETIs and there is no need for any USETI. In any case a decision in this regard can be taken at the national level.

The UDHD representative also requested for formation of a separate Town Level Bankers' Committee on the pattern of DLCC & BLBC under the chairmanship of commissioner/ executive officer of ULB for a close monitoring of bank related performance under NULM. The AGM SLBC advised to refer this issue to RBI as it may be considered under the Lead Bank Scheme of RBI.

UDHD is also working with occupational groups as Rickshaw/Thela Pullers and Street Vendors and request was also made to issue credit cards to members who have become members of the Rickshaw/thela pullers' and Street Vendors' Federation. The representative from NABARD mentioned about the available credit card facility which can be extended to JLGs and it was suggested that a separate meeting be held with NABARD to understand the scheme in its totality.

Self Help Group (SHG)

Sri M.C. Saran, Programme coordinator of Jeevika, advised the House that more than one lac SHG accounts were opened by the banks and approx 50,000 SHGs were credit linked during the current financial year. He also stated that during the 1st quarter of 2015-16, credit linkage of one lac SHG accounts has been targeted and he sought the cooperation of the Banks in order to achieve this target. He also requested the Banks to use the common SHG account opening form and credit linkage (Ist dose) form and get the same uploaded on their

respective websites after putting their bank's seal on that, in order to download them for use by JEEVIKA in case of need.

The JEEVIKA representative also requested for enhancement in the limit for 2nd dose of credit to SHGs to Rs. 1.50 lacs. Since the eligible SHGs for 2nd dose of credit normally have more than Rs. 15000/- as corpus and RBI allows for 8 to 10 times of corpus as second dose limit, it was resolved to fix a minimum of Rs. 1.50 lacs as limit for 2nd dose of credit to SHGs.

Ms Vijayalakshmi, the CEO, BRLPS in her address requested for the co-operation of all Banks to achieve the ambitious target of one lac credit linkage by June 2015 and proposed to review the performance in this regard around 20th May 2015. She also proposed to have a felicitation programme in July 2015 after successful completion of the 1st quarter credit linkage goal. The CEO BRLPS requested the controlling head of all Banks to provide to SLBC a soft copy of common credit linkage form with their logo in order to upload the same on SLBC website.

Rural Self Employment Training Institutes(RSETIs):

Shri Manoj Kumar, State Project Coordinator (SPC) of RSETIs, Bihar, highlighted the following points with respect to functioning of RSETIs in the state:

- i) Banks were requested to instruct their branches to sponsor at least 10 candidates for training and credit link minimum 10 RSETI trained candidates in a year for improving the settlement ratio of RSETIs. AGM, SLBC advocated for inclusion of review of RSETIs credit linkage performance as permanent agenda item of DLCC meetings and RO/ZO level internal Review meeting of Banks.
- ii) SPC, RSETI also raised the issue of inadequate numbers of support staff in many RSETIs. All concerned Banks were requested to provide infrastructural support to all RSETIs as per the RSETI guidelines.
- iii) As per instruction from MORD, from 01.04.2015, GOI, NAR Bangalore may stop taking MPR from RSETIs and related data will be taken from MIS only. As such, the SPC requested the concerned banks to ask their RSETIs to reconcile MPR with MIS for each item by 31.03.2015 positively.

Reimbursement Claim of RSETIs:

• The SPC, Monitoring Cell of RSETIs, stated that only 20 out of the 38 RSETIs have submitted reimbursement claim to SRLM Deptt., Govt of Bihar. All sponsoring Banks were requested to expedite the process for early settlement of claims for FY 2013-14.

Land and Building Construction:

The SPC, also advised that except 5 Districts i.e Arwal, Bhagalpur, Jehanabad, Nawada and Patna, allotment of land for construction of RSETI building has been completed in all districts of Bihar. But the process of construction of RSETI building is very slow. CEO, BRLPS, advised the banks to expedite the process and send a status report to SLBC, Bihar by 31.03.2015. AGM, SLBC raised the issue of high tension wire crossing through the land at Jamui and electricity deptt. of Jamui has submitted an estimate of Rs. 7.49 lacs for removing the same. He requested the State Govt for absorbing the amount as RSETIs were to be provided land by the state govt. free of cost. CEO, BRLPS assured to look in to the matter.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.	

ACTION POINTS OF 24rd SUB COMMITTEE MEETING OF SLBC ON SHG & RSETI HELD ON 23rd MARCH, 2015

Sr.No.	Action point	Action to be taken by
1	All Banks to promote opening of accounts and credit linkage under Urban SHG 'Samvardhan'.	All Banks
2	All Banks to use the common SHG account opening form and credit linkage (Ist dose) form and get the same uploaded on their respective Bank & SLBC websites after putting their bank's seal for use by JEEVIKA, in case of shortage.	All Banks
3	All concerned Banks to send a report to SLBC on status of construction of RSETI building in their respective allotted districts.	All Banks sponsoring RSETIs
4	All Banks to ensure that all of their branches sponsor at least 10 candidates in their respective district's RSETI for training and credit link minimum 10 trainees of their respective district's RSETI in each financial year.	All Banks sponsoring RSETIs.
5	All RSETI to submit claim of training expenses of BPL candidates duly approved in LAC meeting for the FY 2013-14 in the prescribed format through their sponsoring Bank to SRLM at the earliest.	All concerned Banks & RSETIs
