STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, BIHAR

24TH REVIEW MEETING AS ON 31ST March 2008

VENUE: HOTEL CHANAKYA, PATNA

DATE: 13.05.2008

TIME: 11 A.M.



CONVENOR:

STATE BANK OF INDIA LOCAL HEAD OFFICE P A T N A

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STATE LEVEL BANKERS'COMMITTEE, BIHAR, CONVENOR - STATE BANK OF INDIA

BIRD'S EYE VIEW PERFORMANCE OF ALL BANKS UP TO MARCH 2008 UNDER THE ANNUAL CREDIT PLAN 2007-08

SECTOR / SCHEME	BANKS WITH LEAD BANK RESPONSIBILITIES							RRBs	OTHER	AGT
SECTOR / SCHEIME	SBI	PNB	CBI	CAN	UCO	BOB	UNION	KKD5	UTHER	AGI
NOS OF LEAD DISTRICTS	7	12	10	1	4	2	2	* *	* *	38
ACP ACHIEVEMENT – (%)	96.23	67.62	87.52	110.46	76.56	71.17	102.65	72.73	67.37	80.21
SHARE IN TARGETS- (%)	25.37	11.98	9.84	3.60	3.25	2.66	1.68	16.59	25.03	100
CONTRIBUTION-(%)	30.43	10.10	10.74	4.95	3.10	2.36	2.15	15.03	21.00	100
PMRY- 2007-08 (%)	73.35	49.94	56.51	62.69	57.25	52.07	66.30	* *	12.89	58.63
SGSY-ACHIEVEMENT (%)	33.40	35.93	36.77	28.65	55.25	25.56	94.75	52.73	21.62	40.14
KCC- ACHIEVEMENT (%)	79.30	60.80	85.30	101.42	73.92	69.45	82.49	73.92	52.83	67.81

PERFORMANCE OF ALL BANKS UP TO MARCH 2007 UNDER THE ANNUAL CREDIT PLAN 2006-07

SECTOR / SCHEME	BANKS WITH LEAD BANK RESPONSIBILITIES							RRBs	OTHER	AGT
SECTOR / SCHEIME	SBI	PNB	CBI	CAN	UCO	BOB	UNION	KKDS	UTHER	AGT
NOS OF LEAD DISTRICTS	7	12	10	1	4	2	2	**	**	38
ACP ACHIEVEMENT – (%)	105.42	94.00	96.30	103.24	45.62	85.53	100.84	78.6 8	69.82	87.37
SHARE IN TARGETS- (%)	25.29	12.05	10.41	3.62	3.76	2.88	1.88	17.3 5	22.74	100
CONTRIBUTION-(%)	30.51	12.98	11.48	4.28	1.96	2.82	2.17	15.6 2	26.03	100
PMRY- 2006-07 (%)	86.87	69.01	88.39	78.99	73.04	51.07	104.00	* * *	58.46	76.06
SGSY-ACHIEVEMENT (%)	53.37	51.52	54.95	43.63	59.81	64.17	118.16	93.3 6	39.81	65.46
KCC- ACHIEVEMENT (%)	102.85	83.53	77.68	100.76	41.77	73.82	63.98	73.7 2	16.21	66.56

STATE LEVEL BANKERS'COMMITTEE 24th MEETING

NOTES ON AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA NO. I

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE23rd STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE MEETINGHELD ON the 18th January 2008

The House may please confirm the Minutes of the 23rd State Level Bankers' Committee meeting held on 18th January 2008, and circulated to all concerned.

AGENDA NO. II

(A) ACTION TAKEN REPORT FOR 23rd SLBC MEETING

ACTION POINTS

<u>Action Point- 1:-</u> Banks should expand their branch networks in the State so that the full benefits of rural developmental schemes would reach to the target groups. (Action: - Banks)

<u>Current Status:</u>- During the year 2007-08, State Bank of India opened 25 branches; Central bank of India, 11branches; Bank of Baroda, 4 branches; Canara Bank, 1 branch; while UCO Bank opened 3 branches in the State. Further, 123 new branches are proposed to be opened in the State by different Banks. Out of which 102 branches are proposed to be opened by State Bank of India, 7 branches (3 branches already opened during the current year) by Central Bank of India, 7 branches by Bank of Baroda, 3 branches by Canara Bank, and 5 branches by UCO Bank. Apart from the above, other Banks also have the branch expansion plans in the state during the year 2008-09.

<u>Action Point- 2:-</u> For improving the C D Ratio in the State, Commercial Banks, RRBs and Co-operative Banks together should work out an action plan. (Action: - SLBC & Banks)

<u>Current Status</u>: - Following the recommendations of the Expert Group on CD Ratio, Special Sub-committees under DLCCs were constituted in the year 2006 in all the 29 districts with C D Ratio below 40 % in the State. In accordance with the recommendations, the Special Sub-committees already prepared actionable plans for increasing the C D Ratio of their Districts and monitored the progress in its meetings at regular intervals; but the desired increase in C D Ratio is yet to be achieved. However, in three districts where C D Ratio was below 20 % as on March'05, it is

presently above 20 %. Similarly, the number of districts with CD Ratio above 40 % has gone up to 11 as on March'07 from 9 as non March'05

For increasing the CD Ratio of the State, the Special Sub-committees should be made more proactive and act in compliance of the recommendations of the Expert Group on CD Ratio. All Lead Banks should instruct their Lead District Managers in this regard. The responsibility for increasing the CD Ratio should be jointly taken by the State Government and Banks. The District Administration and the Lead Bank should jointly adopt the districts for the purpose.

<u>Action Point-3</u>:- An institutional arrangement should be made in terms of joint working groups comprising the representatives of the State Government, RBI and the Commercial Banks for specific issues like educational loans, credit to flood affected people, branch expansion etc. (Action: - SLBC, RBI & Govt.)

<u>Current Status</u>: - The issue has already been referred to in detail on the ATR - RBI Governor's visit to Patna on 18.01.2008 under Action Point No-5.

Action Point-4:- All Banks should achieve 100 % of the Annual Credit Plan 2007-08. Action: - Banks)

<u>Current Status</u>:- Against the overall target of Rs.13,100 cr. under the ACP 2007-08,all Banks achieved Rs.10508.07 cr. as on March'08, which is 80.21 %. A few Banks such as Canara Bank, Union Bank, Bank of India, Bank of Maharstra and Corporation Bank achieved 100 % or more of the ACP 2007-08. The position is given on page no.

<u>Action Point- 5</u>:- Banks should submit to the SLBC the list of beneficiaries under education loans, where collaterals have been obtained by them. (Action – All Banks)

<u>Current Status:</u> - No such instances have been reported by any Bank. Banks strictly adhere to the guidelines stipulated by RBI on security norms under education loans. In majority of cases, education loans up to Rs.4 lacs are being availed of by the beneficiaries, and Banks obtain no collateral whatsoever in such cases.

<u>Action Point- 6</u>:- Review mechanism at DLCC and BLBC levels should be strengthened so that branch-wise performance would be reviewed in a meaningful way, and those branches which are legging behind could suitably be advised and guided to improve their performance. (Action-Lead Bank in districts)

<u>Current Status</u>: - All Lead Banks have accordingly been advised to instruct their Lead District Managers to ensure regular review of Banks' branch-wise performances under the ACP in DLCC meetings.

<u>Action Point- 7</u>:- All banks should introduce business Facilitator and Business Correspondent models in their Banks. (Action-Banks)

<u>Current Status</u>:- Banks are introducing the model particularly for facilitating financial inclusion and providing banking services at low cost. State Bank of India has so far deployed the services of 266 Business Facilitators, who are providing non-financial support to banking services in rural and semi-urban areas by way of sourcing business.

<u>Action Point-8</u>:- A group comprising SLBC & the State Government Functionaries should undertake study in those States, where good development works have been done. (Action:- SLBC & State Government)

<u>Current Status</u>: - The SLBC and Department of Institutional Finance are working on it to evolve a suitable arrangement.

(B) Compliance to the proposals madeBy the Hon'ble Governor, Reserve Bank of India in response to the various issues that were discussed during the Governor's meeting with the Chief Minister, Bihar in course of his visit to Patnaon the 18th January 2008

<u>ACTION POINT-1</u>:- Opening of Bank Branches in unbanked Blocks: - State Government (District Administration) could identify centers which have potential for opening bank branches. The potential could be assessed with regard to eight or nine parameters such as availability of post office, availability of schools, colleges, hospitals etc, availability of electricity, availability of good physical connectivity (Road, Trains etc.) and such other facts which would suggest potential for establishing bank branches. A list of these centers could be made available to the Banks through SLBC. In case Banks find that some of the centers are not commercially viable, they may identify factors / facilities which would make these centers commercially viable for establishing bank branches. The Government may consider providing these additional facilities or ensuring appropriate support to facilitate establishment of bank branches. However, the point to be noted here is that such facilities or support from the State Government will be available for a limited period of time, by which time the branch should become viable with the picking up of business. (Action: SLBC & State Government)

<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>: - There are presently 27 unbanked Blocks in Bihar, and out of which 25 Blocks have already branches of RRBs catering to the banking needs of the people around there. As a follow-up of the above suggestion made by the Hon'ble Governor, Reserve Bank of India on his visit to Patna on the 18th January 2008, the issue was also discussed in the first meeting of the Inter-institutional Body held on the 20th March 2008 in the conference hall, SBI, LHO, Patna.

As resolved by the Sub-committee under the SLBC on unbanked Blocks, eight unbanked Blocks were initially selected for fresh branch opening surveys, those were Kesath (in Buxar), Bain (Dist- Nalanda), Chewara (Dist-Shiekhpura); Chausa (Dist-Madhepura), Lakhnaur (Dist-Madhubani), Choraut (Dist-Sitamarhi), Gaurabaram (Dist-Darbhanga) and Ismailpur (Dist-Bhagalpur).

In the first phase, a small Committee (comprising of the LDM, Canara Bank, Shiekhpura; the Senior Manager, ZO, Canara Bank; the Chief Manager (SLBC), SBI & Shri B.K.Thakur, Director DIF, Bihar) conducted a fresh branch opening survey in Chewara Block (Dist- Shiekhpura) on the 22nd January 2008. As informed by Canara Bank, the matter has been referred to their Central Office for consideration.

As regards Kesath & Chugai (both in Buxar) and Bain (Dist- Nalanda), surveys could not be carried out on the 22nd and 23rd January 2008 (As fixed earlier) due to some pre-occupation of the DIF, Govt. of Bihar. SLBC, Bihar again requested the Director, DIF, Govt. of Bihar to fix up new dates for the surveys. New dates for the surveys have been advised by the DIF, Govt. of Bihar and accordingly surveys will be completed in all the seven unbanked Blocks, so far pending for surveys, by 29.05.08.

As regards list of potential centres for opening new Bank branches, the State Government has been requested to provide the same to SLBC for further action in this regard.

<u>ACTION POINT-2</u>:- Education Loans: - Governor indicated that some of the possibilities could be to consider introduction of common application forms which may be issued to the student community. The filled up application forms could be forwarded to the concerned Banks by the State Government indicating the status of the educational institution and identifying the students. The Government could also consider entering into an MOU with one or two banks which have a large presence in the State for improving disbursement of educational loans and providing a guarantee for the loan. The State Government could also consider sending a group of their officials to study the position in some other states where the educational loan system is working well and use the lesson learnt there from in Bihar.(Action: SLBC & State Government)

<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>:- The issue was discussed at length in the first meeting of the Inter-institutional Body held on the 20th March 2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri A. Krishna Kumar, the Chairman, SLBC, Bihar and Chief General

Manager, State Bank of India, LHO, Patna. The meeting was attended by the General Manager (RPCD), RBI; GM, NABARD, AGM (RPCD) RBI, and representatives from the major Banks operating in the State.

As regards need of common application forms and putting the same on Banks' websites, it transpired in the meeting that individual Banks had their own sets of application forms for education loans, which along with other information including online application were available on Banks' websites for the benefit of the prospective beneficiaries.

However, Shri A. Krishna Kumar, Chairman, SLBC, Bihar suggested Banks to sit together and devise "General Application Data Forms", which should be provided to DIF, Govt. of Bihar in sufficient numbers for using as a common Annexure to individual Banks' application forms. Besides, Banks should provide their own application forms to DIF, Govt. of Bihar. SLBC has advised all Banks to initiate action accordingly. A meeting was held in the Chamber of Sri Navin Kumar, Principal Secretary, Finance on 29.04.2008 wherein a draft common advertisement, with checklist of documents required, was handed over to Department of Institutional Finance, Government of Bihar.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 25.05.2008 wherein "Common Application Data Forms" and other modalities will be finalized.

Regarding RBI & State Government's advice for creating a group of select Banks (Special Purpose Vehicle) to function as an independent entity exclusively for financing under education loans, and the proposed Government Guarantee to Banks in respect of education loans, the State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar held a meeting with select Banks on the 17th April 2008 and discussed the matter.

During the discussion and deliberation, the following conclusion emerged in the meeting:-

During the previous year, Banks extended education loans to all eligible students in sizable number in the State of Bihar .This year too; Banks - particularly major Banks are fully geared up for extension of education loans, and are committed for the welfare of meritorious students.

Formation of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) is presently not feasible as it invoke certain Acts and Regulations, which will cause inordinate delay in formation of the SPV and thus defeat the objective of facilitating education loans in the State. The education loan peak period will start within a month's time.

The alternative measure for constituting a committee of Banks, which may scrutinize and select or reject applications of education loans sponsored by the Government, was also not acceptable to Banks. Selection of eligible candidates / students for financing under education loan by Banks themselves should not be hindered or deviated.

In place of SPV or any Committee, the performance of Banks under education loans should be reviewed on a regular basis- say at monthly or bimonthly intervals, by a Sub-committee under the SLBC. The Sub-committee would also examine the complaints in respect of education loans received from the Government and advise concerned Banks to take remedial measures. The status of action taken against the complaints should also be reviewed in the meeting.

The meeting unanimously felt no need of any Government Guarantee for education loans, as the scheme is based on the Government / RBI directives, already providing exemption of any form of guarantee or security cover for loans up to Rs.4 lacs, and 90 % of the proposals under education loans falls under that category.

Banks were not in favour of Government guarantee at the cost of dilution in criteria for the education loans, in contravention of the guidelines suggested by RBI and the Government of India for the scheme. The dilution would further affect the quality of lending - affect repayment. Further, Banks agreed that it may send wrong message amongst borrower-students who may assume and prefer not to pay off their bank-dues on account of education loans being guaranteed by the Government.

It was observed by Banks that now a days most of the people prefer to complain / approach "Janta Darbar" with a grievance that Banks are not granting loans, without approaching the Banks for education loans,. This is more so used as a pressure tactics on the Banks for education loans. The House felt that Banks should sensitize all branch level functionaries so that no eligible students are denied loans under the scheme, thus minimizing or curbing scope of complaints by the students or their guardians.

In case of complaints / grievances by students to government departments, the Banks felt that the Government Department may ask the students to declare in writing that the complainants have already approached Banks for loans before lodging their complaints.

<u>ACTION POINT-3</u>:- Delay in clearing outstation cheques: Governor suggested that the factual position in this regard could perhaps be seen through a joint study visits or survey which could include representatives from the Lead Banks. The RBI, district administration and select banks having local presence. The Joint Study Group could ascertain the factual position, review the experience in this regard, identify problems and consider simplifying procedure. In case, there are delays it may be useful to identify the stage at which the delay is occurring – at the branch while processing, delay in submission, delay in return clearing, postal delay, clearing house delay etc.- so that the overall time taken could be kept to the minimum.

(Action- RBI, SLBC, State Government)

<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>:- Regarding the issue, Reserve Bank of India, Local Office Patna has conducted a study. The finding of the study has suggested that the delay in clearing of cheques occurred mainly at branch levels. In the first meeting of the Inter-institutional Body held on the 20th March 2008, all Banks were advised to sensitize their Branch Managers about avoiding delays at branches in respect of cheques under clearing/ collection. The Government, the House felt, should bring to the notice of Banks the specific cases in place of general instances of delays so as to enable the Controlling Heads of Banks to take immediate remedial actions and to ensure non-recurrence of such instances.

For linking computerized treasury operation with the computerized system of Banks as requested by the State Government, compatible software under secured environment is needed. State Bank of India has initiated some action in this regard. Deputy General Manager, I.T. State Bank of India, Corporate Centre with the help of the representatives from SBI, LHO, Patna have displayed before the State Government a presentation on Internet Transactions between Treasuries and Bank branches. They also discussed developing compatible software for the purpose. The House decided that SLBC, Bihar should follow up the matter with the State Government.

<u>ACTION POINT-4</u> :- Single Officer Branches: Governor suggested that the Banks could consider adopting the model of Central Bank of India, Muzaffarpur, where they propose to deploy about 10 to 12 officers to cater to about 48 single officer branches by engaging each of these officers with a cluster of 4 to 5 single officer branches. (Action: SLBC)

<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>:- About creation of a pool of officers for extending support to single officer branches in a cluster, Banks are providing all effective supports to such branches and the cluster approach in this regard has since been implemented.

ACTION POINT-5:- Inter Institutional Mechanisms : Governor indicated that it is very important to consider putting in place an effective inter-institutional mechanisms where Banks and the State Government officials could work together in a coordinated manner, identify the problems and address them through effective solutions. It would also be useful for identifying other States where the Banks are playing a more positive role in the areas where the Bihar Government feels that more needs to be done, conduct study visits these States by a composite team. The composite team could include select officers from the Banks in Bihar, a few District Magistrates, and a few State Government Officials. The inter-institutional mechanism could be initially be constituted for a few select aspects which are of immediate importance to the State like Branch expansion, educational loans revival of sick and closed units, disbursal of flood relief etc. (Action: State Government)

<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>:- In pursuance to the suggestions of the Hon'ble Governor, Reserve Bank of India, for addressing various problems relating to banking in the State through an Inter-institutional Mechanism, the Regional Director, RBI and the Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, LHO, Patna met the Development Commissioner, Govt. of Bihar on the 8th February 2008 and discussed various issues, which emanated during the meeting of the Governor, RBI with the Chief Minister, Bihar and the Senior Govt. Functionaries.

As a follow-up of the decisions taken in the meeting, the first meeting of the Inter-institutional Body was held on the 20th March 2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri A. Krishna Kumar, the Chairman, SLBC, Bihar and Chief General Manager, SBI, LHO, Patna The meeting was attended by the General Manager (RPCD), RBI, Patna; General Manager, NABARD; Assistant General Manager (RPCD), RBI and representatives form major Banks.

The Inter-institutional Body discussed the problems relating to education loans, issues relating to single officer branches, opening of bank accounts-liberalized KYC Norms, Lead Bank Returns, computerized treasury operations, unbanked Blocks and delay in clearance of cheques. AGM, RBI referred to the recent clarification by RBI on the KYC norms and said that where Government itself identified any person along with the photograph, banks should not deny or hesitate to open accounts. The suggestions and the decisions of the Inter-institutional Body in the meeting were duly minuted and have since been circulated amongst banks for compliance

(C) ACTION TAKEN REPORTS- SUBMISSION BY BANKS

As advised by the Local Office, Reserve Bank of India on 09.05.08. Banks are requested to submit their Action Taken Reports on various action points relating to Governor's and Deputy Governor's visit to Bihar.

In this connection, we advise that the ATR relating to RBI Governor's visit to Patna on the 18th January 2008 is already placed here above for review by the House.

As regards Action Taken Report relating to RBI Deputy Governor's visit to Patna on the 30.08.2007 and ATR on the recommendations of SC JHa Committee (Special Task Force), all Banks are requested to submit their ATRs to RBI within a fortnight, and a copy of the same may please be sent to the SLBC.

As regards strengthening of LDM's offices, these are strengthened adequately in the lead districts of SBI. We understand that the position is the same in the lead districts of other Banks. However, in view of the suggestions of RBI, the concerned Banks are requested to review the position again and send their ATR to RBI with a copy for SLBC.

AGENDA NO. III

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENT UNDER ANNUAL CREDIT PLAN 2007-08

The achievement of all Banks under the Annual Credit Plan 2007-2008 up to the quarter ended 31st March 2008 is as follows:

BANKS	TARGET (in cr.)	ACHIEVEMENT (in cr.)	% AGE
Com Banks	10240	8572	83.71
Co-op Banks	688	356	51.80
RRBs	2172	1580	72.73
Total	13000	10508	80.21

Sector-wise break-up of target and achievement of all Banks operating in the State is as under:

SECTOR	TARGET (in cr.)	ACHIEVEMENT (In cr.)	%
Agriculture	4880	3700	75.84
Industries	912	563	61.62

OPS	2688	2345	87.26
TPS	8480	6608	77.93
NPS	4620	3900	84.52
Total	13100	10508	80.21

All Banks up to the end of March'08 have extended credit of Rs. 10508 cr. which is 80.21 % of the target.

The performance during the year vis-à-vis previous year clearly indicates that the overall credit extension during 2007-08 is about 10.97 % more than that of the same period in the previous year, whereas the overall target under the ACP 2007-08 was increased by 31.00 %. In absolute terms, about Rs.354.91cr. of additional credit has been extended during 2007-08, in comparison to the corresponding period of the previous year. Performance of Banks during the previous year vis-à-vis this year is as follows

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BANKS	Tgt.	Ach.	%	Tgt.	Ach.	%	% 0	Growth
	06-07	Mar'07	Ach	07-08	Mar'08	Ach	Tgt	Ach
Com Banks	7697	7100	92.24	10240	8572	83.71	33.04	20.73
Co-op Banks	568	273	47.99	688	356	51.80	21.12	30.40
RRBs	1735	1365	78.68	2172	1580	72.73	25.19	15.75
Total	10000	8738	87.37	13100	10508	80.21	31.00	20.25

AGENDA NO-IV

EDUCATION LOANS

Financing under education loans is the most focussed area for the Banks. Banks are committed to extend loans to all eligible students for pursuing their studies not only in the State but also out side of the State and abroad.

Banks are fully geared up for the loans for the current year.

During the year 2007-08, loans amounting to Rs.280.93 cr. have been extended to 10181 students.

With a view to providing education loans in further easier way, a meeting of Bankers with the Development Commissioner, Government of Bihar was held on the 28th April 2008. The following decisions were taken in the meeting:-

Progress under education loans will be reviewed every month beginning from July'07 at Development Commissioner level. The meeting will be attended by the Regional Director, RBI; the Chief General Manager, State Bank of India and the Commissioner, Finance, Government of Bihar, besides other major Banks.

SLBC, Bihar will compile Bank-wise / Distt.-wise data relating to number of applicants received under the scheme, number of applications sanctioned and rejected, and will place the same in the meetings for review. In case of rejected applications, Banks will be required to give the reasons thereof so that the matter may be taken up with the Controlling Heads of the concerned Banks for reconsideration. Only after the approval from the concerned Controlling Heads of Banks, the rejected application will be considered as dealt with.

Like previous year, for the current year also advertisement on education loans is to be published in newspapers by the Department of Institutional Finance, Government of Bihar in coordination with the SLBC, Bihar after obtaining

approval from the Government. The advertisement will also carry the website addresses of the State Government and the SLBC, Bihar.

(Draft of the advertisement on education loans has already been provided by the SLBC to DIF, Govt. of Bihar)

Banks should at their own level organise camps at reputed academic institutions for extending education loans. A Check-slip devised by the SLBC should also be included in the advertisement. No Bank branches will be allocated any target under the scheme. However, it is desirable that all the applications received from the students falling under their area of operation, are considered at the branch level itself.

Applications under the scheme should be disposed off within 15 days. Branch Managers of all Bank branches should be sensitized and properly trained in handling the loan applications under the scheme.

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Financial Inclusion is delivery of banking services at an affordable cost to the vast section of disadvantaged and low-income groups. Unrestrained access to public goods is the essence of an open and efficient society. As Banking services are in a nature of public goods, it is essential that availability of Banking and payment services to the entire population without discrimination is the prime objective of the public policy, and financial inclusion is one of the endeavours to meet the objective.

In pursuance of the suggestion made by Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance in the Special SLBC Meeting held on the 18th June 2007, 19 Districts of the State have been selected for 100 % Financial Inclusion and the task was to be completed by March'08.

A Sub-committee under the aegis of SLBC, Bihar on financial Inclusion formed following a decision taken in the meeting with the Controlling Heads of Banks convened by Reserve Bank of India on the 9th January 2008, is reviewing the progress in this regard. The first meeting of the Committee was held on the 16th January 2008. As the 100 % financial inclusion has not been completed by 31st March 2008, it has been decided in the High Level Meeting with the Development Commissioner, Government of Bihar held on the 24th April 2008 that the task of 100 % financial Inclusion should be completed in all the 19 districts by 30 June 2008

In the selected districts, the Lead Bank Managers, having identified number of households in different villages and allocated the same village-wise to different Banks operating in the districts, have been pursuing completion of the financial inclusion.

RELIEF MEASURES BY BANKS FOR THE FLOOD AFFECTED DISTRICTS

Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, the Hon'able Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar held a special meeting of the State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar on the 9th August 2007 and discussed the grim situation brought about by the floods in the entire region of North Bihar, and the active roles of Commercial Banks in revival of the economic activities in the flood affected areas where massive devastation was caused to human lives, property and economic pursuits of the human beings.

As decided in the meeting, Banks took relief measures in all the 22 affected districts as declared flood affected by the Government. Banks extended loans to affected people for their consumption purposes, issued KCCs & GCCs, rescheduled / restructured loan accounts, extended loans under DIR & Rural Housing Scheme and other loans for helping the affected people to salvage their economic pursuits.

As on March 2008, all Banks together have extended loans adding up to Rs.425.97 crores, covering 2, 39,244 people in the entire 22 flood affected districts of the State. Out of the total loans of Rs.425.97 cr., Consumption loan of Rs.26.25 cr. was given to 41820 existing borrowers, 24.29 cr. to 29281 new borrowers, and Rs.5.71cr. to Job Card Holders. Under Rural Housing Loan Schemes; Rs.4.98 cr. was given to 1207 people, Rs.360.60 cr. to 144054 people under KCC and Rs.4.24 cr. to 8968 people under DRI Scheme.

In addition to the above, Banks donated funds generously to help the flood affected people of the State. State Bank of India being the Convenor of the SLBC, Bihar took a lead and donated Rs.1.00 Cr. to Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the help of the flood affected people, and Rs.14.00 lacs to the Red Cross Society of Bihar for distribution of medicines and providing medical aids.

AGENDA NO. V

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE GOVT. SPONSORED SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES

A) PRIME MINISTER ROJGAR YOJNA (PMRY) PROGRAMME YEAR 2007-08

Banks' performance as on 31stMarch'08 under the scheme for the current programme year is detailed under: -

PARTICULARS	NUMBER	AMOUNT (in cr.)
Target	15000	
No. of Applications Sponsored	12099	
No. of Applications Sanctioned	8794	107.72
No. of Applications Disbursed.	7618	85.22
Ach. % (Sanction/Target)	58.63	
Ach % (Disbursement/Target)	50.78	

Banks have achieved 58.63 % of the target in terms of sanction of applications, and 50.78 % in terms of disbursement under the scheme for the programme year 2007-08.

Up to March'08 Banks performed poorly under the scheme and need to complete disbursement of all the sanctioned applications by 31.05.2008.

Recently, the Government of India, Ministry of Rural & Agro Industries has decided to launch a new scheme by merging PMRY with REGP, which will be known as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PRMEGP). The proposal in this regard is at the advance stage of consideration and meeting the approval of the Government of India.

In view of the position, the Ministry has advised that PMRY is not to be implemented anymore in its present form during the year 2008-09.

In this connection, Reserve Bank of India has advised all Banks not to sanction any fresh loan under the existing scheme after 31.03.2008 and to complete disbursement of loans before 31.05.2008 in respect of all applications sanctioned up to 31.03.2008 under the scheme.

In view of the above, all implementing Banks should ensure completion of disbursement and submission of subsidy claims under the scheme to Reserve Bank of India by 31.05.2008.

CREDIT EXTENSION TO SC / ST, WOMEN AND THE DISABLED AGAINST THE SUB-TARGETS UNDER THE SCHEME AS ON 31.03.2008

As stipulated under the existing scheme, at least 22.5 % & 27 % of the total number of beneficiaries should belong to SC / ST and OBC respectively. The Bank-wise position on that score is furnished on Page No-15 A for review by the House.

With a view to providing the coverage of the above mentioned categories under the scheme, the sponsoring Government Agencies should ensure generation of quality proposals of the applicants under the categories, keeping in view the Sub-targets stipulated under the schemes.

Further, implementing Banks should ensure meticulous compliance of the instructions as regards return or rejection of applications of the applicants under the categories.

B) SWARN JAYANTI GRAM SWAROZGAR YOJNA (SGSY)

Disposal of loan applications as on 3103.2008 under SGSY during the year 2007-2008 has been shown below: (in crore)

PARTICULARS	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Target	1,88,000	469.99
Proposals received	85460	
Proposals sanctioned	79951	212.10
Proposals disbursed	76720	187.87
Achievement in % (sanction / target)		45.32
Achievement in % (disb / target)		40.14
Proposals returned/rejected	5509	1
Proposals pending for disbursement	3231	

(Number of application sanctioned included applications for individuals plus number of groups) Performance of all Banks under the scheme is 40.14 % as on 31.03.2008.

<u>CREDIT EXTENSION TO SC / ST, WOMEN AND THE DISABLED AGAINST THE SUB-TARGETS UNDER</u> THE SCHEME AS ON 31.03.2008

Under the scheme, the coverage of SC/ST, women & the disabled should be 50 %, 40 % and 3 % of the total beneficiaries.

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Circulation of the Compendium on SGSY as approved in the 22nd SLBC meeting held on 19.11.2007, by the Controlling Heads of Banks amongst their all Bank branches and action taken as per guidelines/ instructions therein.

As advised by the Rural Department, Government of Bihar, Uttar Bihar Kshetriya Gramin Bank, Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank, Uco Bnak, Bank of Baroda and Punjab National Bank have so far submitted the ATR. The same is still not received from other implementing Banks.

Zero Lending Branches- Action Taken Reports are still not received from Banks.

Organising workshops and sensitization programmes for Branch Managers of rural & semi-urban branches so as to enable them to feel the importance of the scheme.

Under financing of Groups under the scheme making them (Groups) nonviable.

At many rural branches due to shortage of staff, there is unwillingness to opening of accounts of the beneficiaries of Indira Awas Yojna, and under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Complaints against Bank branches- up to date status report.

Up to date position of recovery- Block-wise / District-wise position.

Action Plan on completion of disbursement/ credit linkage up to 30.06.2008 in respect of pending applications of 4843 groups as on 31.03.2008 and 6559 Grade –II pass Groups.

TARGET FOR THE YEAR 2008-09 - FINANCIAL & PHYSICAL

The Principal Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Bihar met with Bankers on the 24th April 2008, for the finalization of target under the scheme for the year 2008-09. The financial target for the current year 2008-09 under the scheme has been fixed at Rs.490.78 cr. and allocated to Banks district-wise.

It was resolved in the meeting that for the current year only groups are to be financed under the scheme; however, Banks are to finance disabled individuals subject to a maximum of 3 % of the total individuals (individuals of all the groups).

Targets for groups have been worked out Bank-wise / District-wise by the SLBC. Under the physical targets, 19626 Groups (covering about 1, 96,260 people) are to be extended loans under the scheme.

The meeting also resolved that the 5426 Groups, for which first grading was completed during the last financial year should be credit-linked by Banks on priority basis during this financial year.

For capacity building under the scheme, all RUDSETIs functioning in the State should organise training sessions / workshops for Bankers, NGOs and concerned Government functionaries.

Bank-wise / District-wise targets (Financial & Physical) under the scheme for the year 2008-09 have been placed on Page No-18E- 18 I

In the 11th Meeting of the Central Level Coordination Committee (CLCC) under SGSY, held on the 8th February 2008 at New Delhi, Dr. Raghubansh Prasad, the Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development, Government of India emphasised the importance of regular meetings of SGSY to review and monitor the programme. Hon'ble Minister also put forth the following suggestions:-

To think about "Antim Admi" who was illiterate and belonged to BPL family.

To bring all the BPL families into the fold of economic activities by covering them under SGSY.

To federate the SHGs to give them greater empowerment.

Banks' roles are very important on account of their responsibilities for sanction, credit mobilization and disbursal under the scheme.

Concerted efforts by all concerned for removing poverty by 2015.

Banks to replicate RUDSETI experiment successfully carried out in Karnataka. Establishment of RUDSETIs in each district for training the poor in income generating activities.

Adequate marketing support for rural products.

Banks to initiate steps to increase their outreach by expansion of their number of branches especially in unbanked Blocks.

Banks to formulate uniform rate of interest to be charged on loans under SGSY.

As regards unbanked Blocks in the State, the current status is placed on under the Agenda Item No.X

On the issue of adequate marketing support, the Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India requested all State Governments to conduct a study to collect information on the quantum of sales and rate at which the sales were increasing, and furnish the information to the Ministry.

C) SWARNJAYANTI SHAHARI ROJGAR YOJANA (SJSRY)

Against the receipt of 1627 applications, 1445 applications have been sanctioned and 1427 applications have been disbursed.

D) SELF EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR THE REHABILITATION OF MANUAL SCAVENGERS

The Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, has decided to implement the captioned scheme as national priority. The objective of the scheme is to rehabilitate, in a time bound manner, all those remaining scavengers who are yet to be assisted.

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India and also the Finance Department (Banking Division), Government of India have issued directives to CMDs of all Banks and Reserve Bank of India for extending full cooperation in implementation of the scheme.

Under the scheme, the identified scavengers and their dependents are to be financially assisted through bank loans / subsidies.

In this connection, the State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar has already advised all Banks vide Letter No. AGL-SBU-I / SLBC /695 dated the 2nd August'07 enclosing a copy of the scheme.

Bihar State Scheduled Caste Co-operative Development Corporation Ltd has advised the district-wise targets 2008-09 under the scheme. State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar in turn has advised the same to the LDMs of all districts to allocate the targets amongst Banks. SLBC has also advised them to obtain approval of the DLCC for the allocated Bank-wise targets under the scheme in their districts. SLBC has also advised those (LDMs) to include the scheme under the regular agenda items of the DLCC for review of the performance under the scheme.

In this connection, Bihar State Scheduled Caste Co-operative Development Corporation Ltd. is requested to identify the implementing agencies, which will include Government Agencies and reputed Non-government Organizations. The prime responsibility in implementation of the scheme lies on the identified implementing agencies, which will identify the prospective eligible beneficiaries and arrange training as per need, and also help them in formulation of project proposals and processing of loan applications. And only after all those exercises by the implementing agencies, Banks roles come to the fore.

In this regard, we advise that the "Implementing Agencies" should be put in place at first and be geared up for carrying out all the stipulated responsibilities in this regard, in keeping close contact with the SLBC for coordinated efforts.

For the successful implementation of the scheme, all concerned Government Agencies at district levels should be active, sensitize all concerned and work in coordination with Banks.

Bihar State Scheduled Caste Co-operative Development Corporation Ltd is requested to enlighten the House on the scheme; The Department is also requested to place before the House any Action Point(s) on implementation of the scheme.

AGENDA NO VI

FINANCE TO SELF HELP GROUPS (SHGs)

The access to timely and adequate credit and other financial services by the vulnerable and weaker sections of the society at the affordable cost is essential for the overall economic development of the society. With the objective in view, SHGs play a very crucial and effective role, and Banks spearhead their efficacies through credit linkages with them.

The region-wise analysis of SHG- Bank linkage indicates that the initiative met huge success in the Southern Region.

The main reasons attributable to the success in the Southern Region are as under

Attitude of rural people- the strong inclination of the poor to form SHGs for collective welfare, besides their better education level.

Availability of good quality Micro Finance Institutions- MFIs are engaged in numerous developmental works and are running on professional lines. Besides, there are many RRBs, small size MFIs-NGOs and mutual benefit trusts which are engaged in Micro Credit works

Conducive regulatory framework and Government support

Government –run promotional programmes

Emphasis on channelising Government assistance through SHGs

Proactive role of corporate.

In order to bring about comparable success in micro financing in our State, we should explore how to establish all the above attributes into our own framework.

For the year under review, a very ambitious target of 46000 SHGs is fixed for bank-linkage. Banks have credit-linked 49738 SHGs as on 31.03.2008 with Bank-finance of 240.99 crores.

Review of the Bank-wise progress made under the scheme is shown as under:

SHG Financing (Under NABARD regular scheme)

		(Amt. in Crore)
Year	Linkage of new groups	Bank Finance
Up to 2000-04	16246	51.82
During 2004-05	11769	37.42
During 2005-06	18206	31.20
During 2006-07	26517	82.54
During 2007-08	49738	240.99

AGENDA VII

A) REVIEW OF PROGRESS AS ON 31.03.2008 UNDER KISAN CREDIT CARD (KCC)

A summarized statement of targets vis-à-vis cards issued by Commercial Banks & RRBs up to 31/03/2008 is given below:

Banks	Target (Number)	Achievement Sanctioned (Nos)	% Ach
Com. Bank	300000	222478	74.16
RRBs	228000	168529	73.92
Co-operative Banks	160000	75533	47.21
TOTAL	688000	466540	67.81

Average financing under KCC as on March'08 stands at Rs.43 thousand.

KCC- TARGET FOR THE YEAR 2008-09

In the high level meeting on KCC with the Development Commissioner, Government of Bihar, on the 24th April 2008, it was inter-alia resolved to allocate a target of 5,40,000 new KCCs to all Commercial Banks, 3,00,000 to all Rural Regional Banks, and 1,60,000 to Cooperative Banks, adding up to 10,00,000 new KCC- an overall target for the year 2008-09.

If the targets meet the approval of the House, Banks are requested to allocate their target amongst their branches district-wise, with a copy thereof to the SLBC. The concerned Lead District Managers are also to be advised in this regard so that at district level, Bank-wise targets can be finalised for review of Banks' performance in DLCC Meetings. While allocation of targets amongst bank branches, all Commercial Banks are requested to take care that semi-urban and rural branches should finance a minimum 250 KCCs each during the year 2008-09;while the branches of RRBs are to fiancé at least 200 KCC each during the financial year.

SPECIAL CAMPAIGN FOR FINANCING UNDER KCCs IN BIHAR

As suggested by the Chairman, kishan Ayog Bihar, a discussion was held on launching a special campaign for 100 % coverage under KCC in some selected districts of Bihar in line of the same in Jhabua and Ratlam districts in Madhya Pradesh. All the suggestions in this regard made by the Chairman, Kishan Ayog, Bihar, which were placed by the SLBC in its 22nd meeting on 19.11.2007, were accepted by the House for implementation in the State with effect from 1st April 2008.

For launching the campaign in eight districts namely Madhubani, Samastipur, W.Champaran, Gaya, Rohtas, Khagaria, Purnea and Bhagalpur in Bihar, the High Level Meeting on "KCCs" with the Development Commissioner, Government of Bihar on the 24th April 2008 made a detailed discussion on the matter. The following decisions were taken in the meeting

A Task Force on "the Special Campaign" under the Chairmanship of the Development Commissioner, Govt. of Bihar has been constituted. The Notification issued has been issued by the Department of Institutional Finance, Government of Bihar.

The Taskforce under the Chairmanship of the Development Commissioner, Govt.of Bihar will meet every month in the third week to review the progress under the campaign.

Similarly, in all the selected districts Taskforces have been constituted vide DIF, Government of Bihar Notification dated 17.03.2008. The District Taskforce under the Chairmanship of the District Magistrate will meet every month in the second week to review the progress under the campaign. In this connection, the district Coordinators of different Banks in the selected Districts will provide performance data in respect of their bank-branches to the Lead District Managers.

The Block Development Officers of all the Blocks falling under the selected eight districts have to arrange for issuing LPCs (Land Possession Certificates) in favour of farmers Panchayat-wise during the next three months in a continuous way.

Panchayat-wise lists of farmers with details of "Rakwa" (of their lands), position of their irrigated and no-irrigated lands have to be provided to the concerned bank branches in whose service areas the Panchayats / villages are falling.

In preparation of Panchayat-wise list of farmers, inclusion of the names of all farmers of the Panchayat must be ensured, apart from indicating thereon against the names, if any, the KCC facilities already availed in the past by the farmers.

For facilitating financing under KCC to farmers, Land Possession Certificates should be issued to farmers at Block levels. In this connection, the Department of Revenue and Land Reforms is requested to arrange for issuing LPCs to 100 farmers each in the months of May & June 2008 and provide the list to the major Banks and RRBs operating in the area. Further in the months of September and October 2008, the similar exercises will be carried out by the Department. All the District Magistrates are also requested to make the LPCs available to farmers by organising camps at Block / Circle levels.

The National Agricultural Insurance Scheme should be implemented effectively through the Financial Institutions in the State. The Agricultural Insurance Corporation should also take initiatives at their own level in this regard. Sensitization programmes on the scheme should be organised for farmers as well as Branch Managers of Banks. The Lead District Managers should ensure the effective implementation of the scheme in their lead districts.

During the year 2007-08, 19 districts of the Sate have been selected for 100 % financial inclusion. Banks are to take special initiatives to complete the task by June 2008.

B) RURAL EMPLOYMENT GENERATION PROGRAMME - KVIC MARGIN MONEY SCHEME:

Margin Money Scheme was launched by KVIC to give a fillip to industrialisation in rural as well as in specified Municipal Areas.

The overall target (No-1876 & Rs.2144.00 as margin money) for 2007-08 under REGP for the current year allocated and advised to Banks by the SLBC in the month of March'07, it was further revised at 718 in terms of numbers and Rs.820.33 crore in terms of margin money. The revised targets were circulated amongst Banks through the Agenda Papers of the 22nd SLBC meeting held on the 19th November 2007.

Besides, the following quarterly achievement targets under the overall targets were fixed for Banks for the year 2007-08

(Amt in lac)

Quarter	Nos (Tgt)	Ach	% Ach	Amt (Tgt)	Ach	% Ach
1 st Quarter (8.8 %)	63	22	34.92	72.19	29.60	41.00
2 nd Quarter (27.71 %)	199	193	96.98	227.31	183.41	80.71
3 rd Quarter (33.49 %)	240	133	55.42	274.73	175.08	63.72
Total up to third quarter	502	348	69.32	574.23	388.09	67.60
4 th Quarter (30 %) Up to Feb'08	216	99	45.83	246.10	163.48	66.42
Total up to February 2008	718	447	62.25	820.33	551.57	67.24
4 th Quarter up to March'08 271 Projects to be financed		451 Expected		.76 to be lised	449.42 Expected	
Total (100 %)	718	898	125	820.33	1000.99	122.02

Based on the above figures advised by the KVIC, the overall performance up to Feb'08 stands at 62.25 % & 67.24 % respectively against the physical and the financial targets under the REGP Scheme.

Further, the progress report for the month of March'08, as advised by the KVIC, Patna, is likely to be finalised by June'2008 since all pending margin money claims under the scheme in respect of loans sanctioned and first instalment disbursed therein up to March 2008 are to be settled by Nodal Banks within 31.05.2008. However, the expected number of proposals and the margin money which are expected to be disposed off are advised by the KVIC (Figures shown above). The result thereby worked out shows an achievement of 125 % and 122.02 % against the physical & the financial targets.

Bank-wise actual performance up to February is appended hereunder for the House to review

PERFORMANCE OF BANKS UNDER REGP AS ON 29.02.2008

(Amt in lac)

SI. No	Name of the Bank	Physical Target (Nos)	Disburs. (Nos)	% Ach.	Aargin Mone Target	Margin Ioney Utilisatio	% Ach
1	SBI	185	204	110.27	211.36	207.62	98.23
2	CBI	89	60	67.42	101.68	91.89	90.18
3	PNB	149	27	18.12	170.23	51.53	30.27
4	CANARA	6	16	266.67	6.86	34.33	500.44
5	UCO	38	4	2.19	43.42	2.19	5.04
6	BOB	5	5	100	5.74	10.88	189.55
7	UNION	3	28	933.33	3.42	13.19	385.67
8	BOI	19	33	173.68	21.70	54.00	248.85
9	Allahabad	29	14	48.28	33.13	22.53	68.00
10	United	13	3	23.08	14.85	3.87	26.06
11	IOB	0	0	0	0	0	
12	Syndicate	0	2	0	0	2.84	
13	VIJAYA	0	0	0	0	0	
14	Dena Bank	0	0	0	0	0	
15	Indian Bank	0	1	0	0	0.48	
16	Uttar Bihar K.B	54	27	50	61.70	42.12	68.27
17	KKGB	25	0	0	28.56	0	0
18	M. Bihar KGB	62	3	4.84	70.84	1.72	2.43
19	Samastipur KGB	8	11	137.50	9.14	8.10	88.62
20	Bihar KGB	33	9	27.27	37.70	4.48	11.88
	G.T	718	447	62.26	820.33	551.57	67.24

(Source- KVIC)

As advised by the KVIC, the Ministry of MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), Government of India has decided to introduce a new scheme called "PMEGP" amalgamating REGP & PMRY. The Cabinet approval for the scheme is at the advance stage of consideration.

AGENDA NO. VIII

NATIONAL HOUSING BOARD GOLDEN JUBILEE RURAL HOUSING SCHEME

Government of India announced "Golden Jubilee Rural Housing Finance Scheme" in 1997 to enable increased institutional credit for housing in rural areas. The National Housing Board is the nodal agency to monitor implementation of the scheme. Accordingly NHB allocates yearly targets to Banks and HFCs who in turn allocate the same to their Zonal / Regional Offices.

Till March 2007, a total of 1,941,652 units have been financed by the Financial Institutions throughout the country. For the year 2007-08, a target of financing 350,000 units was fixed and allocated to Banks and HFCs.

The progress of the scheme is placed as a regular agenda item in the SLBC meetings wherein the progress made by the Banks in terms of No. of units financed, amount of loans disbursed, units and loans financed to SC/ST category along with outstanding amount and accounts, is being discussed and debated.

The Hon'ble RBI Governor on his visit to Patna on the 18th January 2008 suggested Banks to formulate housing loan schemes for the poor in the State. In light of RBI Governor's suggestion, it is also imperative to place the scheme as a regular agenda item also in the SLBC meetings of Bihar as in the SLBC meetings of other States.

The House is requested to approve inclusion of the scheme as regular agenda item so that the progress made by Banks under the "Golden Jubilee Housing Finance Scheme" may be reviewed in SLBC meetings.

In this connection, the National Housing Board is requested to advise the SLBC, Bihar the yearly targets allocated to Banks for the year 2008-09 so that the progress under the scheme may be reviewed in the SLBC meetings.

AGENDA NO. IX

DISCUSSIONS ON FOLLOWING ISSUES

<u>C D RATIO</u>

The C D Ratio in the State as on 31 03.2008 is as under:

			(Rs. in Cro
BANK	DEPOSIT	CREDIT	C D RATIO
Comm. Banks	58573.71	17201.65	29.37
Co-op. Banks	850.84	697.97	82.03
RRBs	8819.16	3677.61	41.70
Total	68243.71	21577.23	31.62
RIDF		500.00	
GT	68243.71	22077.23	32.35

The overall C D Ratio in the State is 33.48. The C D Ratio of the State has been increasing consistently since March'02, which is shown as under: -

| Mar |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 |
| 22.79 | 24.59 | 26.81 | 29.86 | 32.10 | 34.38 | 32.35 |

As on March'08 it stands at 32.35.

Efforts to bring in huge investments for infrastructure development such as urban development, transport, tourism, civil aviation and industries need to be made, so that Banks may also commit themselves in the process whereby credit flow would automatically increase manifolds and which would also help increase C D Ratio in the desired way in the State.

State Government should also utilise more and more money form the RIDF.

The House may now observe that there is no district in the State where the C D ratio is below 20% as on March'08.

RECOVERY

A summary of the recovery data (As on 31.03.2008) as collected by the SLBC is given below.

	(Rs. in crore)				
BANK	DEMAND RAISED	AMOUNT RECOVERED	RECOVERY %		
Com. Banks	3137.99	1406.48	44.82		
Со-ор	401.69	170.03	42.33		
RRBs	568.73	620.86	109.17		
Total	4108.41	2197.37	53.48		

Recovery percentage clearly indicates that NPAs are on the rise.

CERTIFICATE CASES

As per information received by SLBC from banks, a total of 342267 certificate cases are pending for disposal as on 31.03.2008 which involve a total amount of Rs.648.09 crores. In this regard, Banks may instruct their branch functionaries to shortlist at least 10 high value certificate cases for effective and focused follow-up. The Government of Bihar is geared up to provide all sort of assistance in this regard.

PRIORITY SECTOR LENDING

As on 31.03.2008, the national benchmark of 40% in respect of the share of priority sector advances in over all advances has been achieved by all Banks except a few Banks.

Bank-wise position is furnished on Page Nos 30(E) & 30 (F)

The House may notice that the ratio of priority sector advances to total advances is as high as 65.11 %, which is well above the stipulated benchmark of 40%.

AGRI CREDIT:

At the State level, the ratio of Agri Credit is at 35.77 % against the national benchmark of 18%. However, a few banks are below the benchmark.

DIFFERENTIAL INTEREST RATE (DIR):

The ratio of DIR advances to the total credit is only 0.15 % against the benchmark of 1%. As per the Union Finance Minister's directives, all Banks have been requested to finance at least 10 beneficiaries per branch under the scheme. We requested member Banks to monitor the progress in this regard so that the benchmark stipulated was achieved. Financing under the scheme was not picking up due to non- availability of viable proposals under the existing ceiling of Rs.6500/-. Now the existing ceiling has been increased to Rs.15000/- & Rs.20000/- in case of housing. Banks should increase financing under the scheme. The ceiling of family income has also been increased to Rs.18, 000 per annum from the existing ceiling of Rs.6500 under the scheme. Further, financing under the scheme also facilitate financial inclusion of the under privileged people of thee society.

WEAKER SECTION:

Against the benchmark of 10% under weaker sections, performance of all Banks as on 31.03.2008 is 24.57 %.

CREDIT FLOW TO SSI

The total credit outstanding in respect of Small Scale Industries is Rs. 1669.76 cr. as at the end of March'08 and the total credit disbursed during the financial year stands at Rs. 566.62 cr. against the disbursement of 376.11 cr. during the corresponding period of the previous year.

As per Finance Minister Directive, the SSI Sector advances should grow at the rate of 20 % every year, the growth recorded as on March '08 over the level of 2007 stands at 65.49 % (Level as on March'08- Rs.1669.76 cr.; level as on March'07- Rs.1008.95 cr.; growth- Rs.660.81cr.)

As per discussion on the agenda items of the SLIIC meeting held on the 5th May 2008, there is huge potential in the State for the following industries:-

Agro Processing- Generation of applications at District Industry Level Rice Mills- at least 50 applications each at District Industry Level for the projects of Rs.10-15 lacs in Patna & Magadh Divisions.

Banana- Hajipur, Samastipur, Khagaria, Bhagalpur, Katihar, Purnea, Kishanganj.

Maize- Khagaria, Samastipur, Begusarai, Bhagalpur, Katihar.

Spices- Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Begusarai, Bishali, Bhagalpur, Purnea.

Sugarcane- Promotion of Khandasari Industries in some selected districts.

Sericulture & Jute – Industries relating to sericulture & jute to be promoted by Banks.

Agro Based Industries-

Dairy Development- Selection of districts / sub-divisional head quarters for establishing chilling plants.

Cold Storage- Proposal to be considered to establish at least one cold storage At every Sub-divisional Headquarter.

Stone Crushing Units- Proposal for establishing at least 10 units each in Munger and Magadh Divisions be considered.

Apart from the above, the following should also be considered:-

Industries based on Iron and sponge iron.

Industrial Estates- Utilisation of spare land for establishing industrial Units.

Development of IT zone by the help of Banks.

AGENDA -X

STATUS OF UNBANKED BLOCKS - BRANCH EXPANSION SUB-COMMITTEE ON UNBANKED BLOCKS

In the Special SLBC Meeting held on 18.06.2007 at Patna, Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance suggested setting up of a Sub-committee under the aegis of the SLBC to examine the issues of unbanked Blocks in the State. Accordingly, a Sub-committee comprising all Lead Banks, other major Banks (Bank of India & Allahabad Bank) and DIF, GoB has been constituted.

There are presently 27 unbanked Blocks in Bihar, and out of which 25 Blocks have already branches of RRBs catering to the banking needs of the people around there.

The Sub-committee in its meeting on 14.07.2007 resolved that fresh branch opening surveys in two phases were to be conducted in 8 of the 27 Blocks,

In the first phase - Kesath (in Buxar), Bain (Dist- Nalanda) and Chewara (Dist- Shiekhpura); in the second phase-Chausa (Dist-Madhepura), Lakhnaur (Dist-Madhubani), Choraut (Dist-Sitamarhi), Gaurabaram (Dist- Darbhanga), Ismailpur (Dist-Bhagalpur).

In pursuance of the decision of the Sub-committee, a small Committee (comprising of the LDM, Canara Bank, Shiekhpura; the Senior Manager, ZO, Canara Bank; the Chief Manager (SLBC), SBI & Shri B.K.Thakur, Director DIF, Bihar) conducted a fresh branch opening survey in Chewara Block (Dist- Shiekhpura) on the 22nd January 2008. As informed by Canara Bank, the matter is referred to their Central Office for active consideration. (Information based on the ATR furnished by Canara Bank on 23.04.2008)

As regards Kesath & Chugai (both in Buxar) and Bain (Dist- Nalanda), surveys could not be carried out on the 22nd and 23rd January 2008 (As fixed earlier) due to some inevitable reasons. We have again requested the Director, DIF, Govt. of Bihar to fix on new dates for the surveys. The department of Institutional Finance has recently advised the SLBC the new dates for the fresh surveys in all the 7 unbanked Blocks. Fresh Surveys will be completed by 29.05.08.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning here that as on date about 36 branches of 13 Private / Foreign Banks are operating in the State. Out of the 36, 32 branches are catering to the need of urban people, while only 4 branches are functioning in semi-urban centres, and in this situation the most targeted people of the State are devoid of their banking services.

As per Branch Licensing policy of the RBI, Pvt. / Foreign Banks are required to open at least 25 % of their total number of branches at rural & semi-urban centres; while in our State, only11 % (4 branches) of the total number of Pvt./ Foreign branches(36 branches) is functioning at semi-urban centres and no branches, at rural centres.

In a meeting with Pvt. / Foreign Banks at Kolkata on the 1st July'07 under the Chairmanship of Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar, it was resolved that each Pvt. / Foreign Bank needs to open new branches at least at three unbanked Blocks of the state.

The House is requested to look into the matter in this regard.

LATEST POSITION AS REGARDS OPENING OF NEW BANK BRANCHES IS GIVEN AS UNDER (24th SLBC Meeting)

NAME OF THE BANK: PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

S.N	District	Block	Status
1	Buxar	Kesath	Survey conducted by PNB and found non-viable. In a Sub-committee Meeting held on 14.07.2007 on unbanked Blocks, Allahabad Bank proposed to carry out branch opening survey.
2	Buxar	Chaugai	In a Sub-committee Meeting on unbanked Blocks held on 14.07.2007, Bank of India expressed their willingness to open a branch at Chaugai, while PNB found the centre nonviable for a new branch.
3	Rohtas	Akhaurigola	PNB opened both the branches on the 13th of April'07
4	Rohtas	Sanjauli	being Bank's Foundation Day
5	Bhabhua	Nuwan	Found nonviable by PNB, but Bank of India expressed willingness to open a new branch at Nuwan.
6	Bhabhua	Aghoura	Found non-viable by Bank.
7	Gaya	Paraiya	Three branches of RRB have been functioning at the centre
8	Gaya	Mohra	Block Head Quarter is functioning from Atari Block
9	Nalanda	Bain	Branches of North Bihar Kshetriya Gramin Bank is functioning
10	Nalanda	Tharthari	Found non-viable by Bank
11	Nawada	Meskaur	Branch of Madhya Bihar Kshetriya Gramin Bank is functioning.
12	Lakhisarai	Pipariya	Found non-viable by Bank

NAME OF THE BANK: STATE BANK OF INDIA

S.N	District	Block	Status
1	Madhepura	Chausa	Survey conducted and found nonviable
2	Madhepura	Shankarpur	Centre not found nonviable
3	Purnea	Dangarua	Centre found nonviable by SBI, but Central Bank of India has submitted proposal to their Corporate Office for opening a new branch at Dagarua.
4	Purnea	Srinagar	Centre found nonviable
5	Araria	Kursakanta	Branch was opened on the 5 th of April 2007
6	Jamui	Laxmipur	Btanch already opened by SBI on 31.12.2007

NAME OF THE BANK: CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

S.N	District	Block	Status
1	Darbhanga	Gaurabauram	Found Nonviable
2	Gopalganj	Panchdewri	Opened on 03.12.2007
3	Darbhanga	Kiratpur	Nonviable
4	Darbhanga	Tardih	Branch of BOI already functioning there
5	Madhubani	Lakhnaur	Nonviable
6	Katihar	Hasanganj	Branch opened on 22.03.2007
7	E.Champaran	Phenahara	Branch opened on 17.03.2007
8	W.Champaran	Bhitaha	Nonviable
9	W.Champaran	Piprasi	Nonviable
10	Vaishali	Pateri Belsar	Branch opened on 12.03.2007
11	Saran	Turkipanapur	Nonviable
12	Saran	Isawapur	Branches of SBI & Canara Banks are functioning at the centre.

NAME OF THE BANK: BANK OF BARODA

S.N.	District	Block	Status
1	Sitamarhi	Chiraur	Found nonviable
2	Sheohar	Dumrikutsari	-Do-

NAME OF THE BANK: UCO BANK

S.N	District	Block	Status
1	Bhagalpur	Ismailpur	Found nonviable

NAME OF THE BANK: CANARA BANK

S.N	District	Block	Status	
1	Shiekhpura	Shiekhopur Sarai	Found nonviable	
2	Shiekhpura	Chewara	-Do-	
3	Shiekhpura	Dhatkutumba	-Do-	

NAME OF BANK: UNION BANK OF INDIA

S.N	District	Block	Status
1	Samastipur	Shibajinagar	Found nonviable

AGENDA –XI ANY OTHER AGENDA WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

(A)DISCUSSION ON CREDIT DELIVERY SYSTEM & NON CREDIT INPUTS

During the Steering Committee Meeting held on the 20th March 2008 for the finalization of the Annual Credit Plan 2008, it was felt by the member Banks that apart from fixing the Annual Targets, the credit delivery system should also be discussed upon in SLBC Meetings. The expected result of the Annual Targets can not be fully and effectively come until the credit delivery system is improved. For the purpose, good coordination between banks and the Government Departments is the key factor. Further, making available the non-credit inputs to farmers such as fertilizers, good quality seeds, proper electricity, proper irrigational facilities and other inputs in time. It is also desirable that DLCCs should take initiatives to short out a list of non-credit inputs required in their districts and submit the same to the Government for effective action. The list should also be forwarded to the SLBC for effective follow-up with the Government and discussion in the SLBC Meetings. MSTP the most effective and important scheme for improving the minor irrigation scheme in the State should immediately be started. Regarding Dairy Projects, support services such as artificial insemination, storage facilities should immediately be provided by the Government should also ensure availability of cattle throughout the year.

Non-delivery of credits to the needy is mainly due to unavailability of Land Possession Certificates. Block Administration should prepare a list of eligible farmers and arrange for their LPC to facilitate credit extension by Banks.

For Fisheries, long term lease for ponds and chaur lands should be provided by the Government to the beneficiaries.

For the development of SSI / SME sector, Government should immediately revive all the Industrial Estates in the State; besides, position of power supply and good road connectivity should be improved.

(B) REGISTRATION OF EQUITABLE MORTGAGE

With a growth in mortgage Loans, Banks have come across a large number of fraudulent transactions where forged or fraudulent tile deeds were submitted for availing loans particularly in respect of housing loans. For curbing such fraudulent practices, at the instance of the SLBC, Tamil Nadu, the Tamil Nadu Government has introduced a system of registration of Equitable Mortgage against nominal charges.

The Indian Bank Association has also discussed the matter and found the same very effective for safeguarding Banks' stake in mortgage loans. Consequently, the Indian Banks' Association advised all SLBC Convenor Banks to take up the matter with the respective State Government for setting up of "Registries for Equitable Mortgage"

The matter was discussed in the Steering Committee meeting held on the 20th March 2008. The excerpt of the meeting is placed hereunder:-

In absence of the information to the Registry Office about the creation of Equitable Mortgage by the beneficiaries, true copies of the title deeds can easily be obtained by the people for ulterior motive, which may jeopardize Banks' interest.

Therefore, such arrangements should be made in which due information about the creation of Equitable Mortgage be sent to the concerned Registry Office for registration thereof.

Further arrangements should be made for noting of Lien on Records of Right (Register-I &II) in respect of the Tile Deeds against which mortgage is created in favour of Banks.

Banks should send memorandum of Equitable Mortgage with Photos of the parties for facilitating registration of the Equitable Mortgage thereat.

House is requested to discuss the matter.

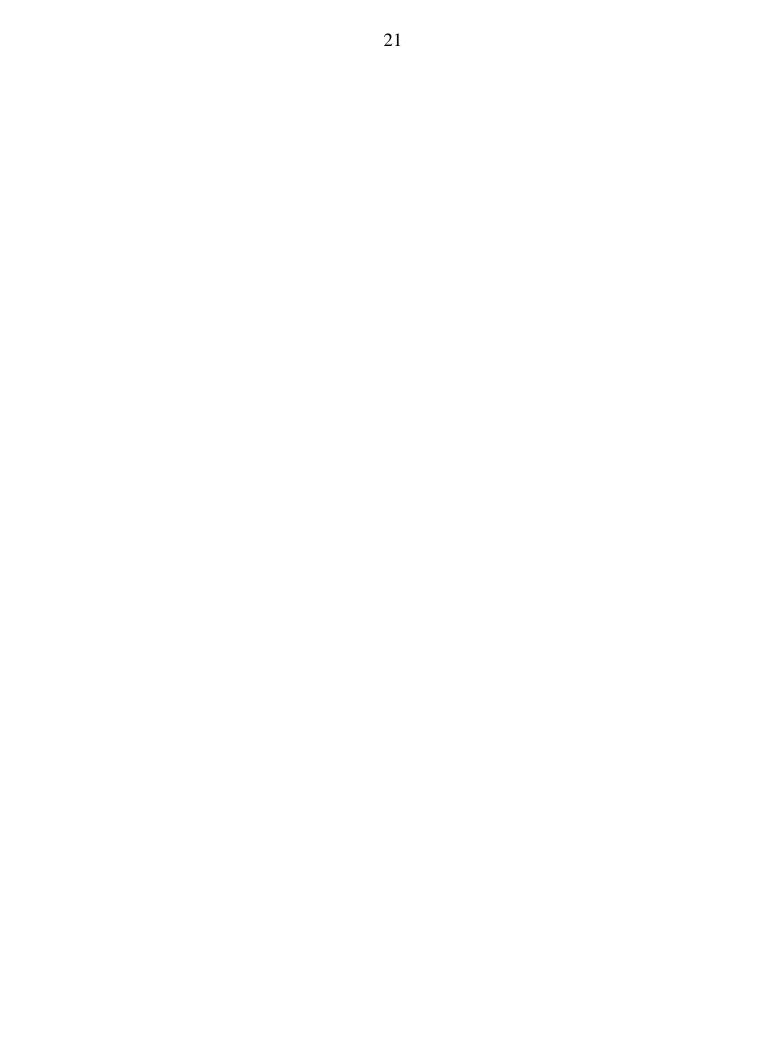
GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS- GOVERNMENT'S PREFERENCE

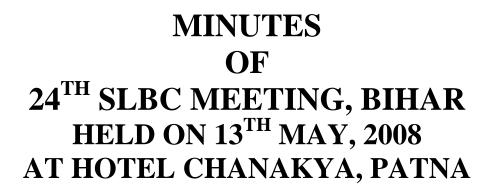
Consequent upon RBI permitting private Sector Banks to handle Government Transactions, some departments / Ministries as well Agencies / entities under the control of Departments / Ministries have transferred their entire business or substantial part of their business to the private sector Banks to the virtual exclusion of Public Sector Banks.

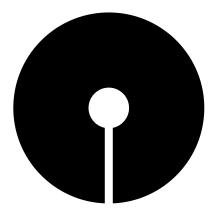
Government Deposits, as discussed and resolved in the Steering Committee Meeting held on the 20th March'08, should invariably be kept with Public Sector Banks including Rural Regional Banks since these Banks are partnering with the Government for implementation of the Government's financial programmes.

In this connection, the Ministry of Finance, Government of India has suggested that the recent emerging practices of inviting competitive bids for placing bulk deposits with Banks have brought about undesirable competition amongst Banks, causing arbitrary hike in deposit rates (even for short period) and consequences for the economy. The Government, therefore, advised all concerned departments / Ministries / Agencies and entities to discontinue the practice of inviting the competitive bids for bulk deposits forthwith and keep the same with Banks with whom they have regular course of business.

The State Government, therefore, is requested to ensure that the Government Deposits are kept with the Public Sector Banks (Commercial Banks & RRBs)







CONVENOR: STATE BANK OF INDIA AGL-SBU-I DEPARTMENT LOCAL HEAD OFFICE, PATNA

Minutes of the 24th State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar held on the 13th May 2008 at Patna

The 24th Meeting of the State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar was held on the 13th May 2008 under the Chairmanship of Shri A. Krishna Kumar, the Chairman, SLBC, Bihar and Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Patna Circle. The meeting, inter-alia, discussed and reviewed the performance of all Banks under the Annual Credit Plan 2007-08 as on March 2008.

Shri Nitish Kumar, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar and Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister & Finance Minister Bihar attended the meeting as special invitees.

Amongst other members of the SLBC, Bihar, the dignitaries who attended the meeting were as follows:-

Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar.

Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister, Bihar.

Shri A. Krishna Kumar, Chairman, SLBC, Bihar & Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Patna Circle.

Shri R.J.M.Pillai, Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar.

Shri Navin Kumar, Principal Secretary, Finance, Government of Bihar.

- Shri Bhanu Pratap Sharma, Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, Government of Bihar.
- Shri N.Dhingra, Executive Director, UCO Bank.

Shri K.K.Vohra, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Local Office, Patna.

Dr. S. Ghosh, Chief General Manager, NABARD.

Shri Samir Saran, General Manager, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Patna.

After welcoming all the dignitaries and the members by Shri Arvind Priya, Assistant General Manager, State Bank of India, the keynote address was delivered by Shri A. Krishna Kumar, Chairman, SLBC, Bihar.

Summing up the performance of Banks during the year 2007-08, Shri Krishna Kumar said that the credit extension of Rs.10763cr by all Banks during the year 2007-08 vis-à-vis a target of Rs.13100 cr. was well above the actual figures of 2006-07, and the increase in average financing per borrower in KCC from Rs.30, 000 to Rs.43, 000 during the year was the notable feature.

Underlining the concern about the poor C D Ratio, Mr. Kumar advised Banks to take more efforts for increasing the C D ratio of the State, although the same had been continuously on the increase since the year 2002.

As regards 100 % financial inclusion, Banks could not complete the task by March'08 in the 19 districts of the State as selected by the SLBC for the year 2007-08. Banks, he informed, have agreed to complete the exercise by June 2008.

More than 10,000 students were assisted under education loan during 2007-08, involving an aggregate amount of Rs.281 cr. Mr. Krishna Kumar felt that the different measures being taken by Banks in coordination with the Government would help needy and deserving students of the State reduce their hardship in pursuit of their study.

The finalization of modalities and release of relief amount under "Debt Waivers to Farmers" provided in the Union Budget 2008-09 would open up a new avenue for agricultural lending. Banks. Shri Kumar suggested, should utilize the opportunity for increasing credit dispensation under agriculture.

Regarding Branch Expansion in the State, Shri Kumar said, Banks were committed to open new branches at all the viable centers in the State and accordingly many new branches were opened at different rural and semi-urban centers during the year 2007-08 by different Banks. Different Banks had also branch expansion plans for the year

2008-09. He also emphasized the need that Private Banks should open new branches in the unbanked blocks of the State more so in compliance of the RBI Branch Licensing Policy.

Shri A. Krishna Kumar was of the view that an integrated plan should be envisaged to bring down NPA percentage of Banks in the State to at least 5 %, which would help to increase C D Ratio through redeployment / recycling of funds by the Banks.

As regards development of Bihar's economy, Shri Kumar suggested to bring in structural changes and diversification, and for that purpose operating guidelines need to be evolved.

Banks and the Government, Shri Kumar suggested, should endeavour to achieve the objectives as set out by the Special Taskforce on Bihar under the Chairmanship of Dr.S.C.Jha.

Shri Kumar applauded the policy initiatives and policy reforms taken by the Government in respect of revival of sugar industries, boosting of fisheries and dairy sectors, incentives for agro based industries, promoting investments in infrastructure such as power, flood control, constructions of roads and bridges, education and so on.

Concluding the address, Shri Kumar said that the Banking sector was determined to be a partner with the Government, Industries, Farmers, and Entrepreneurs so as to bring about development in the State.

Shri K.K.Vohra, the Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Patna in his address to the House expressed that the visits of Mr.Y.V.Reddy, the Hon'ble Governor, RBI and Smt.Usha Thorat, Deputy Governor, RBI in recent months signified the importance of Bihar. Shri Vohra said, the rising inflation or price rise was the biggest challenge before the Central Bank (RBI). Bihar with immense potential in agriculture and agro based industries could provide food security to the Nation and help policy makers to tackle the growth versus inflation by controlling the price rise due to supply side factors.

The following views and suggestions put forth in the House by Shri Vohra are as follows:-

The target of Rs.7078 cr. under agriculture provided in the Annual credit Plan 2008-09 should be achieved through the concerted efforts by all concerned specially in view of the potential of the state in providing food security to the Nation.

The process of opening of Bank-branches in the unbanked Blocks in the State should be speeded up by all concerned.

Preparation of common form /data for education loans ensuring essential information to Banks without much inconvenience to the borrowers.

Education Loan Scheme should be popularized through advertisements, information counters in colleges / Railway Stations.

Rejection of education loan applications should normally be done at one level higher than the sanctioning level.

There should be an exchange of information on eligible institutions and placement division thereof.

For Single Officer Branches, cluster approach keeping 8-10 Officers as standby arrangements for a cluster of 40 branches should be adopted by Banks.

Strengthening inter-institutional mechanism both at State and district level to meet the above mentioned challenges.

Banks and the State Government should discuss the reasons for non-achievement of targets under various Government Sponsored Schemes and suggest remedial steps.

RBI Circular dated July 02.2007 on relief measures by Banks in areas affected by natural calamities - Banks should take a review of the circular to facilitate preparation of appropriate strategies for credit extension- specially consumption loans during flood seasons.

Branch Managers, especially in North Bihar should be sensitized to prepare themselves well in time to undertake their roles in respect of the Relief Measures, taking lesson from the major exercises taken last year in the entire flood affected districts of Bihar.

In his speech, Dr. S.Ghosh, Chief General Manager, NABARD was of the view that the Annual Credit Plan 2007-08 would have been fully achieved with a little more efforts by Banks. He suggested, Banks should ensure 100 % achievement of ACP 2008-09 during the current year.

Dr.Ghosh opined that the performance of the Rural Regional Banks in Bihar would certainly improve following the rehabilitation package of Rs.72 cr. by the State Government; besides Co-operative Banks would also perform in a better way in view of the Vadyanathan Committee Recommendations having already been implemented. By the help of RIDF, he added, two Hydro Electricity Projects were successfully run in Sasaram and Kaimur districts, apart from 24 small projects under process. At the same time rural roads were being developed by the help of RIDF. Dr. Ghosh emphasized the need of creating more farmers' clubs in the State, and NABARD had a scheme"

Technology Transfer Fund" for making available foundation seeds to farmers in the State through the farmers' clubs.

Shri B.L. Gupta, Zonal Manager (Patna Zone), Punjab National Bank and Shri A.B.Jog, the Chairman, North Bihar Kshetriya Gramin Bank gave a short account of their Banks performance and the future strategies for achieving the allocated targets.

Shri Nitish Kumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar addressing the House expressed his pleasure on the discussions in the House, covering the initiatives taken by the State Government and the Govt.'s expectations from Banks. The Hon'ble Chief Minister mentioned the several initiatives being taken by the State Government for the benefit of farmers and the people below poverty line, for the development of basic infrastructure like road and power, and for the improvement of law and order situation in the State.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar, put before the House the following salient views and suggestions:-

Banks are the part and parcel for the development process of Bihar.

Commitment for the development with justice should be resolved.

Under the concept of "Inclusive Growth", all segments should be taken care of, particularly BPL families.

Role of Banks in poverty alleviation Government Sponsored Schemes is very important to achieve the objectives of inclusive growth.

The Roadmap for agriculture envisaged by the State Government- Banks should take into consideration for credit extension under agriculture, and focused strategies for agricultural growth should be prepared.

With regard to the "Crash Seed Programme" launched by the State Government envisaging subsidized funding to farmers for developing quality seeds, Banks are expected to play bigger roles in financing seed growers.

Agriculture production in the State is to be doubled in four years, Banks should accordingly initiate actions.

Farm Mechanization- Banks should encourage power-tiller financing.

Banks should fix target areas under different sectors for the development of the State.

Banks should ensure fair banking practices.

Education Loans- Scheme should be simplified Cooperatives are very important in the development process of the state, which should be strengthened. Banks should promote financing under rural housing.

Concluding his speech, the Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon the Banks to identify the real needs of the state and commit to fulfilling them. The Hon'ble Chief Minister called upon Banks to help the farmers in coming out from the clutches of moneylenders. He also requested the Banks to ensure that branches do not give any occasion to generate any complaint regarding non-sanction of education loans or non-opening of accounts of school children. He expressed the hope that by 2015 Bihar would become a developed State.

Shri Samir Saran, General Manager, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Patna assured on behalf of the State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar, of addressing all the points and issues raised by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Bihar in the House. Shri Saran also assured that 100 % of the Annual Credit Plan 2008-09 would be achieved by all Banks.

Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Bihar began his address to the House with extending thanks to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Bihar for attending the first meeting of the State Level Bankers' Committee, of the current year. Shri Modi applauded the growth of about Rs4700 cr. in credit dispensation by Banks during the last two years- which, he termed, was the highest ever in the State. Quoting Prof. Md. Yunus, the father of SHG movement in the world, as saying " no one is untouchable to banking services", the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister advised Banks to extend their outreach so as to cover all segments of the society, particularly the downtrodden and the under privileged sections. In this context, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister redefined the basic necessities of the people as "Roti, Kapda, Makan & Bank Accounts". The long awaited amendment in PDR Act as demanded by Banks, Shri Modi informed the House, the process was under way and within two month the same would be officially in place.

The salient views and suggestions expressed by the Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister are as follows:-

Meetings of the District Level Bankers' Committees (DLCCs) and Block Level Bankers' Committees (BLBCs) should be attended by the senior Bank functionaries from Controlling Offices, viz. AGM, RM, ZM etc.

System for reviewing the performance of Banks should be improved and effective.

Branch Level Performances should be monitored so that Controlling Heads of Banks may initiate remedial measures for improving the performances of poor performing branches.

No districts of the State should have less than 30 % CD Ratio by the end of the current year.

Status of 100 % financial inclusion in the 19 selected districts of the State should be monitored more effectively.

An ambitious target for opening of 2 crores of No-frills accounts be set by Banks.

Banks should focus on financing under KCC, education loans and SHG-bank linkages. For facilitating financing under KCC, Land Possession Certificates (LPCs) should be issued by the Government functionaries through Gram Shivirs.

Every rural and semi-urban branch should establish at least 5-6 Kisan Clubs each during the current year.

Business Facilitator / Business Correspondent models should be implemented by Banks in a large way

Private Banks should increase their share in the Annual Credit Plan.

State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar should launch their website at an early date.

Concluding his address, Shri Sushil Kumar Modi said that people of the State had a lot of expectation from Banks operating in the State, and Banks should come up to them.

After the address by the dignitaries, the House took up Agenda Items for discussions as under:-

The House conformed the minutes of the 23rd SLBC Meeting held on the 18th January 2008 (Agenda No-I).

With regard to the Annual Credit Plan 2008-09, Shri Modi advised all banks to ensure branch-wise allocation of targets under the ACP, and the same should be properly advised to all branches. At DLCC and BLBC levels, Shri Modi added, branch-wise performances of Banks should be reviewed and monitored effectively.

During the discussion on education loans under Agenda No-IV, Shri Modi suggested Banks to launch advertisement campaigns on education loans and to develop some innovative ideas on facilitating education loans in the State.

As regards 100 % Financial Inclusion in the 19 districts of the state, the task should be completed by all Lead Banks and other Banks by 30th June 2008. In this regard, the Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister advised all Banks to adopt the remaining districts after 30th June 2008 for 100 % financial inclusion.

During the discussion on fisheries and dairies, Shri Samir Saran, General Manager, State Bank of India suggested that the Fishery Department, Government of Bihar may provide the list of applications to Banks, and Banks would in turn inform the department which applications were eligible for loans and which were ineligible.

For the development of dairies and fisheries in the State, Shri Saran advised all the Dairy/ Fishery development Officers at district level to attend the DLCC / BLBC meetings with details of applications pending with Bank branches and put the same in the meeting for discussions.

On the poor performance of Banks under the Government Sponsored Schemes, Shri Saran attributed it to the inherent tendencies of the beneficiaries to some extent towards availing of the subsidies, causing the loans to turn NPA.

While discussion on KCC under the Agenda No-VII, Mr.B.L.Mishra, General Manager, NABARD pointed out that in case of KCC, insurance under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme was mandatory, but all the farmers under KCC were not covered under the scheme. Mr. Mishra suggested that all BLBC and DLCC meetings should be attended by District Coordinators themselves, and in all DLCC meetings it should be ensured that all the KCC borrowers were covered under NAIS. The House also resolved that insurance of non-loanee farmers under the National Agricultural Scheme should be stepped up by Commercial Banks.

Shri Navin Kumar, Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Bihar suggested banks to report the position of KCC in the following way:-

(a) Existing number of KCC (b) numbers renewed during the year (c) number of new KCCs issued (d) total number of KCC insured including personal insurance.

As regards certificate cases under Agenda No-IX, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister advised Banks to prepare some suggestions / points regarding recovery so that the Government may initiate actions by taking up the issue with the concerned departments.

Regarding Government Deposits under Agenda No XI, the Deputy Chief Minister categorically mentioned that clearcut instructions were issued by the Government, and the Government deposits were / would be kept only with Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks operating in the State.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Shri B.L.Gupta, Zonal Manager, Punjab National Bank, Patna Zone.

ACTION POINTS OF THE 24TH SLBC MEETING

1. All Banks should ensure 100 % achievement under the Annual Credit Plan 2008-09. (Action: All Banks)

2. 100 % financial inclusion in the 19 selected districts of the State- task is to be completed by 30.06.2008 and the status should effectively be monitored. At the same time Banks should adopt the remaining districts after the 30th June'08.This should be effectively monitored by SLBC (Action: - all concerned Lead Banks & the Taskforce & SLBC)

3. The process of opening the bank branches in the unbanked Blocks should be speeded up. (Action: - SLBC, DIF & the concerned Lead Bank)

4. Education Loans should be popularized through advertisements, information counters in colleges / Railway Stations, rejection of application forms under the scheme should be done at one level higher than the sanctioning level, and there should be an exchange of information on eligible institutions. (Action: - All Banks)

5. For single officer branches, cluster approach whereby keeping 8-10 Officers as standby arrangement for a cluster of 40 branches should be adopted by Banks. (Action: - Banks)

6. Inter-institutional mechanism should be strengthened at State as well as at district level to address the challenges for the development of the State. (Action: - State Government, RBI, NABARD & Banks)

7. In light of the RBI Circular dated the 2nd July 2007 on the relief measures by banks in areas affected by natural calamities, Banks should take a review of the circular to facilitate preparation of appropriate strategies for credit extension- specially consumption loans. (Action: - Controlling Heads of Banks)

8. Branch Managers particularly in North Bihar should be properly sensitized to prepare themselves well in time to take relief measures in the areas likely to be hit by floods, taking lesson from the major exercises already taken in the entire flood affected areas during the last year. (Action: Banks)

9. Banks should prepare focused strategies for agricultural growth in the State, taking into consideration the Road Map for agriculture envisaged by the State Government, apart from fixing target areas under different sectors for the development of the State. (Action: Banks)

10. Banks should ensure fair banking practices in the State. (Action: Banks)

11. Education Loans- scheme should be simplified. (Action: Inter-institutional Body)

12. Banks should promote financing under rural housing. (Action: Banks)

13. Meetings of the District Level Bankers' Committees (DLCCs) and Block Level Bankers' Committees (BLBCs) should be attended by the senior Bank functionaries from Controlling Offices, viz. AGM, RM, ZM etc (Action: Controlling Heads of Banks)

14. Branch Level Performance should be monitored so that Controlling Heads of Banks may initiate remedial measures for improving the performance of poor performing branches. (Action: DLCC & Controlling Heads of Banks)

15. No district of the State should have less than 30 % CD Ratio by the end of the current year.(Action: All Concerned Lead Banks)

16. Banks should focus on financing under KCC, education loans and SHG-bank linkages. For facilitating financing under KCC, Land Possession Certificates (LPCs) should be issued by the Government functionaries through Gram Shivirs. (Action: Banks & the concerned Govt. Departments)

17. Every rural and semi-urban branch should establish at least 5-6 Kisan Clubs each during the year. (Action: Banks & NABARD))

18. Business Facilitator / Business Correspondent models should be implemented by Banks in a large way. (Action; Banks)

19. Private Banks should increase their share in the Annual Credit Plan. (Action: Private Banks)

20. State Level Bankers' Committee, Bihar should launch their website at an early date. (Action: SLBC)

21. All KCC borrowers should invariably be covered under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, and in all the DLCC and BLBC meetings, the same should be ensured by the District Coordinators of Banks attending in person. ,(Action: DLCC / BLBC & Banks)

22. On every Wednesday, Gram Shivirs will be organized in certain Panchayats of all the Blocks in the State, and participation of Banks in the Shivir will be mandatory. (Action: Banks)

STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE, BIHAR

24th SLBC MEETING

HELD ON THE 13TH May 2008

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Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar Principal Secretary, Finance, Govt. of Bihar Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry, GoB Secretary, Deptt. Of Cooperative, GoB Asstt. Registrar General, Registration and Excise Director (Extension)-cum-Dy. Secretary, DIF, GoB **M.D COMFED** Director-cum- Asstt. Director Industry, GoB Spl. Officer, Rural Development, GoB Research Officer, National Commission for SC / ST Dy.Director, Industries, GoB. DGM. BSCB Technical Officer, L.D.B Bihar State S/C Dev. Corporation Ex-Officer, S /C Development Corporation SPM, JEEVIKA (BBREPS) SPM, BRLPS P.D.WDC, Bihar DPM, WDC, Bihar

> Regional Director, RBI, Patna G.M (RPCD), RBI, Patna AGM, RBI Chief General Manager, NABARD, Patna General Manager, NABARD, Patna General Manager, NABARD, Patna

General Manager, SBI, Patna Circle Deputy General Manager, SBI, ZO, Patna AGM, SBI (SLBC), LHO, Patna AGM, SBI, LHO, Patna Chief Manager, SLBC, SBI, LHO, Patna Manager, RBU-I, SBI, LHO, Patna AGM, Bank of India, Patna Z.M, Punjab National Bank, ZO, Patna Z M., Puniab National Bank, ZO, Muzaffarpur AGM, Bank of Baroda, RO. Patna **DGM.** Canara Bank AGM. Canara Bank DGM, Allahabad Bank ZM, Central Bank of India, ZO, Patna ZM, Central Bank of India, ZO, Muzaffarpur CM, Union Bank of India, NRO, Patna Chairman, Bihar Kshetriya Gramin Bank Chairman,. Samastipur Kshetriya Gramin Bank Chairman, Uttar Bihat Kshetriya Gramin Bank Chairman., Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank Senior. Manager, K.K.G.B, HO, Patna **DGM**, Indian Bank, Patna

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49	Shri B.S.P.Patro
50	Shri P.K. Ghaturursdi
51	Shri Nishith Kumar
52	Shri P.K.Dutta
53	Shri P.Kumar
54	Shri R.B.Sahay
55	Shri M.k.Bhatt
56	Shri Binay Kumar
57	Shri R. Kumar
58	Shri S.Gautam
59	Shri A.Balajee
60	Shri Sanjeev Sinha
61	Shri Jimmy Kumar
62	Shri Dhananjay Kumar
63	Shri R.P.Singh
64	Shri Nitish Kumar
65	Shri R.S.Chaudhary
66	Shri Chandra Prakash
67	Shri N.H.Despande
68	Shri Kunmar Ranjeet
69	Shri R. N.U.Thomas
70	Shri M.Roy
71	Shri A.B.R.Tappo
72	Shri B.Prasad
73	Shri N.N.Behra
74	Shri R.B.Prasad
75	Shri K.Prasad

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