

## Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly SLBC Meeting

Held at Patna on 03.06.2025.

The 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting of SLBC Bihar was held on 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 at Hotel Maurya, Patna. The meeting was presided over by Hon'ble Deputy Chief (Finance) Minister, Govt. of Bihar Shri Samrat Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister Cooperative Dr. Prem Kumar, Hon'ble Minister Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Resources Smt. Renu Devi, Hon'ble Minister Rural Development Shri Shravan Kumar, Hon'ble Minister UDHD Shri Jibesh Kumar, Principal Secretary Finance Sri Anand Kishore, ACS Road Construction and Industries, Shri Mihir Kumar Singh, ACS Animal & Fisheries resources, Dr.N Vijaya Lakshmi, RD RBI Sri Sujit Kumar Arvind, CGM SBI Sri K. V. Bangarraju and CGM NABARD Sri Binay Kumar Sinha. Convenor SLBC, Sri Ravindra Kumar Srivastava & Other State Heads/ Senior level officials from SLBC member banks, State Government Departments, SIDBI, KVIC, Police, Department of Posts, NCSC & representatives of Industry Associations were also present. District Magistrates, Lead District Managers of Bihar, Officials of PFRDA, AIF, CGTMSE, NCST, WDRA were also invited to attend the meeting through Video Conferencing.

2. The meeting commenced at 12:00 noon with lightening of the lamp by the esteemed guests on the stage and formal welcome of all the esteemed guests. **The Chief General Manager (SBI Patna Circle) Shri K.V. Bangarraju welcomed Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister Shri Samrat Choudhary.**

**The Chief General Manager (SBI Patna Circle) Shri K.V. Bangarraju**, in his opening remarks welcomed all the dignitaries and participants. He presented a brief overview of the performance of banks during the FY 2024-25 vis. a vis. the ACP, CD Ratios, other parameters, and the way forward to achieve the desired results in FY 2025-26.

The key points on performance presented by him in his deliberations are as under:

(I) Performance in Financial Year 2024-25: -

1. CD Ratio- The CD ratio of the state is increasing year on year basis and is at 59.04% in March 2025.

2. In the financial year 2024-25, 71.57% of the ACP target was achieved by all the banks and he expected that 100% of the ACP target will be achieved in the current financial year 2025-26 with the collective efforts of all stakeholders.

3. Under the major schemes of the government, consistent performance has been exhibited by banks under PMEGP, PMMY, SUI, PMFME, and PM-SVANidhi schemes. Bihar has been recognized as the PAN INDIA topper in terms of loan approval under PMFME in the financial year 2024-25.

4. He highlighted the continuous efforts being made by banks towards strengthening and expanding financial inclusion in the state. As on 31.03.2025, banking facilities are being provided with 8,304 branches and 53,041 fixed point CSP outlets in the state.

5. As on 31.03.2025, about 41.67 Lakh new Jan Dhan accounts have been opened by banks in the current financial year 2024-25.

6. He appreciated the work done by all banks under social security schemes. Due to the good performance of banks in APY, '**the Ultimate Leadership Award**' has been awarded to SLBC Bihar by PFRDA in the category of large states.

He extended heartfelt thanks to all the LDMs and banks of the state for their contribution in these achievements.

II. He put forward the priority areas before the SLBC forum for FY 2025-26 and they were as under:

1. Planned effort to be made to achieve 100% ACP target right from the beginning of the current FY 2025-26.

2. In the agriculture sector, banks must continue their efforts through traditional ways of financing by KCC and also to explore new opportunities for financing other areas of agriculture.

3. Under the Government Sponsored Schemes, all banks, specially private sector banks, are expected to finance PM-VISHWAKARMA, PMEGP, PMFME and other important schemes to their maximum capacity.

4. In coming days due to the rapid development of infrastructure in the state and supportive policies of the government, many new industrial investments are expected to take place in Bihar. This will help the banks to increase credit flow in the state.

Finally, he assured on behalf of all the banks and SLBC Bihar that the banks in the state will continue to make all-out effort to achieve excellence in all areas and will show good results during the financial year 2025-26.

3. **Shri Sujit Kumar Arvind, The Regional Director RBI Patna** welcomed all the dignitaries on dais along with all the participants attending the 93<sup>rd</sup> SLBC meeting.

The highlights of his deliberations are as under:

SLBC plays important role for increasing inclusive financing, strengthening banking infrastructure and empowering economic structural transformations in state. The 93<sup>rd</sup> SLBC is not only an important platform for introspection—reviewing achievements, identifying gaps, and drawing lessons from the previous financial year but it also embodies a forward-looking vision, serving as a strategic roadmap for the current year. SLBC is an important medium to plan credit flow, based on ground level information and requirements in alignment with the bottom-up approach of the Lead Bank Scheme. It also underlines the importance of timely conduct of DCC and

BLBC meetings, aims to expand credit outreach and deepening the financial inclusion across the state. He applauded performance by all the stakeholders in financial inclusion and development of Bihar despite structural and regional challenges.

2. He made Special mention of Bihar Government's proactive policy push which is reflected in the recent Budget 2025–26 with a Rs.3.17 lakh crore allocation. The budget is focussed on investments in education, infrastructure, agriculture, and women empowerment. This year's budget is well aligned with the priorities of inclusive growth and economic empowerment. He urged all banks to ensure that there remains no gap in providing services or meeting the credit needs of these sectors. Let us strive to be responsive, adaptive, and fully prepared to support the growth of these sectors with the required resources and services.

3. The CD ratio in the state has recorded a marginal improvement—from 58.71% in March 2024 to 59.04% as of March 31, 2025. Purnea, Araria, West Champaran, Vaishali, and Kishanganj are top 5 districts in CD ratio. However, 19 districts — nearly half of the districts in the state—continue to report their CD ratios below the state average, which is a matter of concern. He said that progress made in traditionally lagging districts like Munger, Nalanda, Bhojpur and Jehanabad was encouraging. These districts should aim for improving the CD ratio above 50%.

The combined CD ratio of all lead banks together in the state stands at a modest 42.75%. This persistent gap underscores the urgent need for district-specific strategies, data-driven monitoring, and closer collaboration with local administrative bodies to unlock Bihar's true credit potential.

4. The overall performance of banks under the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) for FY 2024-25 has been below expectations. Banks have collectively achieved only 71.5 % of the ACP target – a sharp decline compared to 96.35% achievement last year. Even in absolute terms, the quantum of credit disbursement has decreased. Private sector banks have performed well with 82.9% achievement, but public sector banks are lagging behind, achieving only 66.5%. Banks having ACP achievement below 50% is matter of concern and they are expected to improve in current FY. He urged all underperforming institutions to reassess their credit strategies, focus on timely disbursement to deserving priority sectors like agriculture and MSME.

5. He also urged all concerned stakeholders to adopt a pragmatic approach in the preparation and allocation of the Annual Credit Plan (ACP), ensuring that the targets set are realistic & based on local realities. He also advised to consider valuable feedback from the local administration, Lead District Officers (LDOs), Lead District Managers (LDMs), District Development Managers (DDMs), and other key functionaries in deciding ACP target.

6. The overall NPA level in the State has seen a marginal increase—from 7.46% in March 2024 to 7.57% in March 2025—highlighting the need for focused efforts, particularly in the agriculture sector where NPAs remain alarmingly high, exceeding 16%. He urged all underperforming Bank to intensify their efforts and credit

monitoring mechanisms across all sectors, with special emphasis on agriculture. Districts—namely Buxar, Jamui, Kaimur, Lakhisarai, and Rohtas—require immediate and sustained intervention, as their overall NPAs remain above 15%.

He commended the district authorities for their active support and coordination, which has played a pivotal role in reducing the number of pending certificate cases.

7. He sought cooperation of the Government of Bihar in accelerating the digitalization of land records that will significantly streamline the flow of credit across various loan categories, particularly in agriculture, by enabling faster, more transparent, and secure lending processes.

8. He also indicated various initiatives offered by RBI Patna as advanced solutions to the Government of Bihar, including **e-Receipt Version 2.0**, the **Payment Recall facility**, **Daily IFSC list updation** and the **Aadhaar Payment Bridge System**. He urged Bihar Govt for timely testing and implementation to reap the benefits from all these initiatives.

9. The Reserve Bank of India has recently undertaken a comprehensive review of the Lead Bank Scheme, incorporating valuable feedback from stakeholders within the framework, including SLBC Convenor Banks, Lead District Officers (LDOs), Lead District Managers (LDMs), and District Development Managers (DDMs).

The proposed amendments have been communicated to the State Government. He urged the Government of Bihar to kindly examine these suggestions and provide their feedback to ensure effective implementation of the revised Lead Bank Scheme.

10. He informed that, in alignment with the Government's 'One State, One Rural Bank' policy, Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank and Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank have been amalgamated into a single Regional Rural Bank, named **Bihar Gramin Bank**, effective from May 1, 2025. This unified institution will henceforth serve as the sole Regional Rural Bank for the entire state of Bihar, operating under the sponsorship of Punjab National Bank. The merger is a significant step towards strengthening the rural banking ecosystem—aimed at enhancing service delivery, improving operational efficiency, and deepening financial inclusion across the state. The Reserve Bank of India is extending necessary support for integration of their current accounts and has also rolled out necessary guidelines for licensing and scheduling of the new entity.

11. He drew attention to the Priority Sector Lending (PSL) guidelines updated as on 01.04.2025. These revisions aim to broaden the scope and impact of priority sector lending. This includes Enhanced Loan Limits for Better Coverage such as Renewable Energy & healthcare, Revised PSL Targets for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs), Expansion of 'Weaker Sections' Category and Support for Start-ups and MSMEs **etc.**

These enhanced provisions are expected to enable more targeted and inclusive deployment of credit, ensuring that underserved segments of the economy receive the financial support they need for sustainable growth.

12. In alignment with the RBI's Clean Note Policy and ensuring a seamless exchange process, the equivalent value of Rs. 2,000 notes received through RBI counters is credited to the tenderers on the same day. Further, as part of efforts to enhance cash management services, approximately 6000 coin and note exchange melas were organized across the state. These initiatives resulted in the distribution of approximately 10 crore coins and exchange of approximately 11 crore currency notes till FY 2024-25.

13. As per data of Ministry of Communication, Govt. of India, the tele-density in Bihar is just 57.23%, Despite this, the growth in digital transactions over the past financial year has been remarkable, with a **238%** increase in the number of transactions and a **268%** rise in transaction value, reflecting a strong shift towards digital payments.

The Reserve Bank of India has issued the **Digital Lending Directions, 2025**. These guidelines aim to address growing concerns around digital lending practices. To promote this, Reserve Bank of India has observed the **Digital Payment Awareness Week**.

14. To promote MSME in the state another programme for women entrepreneurs, has been planned during June 23-27, 2025. This is in line with the International MSME Day, to recognize the important role of MSMEs.

He concluded with words that the heart of this forum lies in shared commitment—to build a better Bihar where every farmer thrives, every entrepreneur flourishes, and every young mind is empowered to dream big and realize their aspirations. Such a vision can only be achieved through the power of collaboration. He urged all to strengthen partnerships, rise to challenges with unity, and work resolutely towards a Bihar that is prosperous, inclusive, and financially empowered.

**4. CGM NABARD:** The Chief General Manager NABARD, welcomed the Hon'ble Ministers, dignitaries present on the dais and all the participants. The highlights of his speech are as under: -

- (i) Although Credit flow in last year was less both in absolute terms as well as % terms but now focus should be made on ACP achievement of FY 2025-26 by target fixation, proper strategies and sincere implementation.
- (ii) However, the approach of linking ACP with previous year outstanding is neither scientific nor logical, as credit to GSDP ratio in Bihar is low. During past two years, prior to last year it was around 33 % & which came down last year to 30%. All India Credit to GDP ratio is 55% and it is in increasing trend. Secondly disbursement of o/s amount was around 11% and growth in deposit was around 10% leading to nominal increase in CD ratio. It is still very low as compared to average pan India. Hence ACP should not be linked with last year outstanding rather it is more relevant to link it with potential as well as aspirational requirement
- (iii) Agri & MSME is the mainstream of Bihar's economy. Hence a push is required to increase credit flow. By timely credit, adequate credit and affordable credit. He appreciated the improvement in Agriculture shown by

Private banks, however lending through MFI, NBFC or BC model have made lending costlier. Some Private sector banks (like HDFC & Axis bank) have substantial number of the accounts that are carrying interest rate more than 7%. Out of total agriculture of Rs 70,000 crores the share of PSB is Rs 18000 cr, Pvt sector bank is also 18,000 cr. RRB is 17,000 cr. Cooperative Banks Rs 12,000 cr & SFB is Rs 3,000 cr. He said that Credit has an important role to play in development of Bihar and urged all stakeholders to make sincere efforts.

- (iv) Share of cooperative bank in Agriculture sector is Rs 12,000 crores, out of this only Rs 250 cr. is for KCC and maximum loan is being provided to PACS. This shows challenge of credit reach to farmers. Even in RRBs out of portfolio of Rs 18,000 in agriculture majority is SHG financing with KCC relatively small portion.
- (v) Dairy, Fishery, Poultry & Farm mechanisation are important sectors for overall growth of Agriculture. Dairy & Fisheries sector offer higher growth rate than KCC crop. However, only 5% out of total credit to farm credit term loan goes to mainly 4 sectors that are Dairy, Fishery, Poultry & Farm mechanisation and only 2% of total disbursement on Agriculture goes to above 4 sectors based on available data. All FIs should give a relook to their exposures in these sectors.
- (vi) Based on landholdings as per 2011 census approximately 1 crore 61 lakhs land holdings are there and if it is considered as the base for the number of farmers only 17 Lakh, out of it have been provided KCC.
- (vii) In MSME, total outstanding is less than the disbursement amount which indicates that banks are focussing more on lending working capital. Banks should focus more in establishing new units. TL flow should be increased to cater actual needs of the new units /start-ups which is emerging sector in Bihar.
- (viii) There should be a push in Agri and SME activity both for production as well as investment in the form of term loan for farm mechanisation, dairy fisheries etc. Horticulture is also an emerging sector. Monitoring of cultivation, processing, and entire value chain of crops such as Makhana, Banana, Mango & Litchi etc should be done. Sector wise, activity wise monitoring is required specially at DCC level.
- (ix) Special planning is required for aspirational district (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of total districts in Bihar) with focus on cluster development, integrated financing, and financing of entire supply chain.
- (x) Data should be sanitised with break-up of activity wise to reflect actual figure.
- (xi) Agri stack development that is in process in Bihar, that includes updation of crop land registry of land records and formation of crop registry, needs to be expedited.

**5. Shri Kumar Ranjeet AGM SLBC** made the detailed PPT presentation on the progress of banks at various sectors as per agenda.

Point wise discussions of the ATRs submitted by the banks on 90<sup>TH</sup>, 91<sup>ST</sup> & 92<sup>ND</sup> SLBC (Joint) Quarterly meeting that was held on 17.02.2025, was presented and discussed.

- I. The three credit camps were organised on 25.02.2025, 11.03.2025 & 26.03.2025 and total Rs 7,073 crore loan was sanctioned. He also advised that based on the decision of State Credit Review and Monitoring Committee (SCRMC) that was held on 11.04.2025, credit camp was to be organised on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at block level, each month. The date for the first camp in this context is on 18.06.2025.
- II. Special study was carried out for finding reasons of low CD ratio & suggestions to improve it under chairmanship of UCO bank (Lead bank of Munger). First meeting of committee was organised on 07.05.2025 at Munger. AGM SLBC asked UCO bank to give feedback on this study. The committee expressed displeasure on reply given by UCO bank and delay in submission of the final Study report to the committee. UCO bank committed to immediately submit the study report of Munger as per the action point of the committee. UCO bank also advised that the CD ratio of Munger has increased over the years, and it is expected to cross 40 % in near future. He advised that LDM is working in coordination with all stakeholders to improve CD ratio During discussion hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister instructed to work in focussed way to increase CD ratio of Munger and Nalanda.
- III. AGM SLBC also discussed the study / meeting carried out by Finance dept. Govt. of Bihar on 26.05.2025. at Munger. The findings are awaited.
- IV. 5 districts having low CD ratio where specific study was to be carried out was discussed. The final study reports of UCO bank & PNB regarding the low CD ratio districts is yet to received. Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister applauded districts Jehanabad & Buxar for improving CD ratio and coming out from list of low CD ratio but instructed Nalanda, Bhojpur & Munger district to make serious efforts to show improvement.
- V. The committee had discussion over low performance of Pvt. sector banks in GSS and the committee raised their concern over performance of Pvt. sector banks.

Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister desired to know reasons for slow pace under PMMY. He and Principal Secretary Finance asked SBI to reply in this regard.

**Shri Tarun Saxena DGM SME, SBI** explained that banks are giving due focus on Mudra loans, the maximum amount has been increased to 20.00 lacs under Tarun Plus for motivating good loanees. Even banks are ready to sanction loans of higher amount to progressive entrepreneurs based on their requirement. He also advised that the mode of operation of Pvt. Sector banks are different from that of Public Sector banks. He also advised that SBI is using special channel to source applications.

**Shri Jibesh Kumar Hon'ble Minister UDHD** also expressed concerns over low Mudra performance of Banks and ground level difficulties.

**Shri Samrat Choudhary Hon'ble Dy Chief Finance Minister** showed concern over PMMY to 2,86,000 persons by public sector banks as compared to Pvt Sector 31.00 lakh persons. He advised all the banks to come forward in financing & extending support to the needy people of Bihar for employment & overall growth.

DGM SME SBI advised that average ticket size of PMMY for public sector banks is above Rs 2.00 lacs as compared to that of Pvt Sector banks which is Rs 50,000 only. For smooth processing of PMMY SBI has setup a team of dedicated persons who visit to the prospective entrepreneurs for generating the leads since last two years and the performance has improved over the years.

**Shri Anand Kishor, Principal Secretary Finance, Govt. of Bihar** advised banks that feedback related to financing GSS at field level is slightly different and needs improvement. He drew attention towards the number of applications sanctioned under PMMY loan by Pvt. Sector banks which is 80% of total sanction and much higher than PSB. If the presence of PSB is considered in comparison to Pvt sector for banks this needs to be focussed. He also advised that this will be reviewed by Finance dept. or Industry department separately.

**Hon'ble Minister Smt. Renu Devi** advised banks not only to focus on existing customers but also to focus on financing to new customers

**Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister** advised all banks to improve their performance to support the growth of Bihar.

- VI. Data sanitisation was emphasised in reporting to SLBC portal. Proper classification as per RBI guidelines to be ensured by all the member banks
- VII. He informed the committee that three Meeting of State heads to review the progress and the strategies to be adopted to achieve the ACP target & increase CD Ratio etc has been conducted. These meetings were held in February & March on 21.02.2025, 07.03.2025 & 24.03.2025.
- VIII. Loans under Crop loans other than KCC that are being reported under Crop loans was discussed wherein the reply of UBGB, HDFC & Axis bank was discussed. The facts submitted by HDFC & Axis was not satisfactory. HDFC bank advised that the classification has been done as per RBI directives on KCC scheme. submitted that matter has already been taken up with their corporate centre and they are examining the issue.
- IX. The banks also discussed their efforts in sanction and renewal of KCC loans. The requirement of LPC in KCC (Ah & F) was discussed in detail. To highlight the efforts made by the banks, officials from Bank of Baroda, were asked to explain their efforts. In this context, official from Bank of Baroda added that “**Kisaan Swabhimaan**” campaign has been started to improve financing.

Hon'ble Minister Renu Devi raised concern of LPC requirement by banks under KCC Animal Husbandry & KCC Fishery scheme.



**Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister** asked to clarify whether LPC is required or not, **Principal Secretary Finance & ACS Industry** requested RBI to clarify the matter.

**RD RBI clarified that RBI is closely monitoring the progress under KCC Animal Husbandry & KCC Fishery scheme.** Due to high NPA level banks are facing constraints in financing this sector.

Shri Mihir Kumar Singh, The Additional Chief Secretary Road Construction and Industries Dept. further said that Banks should follow the instructions of DFS that Land Possession Certificate is not required for loan up to 2.00 lacs to KCC (AH & Fisheries). He also indicated that Banks were further directed to coordinate and convene a small meeting to arrive at consensus whether LPC is required in financing the KCC(AH&F) loan to farmers. He asked clarification from banks in this regard.

**Assistant General Manager, ABU of SBI** advised to the committee that LPC is not required under KCC Animal Husbandry & KCC Fishery scheme.

The CGM SBI advised the committee that LPC is required by the banks as proof of the landholding and not for the purpose of security or collateral.

The committee was on a consensus that the issue of LPC is required to be resolved, recorded, and uniformly followed by banks and branches down the line in lending KCC to Animal Husbandry and fisheries.

**Shri Samrat Choudhary Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister** added on this that if needed banks can revisit the application rejected due to LPC or land issue and contact the customers for fresh loans to such farmers.

- X. Shri Kumar Ranjeet AGM(SLBC) further discussed the other action taken reports where in lead banks had confirmed that their LDMs have prepared the calender of DCC meetings and the same is being shared with all the stakeholders.
- XI. The banks were requested to work in camp mode and advised to follow other measures like VCIP, utilise services of BC & CSP to expedite the pace of re-KYC to reactivate the inoperative accounts specially PMJDY accounts. He also drew attention towards the measures advised in further slide.

The action taken reports of 90<sup>TH</sup>, 91<sup>ST</sup> & 92<sup>ND</sup> (Joint) Quarterly SLBC Meeting Held on 17.02.2025, was accepted by the committee.

After the discussion on ATRs, the presentation continued and **Shri Kumar Ranjeet AGM(SLBC)**, presented the overall position of advances and NPA in Bihar for year ended 2024-25. He advised the total advances of Bihar as on 31.03.2025 is Rs 319 lakh crores & the NPA level is 7.57%. In this context, **The Principal Secretary, Finance Govt of Bihar, Shri Anand Kishore** added that SCRMC has been constituted to review NPA, Certificate cases, SARFAESI cases and security issues of bank along with ACP achievement & CD ratio. The situation of recovery in NPA has improved. Govt. is addressing the major concerns of bank and it is also expected from Banks to support in improving economic condition of Bihar.

The review of including financial education in school curriculum, financial literacy initiatives as well as updates on miscellaneous agendas of RBI regarding Market Intelligence including awareness for customers against cyber frauds, phishing attempts, Ponzi schemes etc. was discussed. During presentation, these topics were further clarified by **The General Manager RBI Patna, Smt. Ranjeeta Chowdhary**.

**Shri Kumar Ranjeet AGM (SLBC)** presented the other slides of PMJDY, PMJJBY & PMSBY. The achievements of SLBC in APY campaigns for FY 2024-25 was highlighted. The performance of all Banks in all these FI initiatives and social security schemes was appreciated.

AGM SLBC advised the committee about bank wise & district wise distribution of the ACP for the FY 2025-26 and requested the committee to approve it. The ACP target for FY 2025-26 was approved by all stakeholders.

The sector wise & Bank wise ACP achievements were discussed. The overall ACP achievement of the state for FY2024-25 was 71.57%. Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister raised concern over the negative growth in all sectors except non-priority sector. He requested all Banks to focus on PSL along with NPS sector. Bank wise analysis on ACP achievements for FY 2024-25 was discussed. AGM SLBC advised the committee that only 2 Public sector Banks have achieved more than 80% of ACP target while achievement of 5 Public Sector Banks is below 50%. He also highlighted about sharp decline in ACP achievement of few Banks specially PNB.

PNB was asked to share reasons for sharp decline in ACP achievement. PNB submitted that ACP achievement was lower due to low KCC disbursements, due to high irregular KCC accounts and 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of last FY 2024-25 also slightly affected due to elections. However, he advised that bank is committed to improve and achieve ACP in this FY 2025-26.

**Shri Samrat Choudhary Hon'ble Dy Chief Finance Minister** made remarks that conduct of elections should not hinder performance of banks. The code of conduct is not affecting loan disbursement process of Banks. Hence banks should not make election process as excuse for low performance.

**Shri Anand Kishor, Principal Secretary Finance Govt. of Bihar** advised banks to focus on financing to priority sector lending schemes from 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter onwards. He advised that performance indicators for reviewing performance of banks have been formalised and will be launched very soon. The performance of Banks will be monitored on the basis of these parameters and Bihar government will monitor banks based on that ranking.

During the presentation of performance by Banks in MSME Sector, AGM SLBC also invited Shri Mihir Kumar Singh, ACS Industries Department, for detailed presentation of Industries Dept. on performance of banks in GSS (detailed in the minute ahead).

**6. The Additional Chief Secretary Road Construction and Industries Dept, Shri Mihir Kumar Singh**, highlighted the infrastructure initiatives taken by Bihar government in recent times. Some of major express highways that have been sanctioned are Gorakhpur to Siliguri i.e., Panipat to Silchar, Patna to Purnea express

way, Raxaul - Haldia express way around border of Banka & Deoghar, Banaras to Kolkata corridor (Kaimur to Gaya) and Buxar to Bhagalpur apart from other many Highways. He said that our state is expected to have the best infrastructure in India in coming years. He also highlighted major industrial textile industries with big players like AB group etc. coming in Bihar at Muzaffarpur, Begusarai, Bihta & Jhanjharpur etc. Similarly labour-intensive industries like food processing, ethanol, manufacturing and aerated drinks industry at Begusarai & Buxar have created a positive competitive environment in Bihar. He also invited all Banks to come in SIPB meetings being held at Industry department and requested to explore the opportunities thereat by way of financing new units being cleared in SIPB meetings.

He also presented over the performance of Banks vis. a vis. their targets in PMEGP, PMFME & other Government Sponsored Schemes. He showed concerns over very low disbursements as compared to sanctions. He asked Indus-Ind Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and other Pvt sector banks to explain the reasons for zero sanction under PMEGP Scheme. Indus-Ind Bank assured to improve sanctions under PMEGP Scheme during the current FY. He also asked SBI to explain about disbursement in 1109 cases against sanction of 1547. **Shri Tarun Saxena, DGM SME SBI** highlighted some of the major challenges faced by banks in financing GSS. During processing of loan some of applicants express their inability to comply with the stamp duty. He added that a letter to review or waive the stamp duty for loan under GSS up to 10.00 lacs has also been sent on the issue. Some other issues like the Margin Money claims pending for disbursement is also one of the reasons for low disbursement. He also expressed his concern over zero sanction by Banks in PMFME Scheme. He asked Axis Bank to explain the reasons for negligible sanction & disbursement under PMFME Scheme. He requested all Banks to provide list of those applicants where disbursements are pending to Industry Department in order to push for disbursement by his department. He insisted Finance Department on having some sort of mechanism to review performance of banks on the basis of achievement under Credit target of ACP. Principal Secretary Finance Sri Anand Kishore Jee advised that such review based on different parameters having total marks of 100, is being implemented very soon. Banks will be ranked on that basis and the corrective actions may be taken accordingly.

Further, ACS Industry Sri Mihir Kumar Singh wanted to know about very slow progress under PMVY. He asked Axis Bank to explain the reasons for NIL progress. Axis Bank assured to improve the performance in current year. HDFC & ICICI banks were also asked to explain the reasons. ACS industry advised that Bihar is growing with a pace of 8 to 8.5 % which is more than the country average, Big industrial units are coming in Bihar and government is also investing heavily in infrastructure. In view of this, he requested all Banks to intensify their efforts in lending to all the growing sectors. Leading banks were invited to escalate ground level challenges that needed to be addressed.

**Shri Mihir Kumar Singh, ACS Industries Dept, asked KVIC Director to clarify on Margin Money claim pendency in respect of PMEGP loans sanctioned by Banks in Bihar. Sri Haneef Mewati, the Director KVIC, Patna** added that Bihar is

continuously progressing in PMEGP financing and has risen to top 5 states. He advised that request has been made by his Department to Govt. of India for release of subsidy and positive results are expected.

After the end of presentation, the other esteemed guests & dignitaries were invited for their deliberations in the meeting. The deliberations of the dignitaries are as under in seriatim.

**7. Dr. N Vijaya Lakshmi, ACS Agriculture, Animal and Fisheries resources** said that Agri allied sector is very important sector for Bihar that generates significant contribution in state economy and livelihood. Agri allied sector is contributing 36% to total Agriculture GDP of the state (28% from Animal Husbandry & 8% from Fisheries). She informed that growth of Bihar in this sector is more than the national average of the sector. Bihar has achieved an average 10% growth over the time constantly and if it is focussed by banks then it may achieve more accelerated growth. This sector contribution in meat, milk, fish & eggs forwards overall economy of the state which has been made possible with overall developmental support by the Government. It has grown to an industry of 1.00 lac crores. She further remarked that this sector has immense potential and banks should focus on this segment. She also highlighted that a minimal growth has been shown in performance as compared to past Quarter performance. She added that there is no provision of Land Possession Certificate and submission of LPC should not be made compulsory by the banks. She also indicated that usually applicants of KCC(AH&F) face challenge of low CIBIL probably due to their old irregular KCC, which needs to be sorted out.

She advised banks to inform the department for participation of representatives in the fortnightly or monthly meetings held at bank level to review the performance of branches and banks in Agriculture Animal Husbandry Fisheries.

She also informed that a new portal is under development and will be rolled out by the Department. This new portal is expected to help the Department in overall monitoring of the progress and sort out the challenges being faced in the sector.

**8. The Principal Secretary, Finance Govt of Bihar, Shri Anand Kishore,** addressed all participants and stated that important comments that were already made during the review should be followed. The other highlights of his address are as under

- i. He suggested that Districts Coordination meeting and DCCs should be done in true spirit in all the districts.
- ii. He applauded the outcome of the three camps conducted in the months of February 2025 and March 2025 wherein more than 7,000 crores loans were sanctioned. He also insisted LDMs that dates of such types of camps need to be decided in DCC and executed well in time to mitigate the engagements that might increase in coming days due to election. He advised banks to arrange for two to three camps before commencement of elections.
- iii. He appreciated the efforts of Jehanabad & Buxar that have come out of the low CD ratio bracket. However, the other three districts Nalanda, Bhojpur and Munger need

to focus on camps and constitute specific teams to come out of the low CD ratio. LDMs & DMs of these districts should make efforts for improving CD ratio of these districts. He thanked Shri Samrat Choudhary, Hon'ble Dy. Chief (Finance) Minister, on various aspects emphasised and important instructions given by him, in the meeting.

**9. Smt. Renu Devi, Hon'ble Minister Animal & Fisheries Resources** welcomed the dignitaries & all the participants. She raised concern over slow progress under saturation drive weekly camps of KCC Animal husbandry & KCC fisheries. Applications are being rejected for want of LPC, rent receipt etc which is not a prerequisite as per SOP of DFS & Government of India guidelines. Some of the important concerns raised by her were:

- i. Relatively lower sanction of applications,
- ii. Non intimation of acceptance / rejection to applicants,
- iii. Checklist as per guidelines of DFS is not being followed,
- iv. Banks do not accept the application for KCC of those members of the Fisheries Cooperative Society whose settlement letter is issued for less than one year,
- v. Purchase is being done without informing the purchase committee which leads to issues in release of subsidy,
- vi. Rural and urban fish sellers should be included as an important activity related to fisheries at the state level and should be provided facility of KCC loan,
- vii. The disposal of all applications of animal husbandry & fisheries should be timebound,
- viii. Revamped portal for KCC Animal Husbandry & KCC Fishery scheme needs to be implemented.

**10. Shri Shravan Kumar, Hon'ble Minister Rural Development**, welcomed all the dignitaries and participants attending the meeting. He insisted banks to follow the suggestions seriously, given by Shri Anand Kishore Jee, Shri Mihir Kumar Singh Jee, Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi madam and other important dignitaries in the meeting. The focus should be given on Nalanda, Buxar Munger & Bhojpur where achievement is less. In Nalanda, he advised lead Bank PNB, to organise credit camps for covering more people. More help is required in JEEViKA financing as it is one of the sectors with very low NPA as compared to other sectors.

- i. He highlighted on the approx. 99% repayment observed in loans to SHG members and hence financing related to them should be liberal.
- ii. He insisted banks to come forward with plan to finance pending applications of Awas Yojana. Most of these applicants of Awas yojana are associated with Jeevika and they have habit of repayment. He requested Banks to provide small value loans up to Rs1.00 lakh for construction of house to these applicants.
- iii. Highlighting the states vision of giving employment to 38 lac people in Bihar, he remarked that only 22% youth get employment after training from RSETI. RSETIs should design the training system in such a way that employment is

guaranteed to youth including women. All the unemployed who gets training from RSETIs should be associated with Banks for financing and generating employment.

- iv. Construction of RSETIs at Patna & Munger should be immediately completed.

**11. Shri Prem Kumar, Hon'ble Minister Cooperative Department** in his deliberation welcomed all the esteemed guest and participants. He highlighted the supports being provided by Central Government and the initiatives being taken by Bihar government for development of state. He highlighted that still 94 lac people in Bihar are below poverty line who have been targeted under Laghu Udyami Yojana. He highlighted the purchase by co-operative societies throughout the state covering more than 4.36 lakh farmers. He added that Vegetable federation has been formed. At 77 places, 10 tonne capacity cold storage, 20 tonne capacity go-downs and other infrastructure for sorting, grading has been initiated. In his deliberations he furthered added that: -

- i. State has large number of people engaged in the activity of animal husbandry, fisheries, weaver & beekeepers and other potentiality,
- ii. Senior officials should visit the farmers in villages to understand the issues of rural public,
- iii. Choupals and customer connect programmes to be organised in true sense,
- iv. He highlighted that Cooperative bank have sanctioned loan to 13000 farmers which is 51% of target and have CD ratio of 170%. Cooperative bank is also extending loans to JLG & SHG.
- v. JLGs have been formed Poultry, Dairy etc.
- vi. **"Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam"** a symbolic gesture—planting a tree in the name of one's mother. He requested Banks to support in this initiative to protect environment.
- vii. Bihar has quite good scope and banks should join hands to overcome the gaps in financing to align with vision of **"Aatm Nirbhar Bharat"** & **"Aatm Nirbhar Bihar"**.

**12. Shri Samrat Choudhary, Hon'ble Dy Chief (Finance) Minister in his deliberations welcomed all the dignitaries and participants.** He highlighted that our country has attained growth in various sectors and support of banks is needed for growth of Bihar to match the pace. He motivated all the Bankers and advised that they are also part of his government, and all should work in a team to work together for growth of Bihar. The need to improve the overall CD ratio of the state was stressed.

- i. He insisted that banks to prioritise their financing in schemes like PM Vishwakarma & other government sponsored schemes, MSME to bring entrepreneurs in the fold along with Agriculture and allied activities to contribute more in GDP growth of Bihar.
- ii. Vat tax in ATF (aviation turbine fuel) has been reduced to 4% from 29% to facilitate aviation sector transportation,
- iii. Bihar is agricultural state and approx. Rs. 60,000 crore comes from GST/VAT.

- iv. He insisted banks to follow the instructions given in deliberations of fellow minister and heads of Departments in the meeting.
- v. In each block credit camp should be organised on monthly basis.
- vi. He highlighted vision of implementing the Public Private Partnership models in development of various infrastructure. He highlighted the efforts made by the government in providing land for establishing industries & social infrastructures,
- vii. Work has been started with vision of at least one Cold storage facilities for vegetables & establishing Agri Marketing Yard at each block. He highlighted the other progressive works like reforming lands of bazar samitis, vegetable selling points,
- viii. He urged Lead Bank, SLBC, NABARD & RBI to arrange for monitoring performance of each district on monthly basis to ensure overall achievement of Bihar.

At the end of the meeting, **The General Manager & Convenor of SLBC Shri Ravindra Kumar Srivastava**, thanked all the dignitaries for their participation & valuable guidance. He also thanked all the State Heads of Banks, representatives of Industry Association, District authorities, State Government officials and all other participants who attended online. With vote of thanks the meeting ended with assurance on behalf of Banks to perform with full potential and contribute to development of Bihar.

### **Action Points of the meeting**

1. Meeting of banks is to be conducted for deciding requirement of LPC/ Rent receipt in financing under KCC Animal Husbandry and KCC Fishery.

**(Action: SLBC)**

2. For better co-ordination among stakeholders and thrust to financing of KCC Animal husbandry & Fisheries a coordination meeting to be conducted wherein officials from Department of Animal & Fisheries resources, Govt. of Bihar should be invited.

**(Action:SLBC)**

3. Credit camps to be organised by lead Banks in co-ordination with district authorities at Nalanda, Bhojpur and Munger to improve CD ratio.

**(Action: Lead Banks)**

4. Credit outreach programme is to be carried out to improve Customers connect at each block per month in all the districts.

**(Action: All Lead banks, All LDMs)**

5. Land allotment and Construction of RSETIs at all remaining centres should be completed and it should start functioning from its own building.

**(Action: Lead Banks and District Authorities)**

6. DCC & BLBC meetings to be carried out timely as per guidelines of Lead Bank Scheme.

**(Action: LDM & Lead Bank)**

7. LDMs & DDM NABARD should arrange meetings with all the stake holders and incorporate their feedbacks in order to prepare PLP for FY 2026-27 as per guidelines of LBS Scheme.

**(Action: LDM & DDM NABARD)**

8. Regular review of the districts should be carried out in coordination with RBI, NABARD & Lead Banks.

**(Action: SLBC)**

9. Banks to work in camp mode and initiate special measures to expedite the pace of Re-KYC and activation of inoperative accounts.

**(Action: All Banks)**

10. Release of Margin Money should be expedited in pending cases of PMEGP.

**(Action: KVIC & All Banks)**

11. Stamp Duty should be waived or reduced on loans up to Rs 5.00 Lakh to priority area of Agriculture, Industry, SHGs and Government sponsored Schemes.

**(Action: Industry, Rural Development, Agriculture Deptt)**