

Minutes of SLBC Sub- Committee Meeting on Priority Sector Advances – Delhi State held on 31.10.2014

The Half Yearly Meeting of Sub-Committee of SLBC- Delhi State on Priority Sector was held at 2.30 PM on 31.10.2014 at Oriental Bank of Commerce, Harsha Bhawan, E-Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

Shri K.S. Shergill, General Manager, Convenor, SLBC welcomed Ms. Vandana Maheshwari, Asstt. General Manager, RBI, representative of NABARD, LDMs and other members of Sub-Committee of SLBC on Priority Sector Advances from different banks as per list of participants attached.

Shri K.S. Shergill informed the House that Priority Sector Advances for the state of NCT of Delhi have increased on year-on-year basis by Rs.7790.80 crore from Rs.78641.71 crore as on September, 2013 to Rs.86432.51 crore as on September, 2014. However, the same have declined by Rs.2172.58 crore during the half-year ended September, 2014 from Rs.88605.09 crore as on March, 2014 to Rs.86432.51 crore as on September, 2014. In percentage terms, the percentage of Priority Sector Advances to Total Advances stood at 12.01%, 12.12% and 12.01% as on September, 2013, March, 2014 and September, 2014 respectively. MSE Advances constitute 72.45 % of total Priority Sector Advances whereas other sectors have not contributed at a desired level. He further informed that 16 Banks have shown negative growth on half yearly basis, had those banks performed well, the Priority Sector Advances would have been better. Since the scope for Direct Agricultural Advances in Delhi State is limited due to shrinkage of agricultural land, Banks should strive for increasing Indirect Agriculture Advances.

Shri Dushyant Dash, Canara Bank informed that there is limited scope for Housing Loan below Rs.25 lacs, too, in Delhi state and big chunk of Housing Loan is falls under Non Priority sector category. He further informed that Canara Bank is striving hard to increase the advances to Priority Sector. Shri S.S. Sharma, LDM (East) endorsed views of Shri Dushyant Dash.

Ms. Vandana Maheshwari urged that the banks in Delhi should strive to increase the percentage of Priority Sector Advances to Total Advances to, at least, 15 % by March, 2015 in a phased manner and the banks which have already achieved the percentage of 15 % should increase it, at least, by another 2.5 % by March, 2015.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Shri B.N. Jha, Dy. General Manager, SLBC Delhi.
