

MINUTES OF SUB COMMITTEE MEETING ON PRIORITY SECTOR ADVANCES
HELD ON 29.04.2014

The meeting of Sub Committee on Priority Sector Advances was held on 29.04.2014 at 3.00 P.M. in the Conference Room of Oriental Bank of Commerce, Harsha Bhawan, E-Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri K.s.Shergill, General Manager, Oriental Bank of Commerce. The meeting was attended by the following representatives of member banks and Government Departments:-

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Bank/Department
1	Shri K.S.Shergill	General Manager	Oriental Bank of Commerce
2	Shri Avinash Kapoor	AGM	RBI, RPCD, Delhi
3	Shri Amarjeet Singh	AGM	Oriental Bank of Commerce
4	Shri V.D.Garg	AGM	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur
5	Shri Manmohan Singh	LDM	Oriental Bank of Commerce
6	Shri Vijay Khanduja	LDM	Canara Bank
7	Shri S. Palraju	LDM	Canara Bank
8	Shri P.K.Malhotra	LDM	Punjab National Bank
9	Shri S.C.Arora	LDM	Punjab National Bank
10	Shri V.K.Goel	LDM	State Bank of India
11	Shri R,K,Agarwal	LDM	State Bank of India
12	Shri B.K.Katara	LDM	State Bank of India
13	Shri Y.P.S.Verma	LDM	Bank of Baroda
14	Shri Kamal Kishore	LBO	Punjab National Bank
15	Shri L.K.Mishra	Chief Manager	Punjab National Bank
16	Shri Manak Chand	Chief Manager	Central Bank of India
17	Shri G.K.Bhargava	Sr. Manager	Allahabad Bank
18	Shri Nagesh Chaudhary	Sr. Manager	Union Bank of India
19	Shri B.D. Sharma	Manager	Oriental Bank of Commerce
20	Shri Pawan Garg	PO	Oriental Bank of Commerce

Shri K.S Shergill welcomed all participants to half yearly Sub-Committee meeting on Priority Sector Advances. He informed that purpose of conducting this meeting is to review the progress made in PS Advances, chalk out strategies for future and monitor implementation of the same.

Reviewing the progress, Shri Shergill informed that Priority Sector data for the current half year has been furnished sub sector wise for review as desired by Shri Avinash Kapoor AGM, RBI. The total Priority Sector Advances which stood at Rs.78641.71 crore as on 30/09/2013 have increased to Rs.88605.09 crore as on 31/03/2014 thus showing an absolute increase of Rs. 9963.38 crore during the half year. Percentagewise there is an increase of 12.67% during the current half year as compared to 11.36% in the previous half year. But this percentage is still far below the target level of 40%. It was

observed from the data submitted by member banks that Priority Sector Advances have decreased in case of 6 banks during the current half year by Rs. 2398.18. He informed the House that during the previous meetings it was agreed by all the participants that there is ample scope for lending to MSEs and Education Loans in Delhi and this opportunity should be explored to its full extent. But the percentage wise growth in MSEs has declined to 14.84 % during the current half year in comparison to the 15.72% during the previous half year and the outstanding in Education Loans as on March, 2014 and Sept.,2013 is at the same level. However the Housing loans have increased by Rs. 1189.38 crores during the current half year as compared to Rs.148.56 crores during the previous half year. He suggested that since the admission process for higher education generally starts in July-August every year, all the bank should organize camps in the campus of the Educational Institutions to boost the volume of education loan. He also suggested that all member banks should make sincere efforts to increase the priority sector advances in all spheres.

Shri Avinash Kapoor, AGM, RBI suggested that a committee should be formed by SLBC to examine the integrity of data submitted by the member banks as there is lot of changes in classification of sub sector in agriculture advances as compared to the data for the previous periods. He further suggested that there is different system for reporting of data in each bank, but in any case the controller of banks should be held responsible for any changes in the data whether it is due to not reporting the data earlier or due to changes in classification of data. He emphasized upon the participating banks to focus on MSME sector and organize camps at their level in different parts of Delhi. He also stated that loans under services sector are also not picking up to the desired level. He requested all those banks which have experienced decline in PS Advances in absolute terms to examine the cause of decline and take corrective measures accordingly.

Shri Kapoor stressed on the need for correct reporting of data by member banks for actual and meaningful analysis of performance of banks in Delhi State. He showed displeasure on delayed and incorrect reporting of data by member banks and requested all member banks to carefully study the data before submitting it to SLBC and RBI.

Shri Kapoor suggested that all other banks who have presence in Delhi but are not SLBC members should be invited to become members of SLBC. He further stated that there are approximately 550 branches of such banks in Delhi and by including them in SLBC forum the exact figures for Delhi would be visible. All participants welcomed this suggestion.

Shri Amarjit Singh, AGM (SLBC), summed up the meeting by urging all banks for making vigorous efforts for increasing Priority sector Advances.

The Meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks.
