

**Proceedings of 214th Meeting of
STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

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The 214th Meeting of SLBC of Andhra Pradesh was conducted on 22.03.2021 at AP Secretariat, Velagapudi at 3.00 PM.

Sri V Brahmananda Reddy, Field General Manager & Convener, SLBC extended a warm welcome to the Hon'ble Ministers, Spl Chief Secretaries and other dignitaries from Government of AP, RBI, NABARD and banks to the 214th SLBC meeting.

Further, he presented agenda items to the house and initiated discussion on agenda items. HoDs of concerned Govt. departments interacted and supplemented the discussion.

Sri Buggana Rajendranath, Hon'ble Minister, (Finance & Planning, Legislative Affairs) attended the meeting as Chief Guest. The excerpts of his address are as follows.

He expressed profound gratitude to RBI, SLBC, NABARD & Bankers in the state for their commendable performance, support and cooperation to the state Government and also lauded the yeoman service being rendered by the banking industry during the lockdown period.

He appreciated the bankers for their excellent performance in ACP achievement.

He asserted that, Hon'ble Chief Minister had a long term vision to bring phenomenal improvement in the lives of the farming community, particularly small and marginal farmers. As a result path breaking schemes like Rythu Bharosa, establishment of Rythu Barosa Kendralu, YSR Sunna Vaddi Pantarunalu, free crop insurance scheme etc have been implemented. Bankers' role and active participation is vital to accomplish this vision in real terms. Timely and adequate credit is the need of the hour for which bankers need to accord priority.

Though the overall performance in agricultural lending is satisfactory, the tenant farmers' lending is a cause for concern, where bankers need to bestow focused efforts to help the tenant farmers who are the actual cultivators in the field. He further urged the bankers to upload the eligible farmers' details in YSR SVPR portal timely to enable the Govt to release benefit amounts as per schedule.

He requested the bankers to reconsider rejected applications of Jagananna Thodu scheme to approve the loans in eligible cases. For YSR Cheyutha, another flagship scheme of the Government to empower women of weaker sections, banks need to ramp up the sanction process of loans. Banks also need to take a serious view on return of premium amount of YSR Bima scheme immediately for PMJJBY scheme.

He further emphasized that, MSME sector is one of the key sectors providing ample employment opportunities, where bankers' support is much needed. He urged the bankers to extend OTR (One Time Restructuring) facility for all eligible MSME units.

He requested the bankers to view the PMAY- AHP-(U) AP-TIDCO housing proposal positively, where Government is committed to construct 1.18 lakhs houses with the support of Rs 4000 Cr Bank credit.

Sri K Kanna Babu, Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture) highlighted the following issues

- ✓ The poor progress in tenant farmers lending, has drawn the displeasure of Hon'ble Chief Minister. Banks and department shall put in collective efforts to augment the lending to tenant farmers from the next crop season.
- ✓ Issuance of KCC to allied activities is another important area which needs close attention of bankers.
- ✓ Requested the SLBC to develop a mechanism for easy redressal of bank related grievances of farmers.

Sri Sundaram Shankar, General Manager, RBI highlighted the following.

Appreciating the performance of banks in AP, he mentioned that as at the end of December 2020 quarter, while the year on year deposit growth in scheduled commercial banks in AP at 13% was higher than the All-India average of 11%, the growth in bank credit in AP was significantly higher at 15.9% as compared to the All-India average of 6.2%.

As at the end of December 2020 quarter, the CD ratio in the State continued to be very good and stood at 129.9%. The lending to priority sector in the state stands at 63.71 % which is well above the norm of 40%. Likewise, the lending to Agriculture, Small & Marginal farmers and Weaker Sections at 41.21%, 26.55% and 19.94% were above than the norm of 18%, 8% and 10% respectively.

However, a few sectors/sub-sectors needed more focus, especially lending to Micro enterprises which at 6.84% was lower than the norm of 7.5%. The banks could take advantage of the recent instructions of RBI aimed at incentivising credit flow to MSMEs, which allowed banks to deduct credit disbursed to new MSME borrowers (i.e. those who have not availed any credit facilities from the banking system as on January 1, 2021) from their Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) for calculation of the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR).

The overall achievement under the Annual Credit Plan (ACP) in the third quarter was good at 91.91%. Likewise, the achievement in respect of priority sector at 81.83% and particularly, agriculture at 87.23 was good.

However, the achievement under agriculture infrastructure and ancillary activities at 37.91% of the ACP target in the third quarter was not satisfactory, and banks could improve the lending by leveraging the Agri-Infrastructure Fund scheme announced by the Government of India, under which interest subvention and credit guarantee coverage are available. Banks should consider lending under this sub-sector for long term sustainability of the agriculture and also for achieving the target of doubling of farmers' income by 2022.

RBI has been closely monitoring the progress in implementation of the pilot programme of making YSR Kadapa district 100% digitally enabled. Earlier during the day, the RBI had held a review meeting with SLBC Convener, Controllers of banks and LDM, Kadapa during which it was observed that while banks had made significant progress, they needed to step up their efforts to close the gap in some of the parameters as the deadline of March 31st was nearing fast. Rising to the occasion, the bankers had assured that all out efforts would be made to achieve the target by March 31, 2021. Appreciating the efforts and assurance of the bankers,

GM, RBI expressed confidence that the objective of making Kadapa 100% digitally enabled would be achieved by the end of the month.

The progress in implementation of the Standardized system for data flow and its management on SLBC Website was not satisfactory as many banks are to come onboard the new system. All banks shall make all out efforts to put in place necessary mechanism for data extraction from their systems in the required formats and uploading of the same in the SLBC portal from next quarter (i.e. data in respect of the quarter/year ended March 31, 2021)

RBI has announced the setting up of 112 Centre for Financial Learnings (CFLs) across the state of Andhra Pradesh by December 31, 2021. Besides the Mandal in which they are located, each of these 112 CFLs will cater to two adjacent Mandals; the remaining Mandals in the State are expected to be covered in a phased manner by December 31, 2024 by setting up more CFLs. This financial literacy at block level is through a participatory approach with select banks and NGOs. The banks assigned the responsibility of setting up the CFLs are advised to expedite action for timely implementation of the programme.

As requested by the State Government, banks may take necessary steps to make services of BCs available at RBK locations, which are prominent common touch points for farmers.

The State Government is requested to look into the issue raised by banks in respect of agricultural land mortgage.

Concluding his remarks, GM, RBI observed that a few issues flagged at the meetings required more data/clarity and hence requested SLBC Convener that all the outstanding issues requiring intervention by various stakeholders may be first discussed in detail in the concerned sub-committees.

Sri Lal Singh, Chief General Manager, UBI has made the following points,

- He congratulated fellow bankers for showing indomitable perseverance during this most crucial phase for keeping the economy on track and also ensuring seamless banking services to the public at large.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister had announced many pecuniary measures to handhold the people who suffered during this COVID-19 pandemic crisis.
- Tenant farmer finance is a matter of concern, and urged all bankers to make a sincere effort to improve the performance and also to ensure correct reporting of performance.
- Credit support to YSR Cheyutha beneficiaries would be extended as per the stipulated time norms.
- As part of Atmanirbhar Package, the milestone of 2.50 crore KCC sanctions is about to reach, therefore our sustained efforts need to be continued for reaching the set goal.

- Thanked all stake holders for the unstinted support extended to SLBC in its effective functioning for the last 36 years.

Sri Sudhir Kumar Jannawar, CGM, NABARD in his address appreciated the bankers for the current level of achievement against the targets under ACP. He also noted that although there is an improvement in term lending towards agriculture, the bankers may step up their efforts to achieve the desired level of 40% of the total target prescribed for agriculture. Further, he indicated the following points:

- Member banks who have financed farm gate infrastructure under the Agricultural Infrastructure Fund of GoI are requested to upload the information in the dedicated portal of GoI. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI is regularly reviewing the progress in financing under the fund.
- SLBC may consider including financing of JLGs and FPOs as regular agenda and also advise LDMs to review the credit flow to these entities in the DCC / DLRC.
- Banks may develop/ innovate loan products to meet the credit needs of FPOs (adopt credit plus approach) against the available credit guarantee cover or based on business models/ cash flow of FPOs. SLBC may co-ordinate with agencies promoting FPOs and maintain a common database of FPOs promoted by various agencies on SLBC Portal
- Member banks who have financed for eligible activities in Watershed and TDF areas of NABARD may prefer availing concessional refinance under the Special Refinance scheme of NABARD.
- Member banks may ensure activation of all Rupay KCCs. Member banks may utilize the Financial Inclusion fund of NABARD for conduct of Financial Literacy and Awareness Camps and also utilize these camps for enhancing the outreach of the formal financial system and for achieving the desired level of saturation of KCCs, including KCC for AH and fisheries farmers and for activation of Rupay KCCs.
- Member banks may ensure the timely and adequate credit flow for tenant farmers. The issues, if any, in respect of CCRC may be deliberated in the sub-committee meetings and the same may be taken up with GoAP.
- Credit Flow to Micro Enterprises (under MSME Sector) is less than the mandated level prescribed by RBI. Banks may explore convergence with various schemes of the state and Central Government to enhance the credit flow to the sector.
- Banks are requested to proactively consider financing of projects that are covered under Agri Clinic and Agri Business Centre Scheme of GoI.

- NABARD has sanctioned grant assistance of around ₹192 Cr to banks under FIF for taking up various interventions towards complementing the efforts of the RBI and other banks towards 100% digitization of banking in YSR Kadapa district.
- SLBC may consider providing a link to the websites of agencies (State / GoI) implementing various Subsidy and Promotional Programmes in order to facilitate wider dissemination of the scheme.

Smt (Dr) Poonam Malakondaiah, Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation) stated that she was delighted to see good ACP achievement under agriculture sector for the first 3 quarters. It is encouraging to note that Agri Term Loan lending has shown commendable growth during the current season. The tenant farmer lending is causing concern where the performance has to be stepped up.

Government is encouraging dairy farmers through YSR Cheyutha program for which bankers' cooperation is needed. She underscored that the sanction process is very slow and banks need to expedite the process and also cautioned that Govt would explore the possibility of a single bank concept in case of dearth of anticipated cooperation from banks. Further, she stressed that the decision to extend BC services at RBK centers in previous meeting has not seen any visible development though bankers agreed for the same.

Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation) further requested the bankers to submit the eligible farmers list of Sunna Vaddi Pantarunalu in SVPR portal immediately as the Hon'ble CM would release the benefit amount to farmers' account on 16.04.2021 for Rabi 2019-20 season.

Highlighted that PMFME Scheme (PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme), is a centrally sponsored scheme. It is designed to address challenges faced by micro enterprises. AP is the first state to get subsidy sanction by Govt. of India, where bankers need to accord sanction in online mode based on eligibility before the end of this financial year.

Convener, SLBC, assured that banks will extend all possible support to YSR Cheyutha scheme and advised the bankers to complete loan sanctions on campaign mode. It is a very good proposal which will reduce the footfalls at branches and advised bankers to strictly instruct the BCs to be available at RBKs at fixed timings in a day.

Further, with reference to PMFME scheme he informed that it is very good scheme to augment our term lending and advised the bankers to view the scheme with a business perspective and arrive at a credit decision on applications pending in branch portal before end of this month.

Smt B. Udaya Lakshmi, Principal Secretary, (LFB&IMS) Govt. of AP requested the bankers to remit back the leftover premium of YSR Bima scheme to the Government immediately. Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed to settle the claims for even those beneficiaries who are

not covered under either PMSBY & PMJJBY schemes, though they are otherwise eligible. She requested bankers to continue the enrolment process for PMSBY beneficiaries up to 15.05.2021 based on eligibility. She advised bankers to process the claim proposal within 15 days as per the SLA.

Smt K.Sunitha, Principal Secretary (Social Welfare), Govt of AP stressed that the loan sanction share for SC and ST communities under Stand Up India and PMMY schemes needs to be improved. She pinpointed that the credit support to SC/STs is not commensurating with the proportion of their population, and appeal the bankers to take all possible steps to see perceptible credit growth in weaker section loans.

Sri K V V Satyanarayana, Special Secretary, (Finance), Govt.of AP requested the attention of bankers on following issues.

- ✓ Submission of UCs of APDRS-2014 Scheme immediately which needed to obtain certification by constitutional authority of Govt of India.
- ✓ The unspent subsidy amount of various social welfare schemes implemented by the Govt from 2014-15 to 2018-19, to be refunded to Government immediately.
- ✓ The unspent premium amount of YSR Bima scheme is to be returned to the Govt immediately.
- ✓ Banks are requested to remit back the amount pertaining to Government lying in suspense accounts.

The Field General Manager & Convener of SLBC on behalf of all member banks assured the house that bankers in the state will support and extend their cooperation proactively for effective implementation of all bankable state government schemes and achieve the ACP targets with the cooperation of State government.

He further stated that all efforts will be made for achieving the objective of making YSR Kadapa 100% digitally enabled as per RBI guidelines.

He requested Govt. of AP to direct their strong workforce available at VS/WS to assist the bank branches for recovery of OD/NPA loans especially in Govt. sponsored schemes.

Convener of SLBC, informed the forum that General Manager, RBI, RO, Hyderabad is retiring by end of this month & placed on record the services rendered by him to SLBC.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the chair, other dignitaries and member banks by **Sri E Raju Babu, SLBC Coordinator**, Union Bank of India.

Summary of Action Points emerged in the meeting

S.No.	Action Point
1.	Banks to update the data of eligible farmers in SVPR portal for Rabi 2019-20 season immediately to enable the Government to release SUNNA VADDI PANTA RUNALU claim amount to the farmers' accounts as on 16.04.2021.

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	(Action: All Concerned Banks)
2.	Banks to expedite the sanction process of all eligible cases of YSR Cheyutha scheme. (Action: All Concerned Banks)
3	All Controllers of banks to instruct their branches to continue the enrolment process for PMSBY up to 15.05.2021 under YSR Bima scheme and keeping small amount, refund the left over premium along with beneficiary details to the Government immediately. (Action: All Concerned Banks)
4	Banks to revisit the rejected applications of Jagananna Thodu scheme, and reconsider for approval based on eligibility. (Action: All Concerned Banks)
5	Banks to accord utmost priority to accelerate the tenant farmer finance either through JLG mode according to NABARD guidelines or individual mode. (Action: All Concerned Banks)
6	Banks to issue strict instructions to their Bank Mitras to offer services at RBK locations at fixed timings daily. (Action: All Banks)
7	CGGB, SGB banks to expeditiously communicate their decision on State Government's request of application of uniform lower interest rates on SHG loans for loan amount Rs 3.00 lakh irrespective of sanctioned limit and system limitations. (Action: CGGB & SGB)
8	Banks to finalize central level data extraction and test check of previous quarter data and to ensure smooth data flow through CBS platform directly to SLBC portal as per the RBI instructions. (Action: All Banks)
9	Banks in YSR Kadapa district, LDM Kadapa Dst. shall continue their concerted efforts to reach the mile stone of 100% Digital District by the end of March 2021. (Action :Banks operating in YSR Kadapa Dt, LDM Kadapa Dt).
10	VS/WS department, Govt of AP, shall instruct their staff to attend the attached Bank branches regularly & coordinate for better implementation of YSR Bima, YSR Cheyutha and other bankable Govt schemes and to extend the assistance in recovery of loans related to various Govt schemes. The granular details of allotment to be shared with the banks through SLBC. (Action : VS/WS Dept., Govt. of AP)
11	Banks to refund the unutilized subsidy amount of various social welfare schemes implemented from FY 2014-15 to 2018-19, to respective Corporations immediately. (Action : All Concerned Banks)
12	UBI & SBI Banks shall submit the Utilization Certificate of APDRS-2014 scheme immediately. (Action : UBI & SBI)
13	Govt of Andhra Pradesh shall initiate appropriate action to effect amendments in the existing Sec 22(A) of registration Act to incorporate Agricultural landed properties mortgaged to Banks, in list of prohibited properties/with a separate clause restricting registration of these properties.

S.No.	Action Point
	(Action : Dept of Stamps and Registration, Govt of AP)

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