

**Proceedings of 212th Meeting of
STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

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SLBC of AP

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The 212th Meeting of SLBC of Andhra Pradesh was conducted on 23.10.2020 at CMO, Tadepalli at 10.30 A.M.

Sri V Brahmananda Reddy, Field General Manager & Convener, SLBC extended warm welcome to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Hon'ble Ministers of state, Chief Secretary and other dignitaries from Government of AP, RBI, NABARD and Banks to the 212th SLBC meeting.

Sri Raj Kiran Rai G. President, SLBC of AP and MD & CEO, Union Bank of India in his inaugural speech, extended his sincere thanks to Hon'ble Chief Minister for his proactive measures being implemented for upliftment of various sectors, segments and sections of the state. Highlights of his speech are here under.

- Offered salutations to the COVID warriors, who had devoted braving the risk in rescuing the affected. Bankers are also equivalent to the COVID warriors in extending timely financial assistance to the needy and stabilizing the economy during the COVID crisis.
- Thanked all stake holders for extending seamless and noteworthy support to SLBC in its effective functioning for the last 36 years. We solicit same cooperation in future.
- Andhra Pradesh is basically agrarian state, Agriculture sector has been contributing maximum for state economy.
- Government of AP is implementing various schemes in more practical, implementable & transparent way, which is laudable, especially the schemes like YSR Cheyutha, JaganannaThodu, YSR Bima along with various schemes of Gol.
- Total Branch network of Andhra Pradesh stood at 7514 as at the end of June 2020, wherein rural branches constitute 34.82%, semi-urban branches at 30.94%. Thus, total network in rural & semi urban areas occupy 65.75%.
- Credit Deposit ratio stood at 122.53% as on 30.06.2020, one among the highest in the country.
- Delighted to note that Banking sector of Andhra Pradesh had surpassed all the regulatory requirements of lending.
- It is noteworthy to mention here that despite COVID-19 induced restrictions, banking sector of AP could achieve more than 25% of targeted annual action plan for 2020-21, by June 2020, which clearly indicates the dedication & commitment of banking sector in extending speedy, timely financial assistance to the needy people

Convener, SLBC of AP, presented agenda items to the house and initiated discussion on agenda items



Sri Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, Hon'ble Chief Minister of AP attended the meeting as Chief Guest. Highlighted following in his address.

- Expressed satisfaction over achievement of ACP 2020-21 during first quarter .
- Emphasized to provide adequate credit to all the cultivators enrolled in e- panta platform. With a view to support actual cultivator, Govt has brought e- panta system , where Village Secretariat staff would visit the field and record standing crop & farmers details in online portal. This mechanism enables the Government to extend the benefits like Rythu Bharosa, Crop Insurance , VLR to the original cultivator.
- With a view to support actual cultivator, Govt has brought e- panta system , where Village Secretariat staff would visit the field and record standing crop & farmers details in online portal. This mechanism enables the Government to extend the benefits like Rythu Bharosa, Crop Insurance , VLR to the original cultivator.
- Thanked RBI, NABARD , SLBC and all bankers for their support and co operation which is being extended to the state Government in implementation of various welfare and developmental schemes.
- Further, thanked RBI and all Bankers for rendering appreciable services & also ensuring cash availability to the public amidst COVID-19 induced extreme difficult period.
- Agriculture is the back bone of our economy where 62 % population depend for livelihood . Farmers are orchestrators of robust ecosystem.
- Govt of AP has been taking various initiatives to support farmers in a big way. Among them, YSR Rythu Bharosa with convergence of PM Kisan is one of the most prominent scheme aimed to provide financial assistant of Rs 13,500 annually in three installments to reduce the production cost.
- Small and marginal farmers are able to meet 80 % of their production expenses with an assistance provided through Rythu Bharosa Scheme.
- Government had established 10,600 Rythu Bahrosa Kendralu in villages across the state. These centers are catering services like providing quality agriculture inputs, marketing of agriculture produce, technical know how etc.
- Janatha Bazzars are going to be established in villages and towns across the state to give value addition and marketing facility for farm produce.
- Government has been supporting distressed farmers by establishing Price Stabilization Fund.
- Plans are afoot on construction of Godowns and Cold storages at Village and Mandal level and to set up Food Processing Units at Constituency level to avoid distressed sale by the farmers.



- Strengthening the infrastructure at schools and hospitals is another focused area of the Govt under Nadu- Nedu scheme, where Government is going to spend Rs 4,000 Crore in phase 1, Rs 4500 Crores in Phase II, and Rs 3500 Crore in Phase III to provide 10 basic infrastructure needs at 45000 plus schools in the state.
- With regards to hospital infrastructure, process has been started to set up 16 additional teaching hospitals in the state at an estimated cost of Rs 13,000 Cr. Requested bankers support for Nadu-Nedu Scheme.
- Announced to launch Jaganannathodu scheme in November 2020 to help petty traders and artisans in rural and urban areas. YSR Cheyutha scheme was introduced to benefit 25 lakh women belonging to weaker sections. Sought bankers support for successful implementation of both the schemes.
- Government had cleared pending incentives worth Rs 1100 cr which helped the MSME to revive and continue the operations during grim COVID-19 times.
- Advised Bankers to take proactive initiation to implement the One Time Restructuring with the support of Dr YSR Navodayam scheme to bring all eligible MSME units under the fold.

Sri Kurasala Kanna Babu, Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture & Cooperation), Govt of AP, highlighted that,

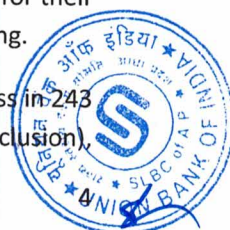
- Govt of AP has taken a series of measures to help the farming community that suffered due to COVID-19 outbreak.
- Tenant Farmer lending is not impressive, where bankers are advised to bestow their attention to improve the performance.
- Rythu Bharosa Kendralu are established with a noble cause to deliver various farmer centric services at village level. There is a dire need to align the banking services with RBKs for the benefit of the farmers.

Sri M Goutham Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Govt of AP, submitted that,

- Govt of AP is much concerned of the Industrial Growth of the state. With a view to lend helping hand to seriously affected MSME sector due to COVID-19 pandemic, Govt has released pending incentives of Rs 1100 cr to industrial units to sustain during crisis period.
- There is good scope for infrastructure development in the AP state. Bankers to step up the support for infrastructure development activities also.

Smt K. Nikhila, Regional Director, RBI mentioned that she had recently taken charge as Regional Director for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. She noted with satisfaction that Andhra Pradesh is a progressive state, with the state Government implementing many developmental/welfare initiatives with active support of banks. In the context of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, she appreciated banks and their BCs for raising to the occasion by providing unhindered banking services and thanked the state government for their administrative support. Speaking on the agenda items listed for deliberation, she highlighted following.

- SLBC Convener has reported that the targets have been achieved for providing banking access in 243 identified villages within 5 km radius under NSFI:2019-24 (National Strategy for Financial Inclusion).



- The scheme is expected to give a fillip to PM-FME under AtmaNirbhar Bharat. With active support of the bankers, the sector can get a good boost, he noted.
- He also requested the controllers to advise the branches for regular logging into the Standup India Portal and ensure speedy disposal of applications pertaining to their branches. The SLBC was requested to ensure that the status of applications / handholding requests in the portal be reviewed at both State and District level forums.
 - He expressed concern over the fact that the crop loan disbursed during the first quarter of June 2020 was lesser than the loan disbursed in the corresponding period during FY 2019-20 and requested the bankers to step up their lending. He observed that, the performance of the Agriculture sector during the current year had been quiet encouraging and the demand for credit is expected to increase during the year.
 - He requested the banks to utilize the funding support available under FIF for augmenting their FI / FL initiatives and requested the SLBC to ensure periodic review of the conduct of FL Financial Literacy) camps by the bank branches. LDMs may also be advised to ensure regular and periodic review of the conduct of FL Camps.
 - He also requested the bankers to take maximum benefit of the funding support for their programs under FIF for ensuring the target of 100% digital coverage in YSR Kadapa District set by the RBI. The banks may prefer their claims at the earliest in respect of the already sanctioned projects.
 - He requested the SLBC to periodically monitor the issuance and activation of RuPay Kisan Cards (RKC) by the banks.
 - The grant support being provided for formation and nurturing of JLGs by Banks and other Stakeholders has been doubled from Rs 2000 per JLG to Rs 4000 per JLG and he requested banks and other stakeholders to utilize the grant support for covering more SF/MF, rural artisans etc. He also requested the stakeholders to continuously monitor and strengthen the existing RMGs / JLGs which are having outstanding loans.
 - With regard to Doubling of Farmers' Income, he indicated that NABARD is in consultation with RBI, select SLBC and other stakeholders has developed benchmarks/ indicators for reviewing the progress under the programme. The list of benchmarks / indicators pertaining to credit flow has been furnished to the SLBC and he requested SLBC/Lead Banks to institute necessary mechanism for incorporating the benchmarks/indicators for monitoring and reviewing of the progress made under the scheme.
 - He requested state Govt to consider the VLR facility even if the farmers draw the KCC limit multiple times during the crop season Instead of restrict to single time withdrawal.

Smt Neelam Sawhney, Chief Secretary to Govt while appreciating the Bankers noteworthy services during COVID-19 pandemic expressed happiness over participation of SLBC meeting. She has highlighted the following.



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- State Government machinery and Bankers to work in cohesion to achieve the goals envisaged for State development .
- The ACP achievement for the first quarter is encouraging despite COVID-19 odds.
- Government of AP is according serious focus on development of infrastructure facilities in health and educations system, where bankers support is needed.
- Numerous welfare schemes to uplift the poor have been rolled out and Banks need to participate actively for better implementation.
- The transmission process of Govt benefits to farmers has been linked with details available in e- panta platform In order to support the actual cultivator and to bring more transparency in the system.
- YSR Cheyutha and YSR Aasara schemes are being implemented to handhold the weaker section of women and SHG members to enable them achieve sustainable livelihood and inclusive growth for which bankers support and co operation is crucial.
- The progress under YSR Navodayam scheme needs a closer attention of the Banks.
- AP state has ranked Number ONE in ease of doing business. There is ample scope for bankers for deployment of funds in infra/irrigation projects.
- JaganannaThodu and YSR Aasara schemes are envisaged to help the weaker & vulnerable section of the society , bankers to strive hard to achieve 100 % set targets of these schemes.
- Bankers are requested to consider to reduce the interest rates on SHG loans in view of their fragile financial position.

Smt (Dr) Poonam Malakondaiah, Special Chief Secretary (Agriculture & Co- operation) highlighted the following:

- Govt.of AP has brought CCRC (Crop Cultivator Right Card) concept to enable actual cultivator eligible for all sorts of Govt benefits including Bank finance.
- E-panta platform is the basis to identify the original cultivator, where bankers are requested to make use of the details available in e-panta while sanction of crop loans so that even tenant farmers will get maximum benefit.
- In view of bottlenecks noticed in tenant farmer finance through individual CCRC, bankers are advised to ramp up the lending to tenant farmers through JLG mode according to NABARD guidelines.
- Govt of AP had established 10,660 RythuBarosaKendralu across the state to deliver various services like supply of quality inputs, providing market inputs, training etc where financial transactions need to be performed.



- Bankers are advised to align the services of Bank Mitra with RBKs to deliver hassle free banking services to farmers visiting in large numbers.
- Requested bankers active involvement in central sector scheme of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' to give Impetus for development of farm-gate & aggregation point, affordable and financially viable Post Harvest Management infrastructure.

Sri Ajay Jain, Principal Secretary to Govt.of AP (VS/WS& Housing department) :

Jaganannathodu scheme is aimed to succor the Street vendors , artisans and people engaged in traditional handicrafts belonging to rural and urban areas. Jaganannathodu is convergence of PMSWANidhi scheme. The scheme is slated to be launched on November 6,2020. Requested Bankers to sanction all eligible applications available in the portal.

Further, **Principal Secretary to Govt.of AP (VS/WS& Housing department)** submitted the following proposals for house resolution, in connection with JaganannaThodu scheme.

- a) In view of small quantum of sanction limit and identification of the beneficiary done by the Government, Banks to sanction the loans without insisting on quotations, PAN card and financial statements.
- b) Banks shall consider to sanction loans for the Beneficiaries with the age above 60 years.
- c) Banks to consider to sanction loans under the scheme even to the beneficiaries having availed the loans under SHG/PMMY/YSR Cheyutha schemes, since Thodu scheme is designed to support the Chiruvyaparulu whose business was badly affected due to COVID-19 induced economic disruption.

Convenor SLBC, advised members banks to offer their views on above proposals.

DGM, Indian Bank responded that Jaganannathodu to be treated as separate scheme.

Sri Gopal Krishna Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, Govt. of AP (PR & RD) informed that, SLBC has prepared operational guidelines of YSR Cheyutha and shared with all banks, but there are reports that some of the field level functionaries are not aware about the scheme. Requested Controllers of the Banks to guide branches suitably to accelerate the lending. He further emphasized that progress under YSR Cheyutha is not on expected line, and requested the bankers to step up the performance. Further requested Bankers to show better performance in SHG lending.

Smt B UdayaLakshmi, Principal Secretary to Govt.of AP (LFB & IMS) stated that Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched YSR Bima Scheme to provide relief to the families of workers in unorganized sectors in case of death or disability. About 1.41 crore primary bread winners of Rice Card holders families were identified in the State of A.P, whom the Government desires to cover under PMJJBY and PMSBY. Though Govt of India has withdrawn their share of 50 % contribution towards premium amount, Govt of AP decided to bear the entire insurance premium of eligible beneficiaries at about Rs 512 crores. She requested Bankers cooperation for successful implementation of the scheme. Requested Bankers to open the PMJDY accounts for those who have neither SB nor PMJDY accounts hitherto.



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Principal Secretary (LFB & IMS) advised Banks to utilize the premium amount remitted by Govt for YSR Bima beneficiary accounts, only for that specific purpose and should not be adjusted to any other loans /charges as Govt of AP has given notification on lines of IBA letter no SB/RBI/DBT/2017-18/3027 Date 21.06.2017 forgoing Bankers right to set off in specific instances where the relief assistance is linked to natural calamities such as flood, cyclone, earthquake etc. and as a one-time measure based on the notification issued by the Central/State Government.

Smt K Sunitha, Finance Secretary, Govt of AP informed that highest CD ratio of state underscores lending potential available and credit absorption capacity of resources in the state. A steady growth was observed in Priority sector lending, Deposits and total Advances over the same period of corresponding year. She stressed that the sanctions of share to SC/ST under Stand Up India and PMMY schemes needs to be improved. She exhorted Bankers to return the pending subsidy immediately as the issue is being monitored since quite a long time. Requested Bankers Cooperation and support in all Bankable schemes introduced to help farmers, women and weaker sections of the society.

The Field General Manager & Convener of SLBC on behalf of all member banks assured the house that bankers in state will support and extend cooperation with proactive approach for effective implementation of all bankable state Government schemes and achieve the ACP targets well in advance with the co-operation 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.

Summary of Action Points emerged in the meeting

S.No.	Action Point
1.	Banks to complete the task of updating the details of farmers in VLR portal enabling the Government for early release of funds to the credit of beneficiaries (Action: All banks)
2.	Banks to expedite the sanction process of all eligible accounts under JaganannaThodu and YSR Cheyutha scheme. (Action: All Banks)
3	Banks shall consider to sanction and disburse loan under Jaganannathodu scheme liberally without insisting PAN Card, Quotations & Financial Statements. There in no upper age limit for the scheme. (Action : All Banks)
4	Banks shall consider to sanction loans under Jaganannathodu even for beneficiaries availed under PMMY/SHG schemes since these small financial assistance intended to revive their seriously affected livelihood activity due to Covid -19 Pandemic. (Action : All Banks)
5	Banks can also consider to sanction crop loans to actual cultivator based on details available in e-panta platform. (Action: All banks)
6	Banks to encourage the Tenant Farmer finance through JLG mode according to NABARD guidelines. (Action: All banks)



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7	Bankers to align the services of Bank Mitra with RBKs to deliver hassle free banking services to farmers visiting in large number. (Action: All banks)
8	Govt. of AP to explore the possibility to extend VLR facility even for the multiple withdrawn amount of KCC card holder during the crop season. (Action: Agriculture Dept, Govt .of AP)
9	Banks to complete the sanctions (Restructuring) for all eligible accounts and to update the details in the YSR NAVODAYAM portal on priority basis. (Action: All banks)
10	Controllers are requested to ensure that the subsidy of pending units under Government Sponsored Schemes of 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 has to be returned to Government immediately. (Action: Banks concerned)
11	3 Regional Rural Banks & Other Banks to examine the State Government's request on reduction of interest rates on SHG loans at the earliest. (Action: Banks concerned)
12	Union Bank of India & Indian Bank to initiate immediate mapping of block codes in the CBS platform. Further, all banks to initiate suitable steps for digitalized data flow through CBS platform directly to SLBC portal as per the RBI instructions on standardized system for data flow and its management. State heads of all banks should immediately review the position and take necessary action to comply with the requirements, which have been pending for long. (Action: Union Bank of India, Indian Bank and all banks)
13	Banks should initiate various measures to improve/increase digital infrastructure for individuals, businesses etc., including conducting Financial Literacy Awareness camps for making YSR Kadapa 100% digitally enabled. All banks should identify the areas of under-performance of their bank/branches in the district, re-strategize their approaches, and devise a Monitorable action plan to ensure achievement of the desired objective within the revised timeline. The LDM and the Lead Bank as well as the District Administration to involve actively in the initiatives for achieving 100% digitalization of the district. (Action: SLBC, LDM, State Government & all banks operating in YSR Kadapa)
14	SLBC in coordination with LDMs to ensure that DCC/DLRC meetings are conducted as per schedule. (Action: SLBC and LDMs)
15	Banks concerned should initiate urgent action on inactive BCs and ensure that all their BCs are operational, especially the BCs in remote areas that have been opened as part of fulfilment of financial inclusion targets (Action: Banks concerned)
16	The recommendations under NSFI:2019-24 regarding basic bouquet of financial services, access to livelihood and skill development, financial literacy, customer protection and grievance redressal to be discussed in the sub-committee on financial inclusion and roadmap formulated for their implementation in consultation with banks. (Action: SLBC Convener)



S.No.	Action Point
17	Govt of Andhra Pradesh to instruct District Administration and State Police to take all necessary measures to deter untoward incidents at Bank branches and to initiate stern action against unruly.



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