**Status of opening of Banking Outlets in Unbanked Villages.**

Reserve Bank of India vide letter FIDD.CO.LBS.No.3712/02.01.001/2017-18 dated 05.06.2018 informed that at least 25 percent of the total number of Banking Outlets opened during a financial year should be opened in unbanked rural centres. A Unbanked Rural Centre (URC) is a rural (Tier 5 and 6) centre that does not have a CBS enabled Banking Outlet of a Scheduled Commercial Bank, a Small Finance Bank, a Payment Bank or a Regional Rural Bank or a branch of Local Area Bank or licensed Cooperative Bank for carrying out customer based banking transactions.

There are 567 villages with above 5000 population identified in our state for opening of banking outlets as per RBI road map. CBS enabled banking outlets are opened in all identified villages in our State and **pendency was reduced to NIL**.