

Minutes of State level review meeting with the District Branch Offices

DATE OF MEETING: 6 March 2017

TIME: 12:00 Noon

VENUE: Conference Hall of WBCSTDFC, Salt Lake

Present

List enclosed

In chair : Dr. U.N. Biswas, Chairman in the Rank of Cabinet Minister.

Hon'ble Chairman addressed the assembly. He reviewed living conditions of SC/ST communities in the LWE affected Districts of the State. He advised the District Managers to initiate proposal for relocation of District Branch Offices from existing accommodation to a conspicuous place, preferably within the Collectorate. He described the importance of various project linked skill development activities which were expected to generate huge encouragement among the deserving target group candidates. He further mentioned about the opportunities of self-employment being created through these programmes in the rural areas. He requested proactive participation of the District officials.

Agenda-wise discussions and action points emerged out of it are detailed below:-

1. Performance during 2016-17: While SCP cases are less in nos., target for MSY cases has been achieved. District Branches were requested to sponsor Term Loan cases immediately. Unlike previous years, it is decided to complete disbursement of sanctioned cases of 2016-17 by September 2017. Last date for sponsoring of various cases is fixed as 20/3/2017. Cases received beyond the date shall be taken up in the next financial year.
2. Disbursement of 2015-16 cases, DBT, Aadhar linking, PM jandhan yojana Account, UC status: Disbursement appears to be more or less complete. However pending cases, if there be any should be disbursed by 31 March 2017. Disbursement advice sent to Bank should indicate Aadhar No. along with other details. The same would be treated as UC.
3. Skill Development – Role of District offices: Discussed at length, trade wise. For project linked programmes like (1) Advanced Beauty Therapist (2) Multipurpose health worker (3) Self-employed Tailor where there is a specific plan for finance linkage and development of entrepreneur, selection of candidates would be made by Blocks and thereafter finalized by DWC/ three member committee in its absence. For other Trades/ Job-roles open advertisement would be published by

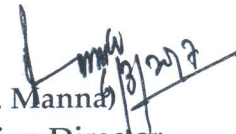
the selected service providers. Final selection would be conducted by a committee having representatives of Block/ Municipality, Corporation and Service provider. Walk-in interview on specific dates can also be conducted. Detailed guidelines for conducting the training already issued to the service providers were also discussed. It is observed that in above-mentioned three trades list of selected candidates are yet to be received from different Districts. All Districts were requested to send list of candidates positively by 15 March 2017. Implementation should not be delayed further.

4. **NACH Recovery:** In spite of repeated follow up, refresher training etc. some of the Districts are yet to take up the matter. Following SOP to be followed by all Districts in this regard:-
 - (a) Local Branches of ICICI Bank to be sensitized further – Action ICICI Bank
 - (b) Mandate to be filled in during documentation – Action WBSCTDFC
 - (c) Fate of the Mandates to be intimated by one month from the date of sending mandates – Action ICICI Bank
 - (d) Rectification of Mandates for rejected cases may be taken up during Disbursement – Action WBSCTDFC
 - (e) Commencement date of repayment should accordingly be mentioned keeping at least 4months as moratorium.
 - (f) Repayment should be quarterly.
 - (g) For thumb impression cases only recovery to be continued through DCR.
 - (h) Effort should be made to ascertain type of signature made by the beneficiary during opening of Bank Account – Persuasion by WBSCTDFC
 - (i) Recovery report should be monthly – Action by ICICI Bank
 - (j) Control and reconciliation mechanism to be evolved.

5. **Livelihood scheme under SCA to TSP:** Guidelines, funding pattern and use of funds under SCA to TSP were discussed at length. District Branch Offices were requested to explore innovative community based schemes/ activities for enhancement of livelihood of the Tribal communities. Schemes for development of dairy through AI, Fodder, linking with milk cooperatives, wherever possible may be explored. Extensive fisheries activities can be undertaken through community participation. Training, providing feed, manure, equipments like fishing nets, big containers can be considered under the scheme. Training on breeding and production of fish seed, fry & lings can also be considered at a later stage. Identification of water bodies in and around the tribal hamlets should be given due importance. Apiary, Nursery, Cooperative based irrigation schemes etc. can be considered. Horticulture, protective cultivation, floriculture should be attempted. However, in every scheme, size of investment and capacity to generate income should be kept in mind. Unless considerable income is generated it will no longer attract the beneficiaries.

A few cases were received in 2016-17 in compliance with the above said guidelines. Innovative approaches and schemes capable of generating sustainable livelihood without displacing the Tribal communities should be attempted. Progressive Farmers Association will visit a few district shortly where awareness camps to promote horticulture and protective cultivation of vegetables may be organized. Separate fund would be allocated.

6. **Recovery status, NI Act cases, OTS**: Overall status of recovery is far from satisfactory. Servicing of NI Act cases demands manpower and money. To improve recovery and to get rid of old outstanding dues OTS was launched. District offices should take advantage of the scheme with priority on NI Act cases. A few proposals have been received and those are being examined. District offices should explore to send more such cases to improve recovery status.
7. **Uttar Banga Sech Samabay Prakalpa (UBSSP)**: It was earlier decided in the last meeting that excess quota owing to surrender by Dakshin Dinajpur and Uttar Dinajpur would be implemented in Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar Districts. Formal intimation from Uttar Dinajpur District is awaited.
8. **Education Loan –Enquiry & Recovery**: Process for receiving loan application, on-line is completed for the academic year 2016. District Branch offices should complete and submit enquiry report for the cases of their District immediately. District Branch offices are to act immediately whenever a request for serving notices upon defaulter students is made by HO. They should also pursue the beneficiary to ensure repayment.
9. **Standardization of wage structure, outsourced manpower** : Proposals should be sent by 15th March positively.


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