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<p>समस्त सदस्य, राज्य स्तरीय बैंकर्स समिति गुजरात</p>	<p>All Members State Level Bankers' Committee Gujarat</p>
<p>प्रिय महोदय / महोदया,</p>	<p>Dear Sir / Madam,</p>
<p><u>सितंबर-2018 को समाप्त त्रिमाही हेतु गुजरात राज्य की 159वीं राज्य स्तरीय बैंकर्स समिति बैठक का कार्यवृत्त ।</u></p>	<p><u>MINUTES OF THE 159th STATE LEVEL BANKERS' COMMITTEE MEETING, GUJARAT STATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER-2018</u></p>
<p>हम इसके साथ दिनांक 13.12.2018 को देना लक्ष्मी भवन, आश्रम रोड, अहमदाबाद के सभा गृह मे आयोजित सितंबर-2018 को समाप्त त्रिमाही की बैठक के कार्यवृत्त की प्रति संलग्न कर रहे है ।</p>	<p>Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of the above meeting held on 13.12.2018 at Auditorium, Dena Laxmi Bhavan, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad for the quarter ended September-2018.</p>
<p>कृपया अपने संस्थान से संबंधित मुद्दों पर आवश्यक कार्रवाई कर प्रगति से हमें अवगत कराते रहें, ताकि अगली बैठक में सदन के समक्ष संबंधित सूचना रखी जा सके ।</p>	<p>Kindly update us regarding the action taken on decisions pertaining to your Institution/ Organization so that the same can be placed before the House in the next meeting.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">भवदीय, <i>संयोजक</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">संयोजक, रास्तबैस (गुजरात) एवं महाप्रबंधक, देना बैंक आ. पि</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Yours faithfully, <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Convenor, SLBC (Gujarat) & General Manager, Dena Bank. <i>[Signature]</i></p>
<p>संलग्न : यथोक्त</p>	<p>Encl: As above.</p>

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The 159th meeting of SLBC, Gujarat was held on 13th December 2018 at Auditorium, Dena Laxmi Bhavan, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad. The meeting was chaired by **Shri Ramesh Singh**, Executive Director, Dena Bank and co-chaired by **Shri Arvind Agrawal**, Addl. Chief Secretary, Finance Dept., Govt. of Gujarat. Among others, the meeting was attended by **Shri Milind Torawane**, Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Dept., Govt. of Gujarat, **Shri Lalit Kumar**, Economic Advisor, DFS, MoF, GoI, **Shri Ranga Rao**, OIC & GM, Reserve Bank of India, **Shri Sunil Chawla**, Chief General Manager, NABARD, **Shri Dukhbandhu Rath**, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, **Shri K V Tulsibagwale**, General Manager, Bank of Baroda, **Shri Rohit Patel**, Convenor-SLBC and General Manager, Dena Bank and other Senior Officials from various Departments of State Govt., executives from various Banks, Insurance Companies, Lead District Managers etc. The list of participants in the meeting is enclosed.

Beginning proceedings of the meeting, **Shri Patel** in his inaugural address introduced himself as incumbent Convenor of SLBC (Gujarat) and welcomed all the participants on the dais & off the dais and requested **Shri Ramesh Singh** to delivery his keynote address.

Shri Singh impressed upon following important points in his key-note address:

1. To have meaningful outcome from the SLBC meeting, it is imperative that SLBC meeting is attended by Senior most officials of all stake holders at the State level.

(Action: All Members)

2. To review progress of Banks under key Banking parameters, advised Controlling Head of Banks to direct their dealing officers to timely submit data requested by the SLBC, besides ensuring utmost accuracy of the data submitted.

(Action: All Banks)

3. Advised Banks to complete the exercise of engaging Banking Correspondents in the identified 755 locations of State where Banking services are not available within vicinity of 5 kms.

(Action: SBI, BoB, Union Bank, Central Bank of India, DCB Bank)

Proceeding further, **Shri Patel** requested **Shri Sunil Chawla** to address the house with his valuable inputs.

Followings were the key takeaways from the address of **Shri Chawla**:

1. Highlighting inverse trend of increase in Agriculture credit and declining per capita loan, expressed concern over falling share of Small & Marginal Farmers in Agriculture credit.
2. Advised Banks to extend term lending besides crop loans, which can enable farmers to derive their income from non-farming activities.

(Action: All Banks)

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3. Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs) being an effective mechanism to reach out to large number of farmers in collectivity, emphasized Banks to utilize this mechanism which can also help Banks in achieving priority sector target. To increase outreach of Banks to FPOs, NABARD will be sharing list of 165 active FPOs of Gujarat with SLBC for onward circulation among banks.

(Action: NABARD, all Banks)

4. In case of Agriculture godown subsidy scheme, advised Banks to ensure submission of Utilisation Certificate and also requested concerned Banks to ensure refund of 137 ineligible cases for subsidy under the scheme.

(Action: Concerned Banks)

5. Urged Banks to make use of subsidy available under Financial Inclusion Fund (FIF) of NABARD to increase usage of PoS machines. Also advised banks to conduct Financial Literacy camps (FLC) in rural areas and claim for the reimbursement of expenditure for conducting FLC from NABARD.

(Action: All Banks)

6. Requested Banks to get acquainted with new Ethanol blending scheme under which NABARD is extending interest subvention to Sugar Mill owners having availed loans from Banks and pass-on benefit of the scheme to eligible sugar mill owners.

(Action: All Banks)

Shri Patel then requested **Shri Ranga Rao** to address the house with his thoughtful insight.

Following important points emerged from the address of **Shri Rao**:

1. Impressed upon banks to ensure that PMFBY premium amount is credited to insurance companies account along with submission of necessary statements/reports within scheduled date to avoid rejection of claims under PMFBY.

(Action: All banks)

2. In view of lending restrictions imposed on Dena Bank (under PCA), credit needs in the areas solely serviced by Dena Bank branches is being hampered. Accordingly, all LDMs have been advised to convene a meeting of District NRLM committee for redistribution of service area allotted to Dena Bank to other bank branches.

(Action: All LDMs)

3. Apprised the House about declaration of moderate drought in 46 tehsils of 11 districts and severe drought in 5 tehsils of 4 districts of the state as per Government notification and urged Banks to be guided by Master Directions of RBI dated 17th October 2018 pertaining to Relief Measures by Banks in Areas affected by Natural Calamities.

(Action: All Banks)

4. The House was also apprised with recent updates announced by the RBI pertaining to MSME Sector.

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Shri Lalit Kumar Chandel in his address advised Banks and Insurance companies to ensure coherency in insurance claims data of PMJJBY & PMSBY schemes, as the Dept. of Financial Services has observed mismatch between data submitted by Banks & Insurance Co. under the Social Security Schemes.

(Action: All Banks & Insurance Companies)

Shri Arvind Agrawal in his address began with Action Taken by the State Govt. on the action points emerged in the last meeting of SLBC and underscored following important points:

1. As regards to roll-out of the portal to track the loan applications sponsored by the various Govt. Dept./ Agencies, the module of the portal is ready for demonstration and the Industries Dept., Govt. of Gujarat is already working for earliest roll out of the portal.

(Action: Industries Dept., GoG)

2. To clear pendency of cases under SARFAESI Act, it was advised that LDMs shall regularly take up the matter in DLCC/DLRC meeting and apprise the Collector with the pending cases. It was also informed that SLBC will compile list of pending cases under the SARFAESI Act from various Banks and present it before the Govt. to address the pendency of the cases.

(Action: DFS, MoF, GoI; Finance Dept., GoG & All LDMs)

3. Owing to ensuing 2019 General Elections, Banks were advised to achieve their yearly targets particularly under Priority Sector by end of February 2019 not to wait till the deadline of 31st March, as imposition of Model Code of Conduct may hamper achieving of targets.

(Action: All Banks)

4. Banks were advised to give extra efforts under schemes such as PMJDY, APY, PMSBY, PMJJBY, Aadhar Seeding of Accounts and issuance of RuPay Cards as the progress under these parameters is being reviewed on "CM Dashboard" on a regular basis.

(Action: All Banks)

5. Regarding C/D ratio, it was informed that owing to higher deposits, few districts by default remains below 40%, however, special attention is required from all stake holders to improve C/D ratio in the districts such as Dang, Tapi & Mahisagar.

(Action: All Members)

6. To minimize Unbanked Areas in the State, urged for inclusion of India Post Payment Bank as a member of SLBC.

(Action: SLBC)

Presentation of Agenda of the meeting

1. Follow up action on pending issues:

- (i) **Progress in construction of RSETI premises:** It was represented that approval of layout plan of RSETI Ahmedabad & Bhavnagar and allotment of land for RSETI Mahisanagar has been awaiting approval from State Govt. authorities. Finance Dept., Govt. of Gujarat was requested to take up specific premises related issues with concerned Govt. authorities and ensure necessary sanctions for RSETI premises at the earliest.

(Action: Finance Dept., GoG)

- (ii) **Updating district codes of newly carved out districts in the CBS:** Despite repeated follow up and elapsing of 6 years after formation of 7 new districts of Gujarat, Banks are yet to update district codes of new districts in their CBS. As a result, figures under various Banking parameters of these 7 districts are being reflected in other districts, resulting in distorted picture of District-wise performance of Banks under various parameters. Hence Banks are requested to update codes of these new districts in their CBS and give a confirmation to SLBC regarding the same.

(Action: All Banks except SBI)

2. **Rationalisation of Education Loan target:** It was observed that under Service Area Credit Plan (SACP), Banks are lagging behind in achieving target under parameter of Education loan for the past few quarters, whereas, Banks generally achieve targets under other parameters of SACP. Hence, LDMs were advised to rationalise education loan target while forming SACP of their district for the FY 2019-20.

(Action: All LDMs)

3. **Clarification regarding implication of Hon'ble Supreme Court judgment pertaining to seeding of Aadhaar number with Bank Account:** The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its judgment dated 26/09/2018 made obtaining/seeding of Aadhaar number with Bank Accounts not mandatory, except in cases where the bank account is to receive Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of various Govt. schemes. However, RBI vide its press release dated 21.10.2017 and master directions dated 20.04.2018 has made seeding of Aadhaar number with Bank accounts as mandatory. Hence, RBI was requested to guide Banks regarding Aadhaar seeding of Bank accounts in the light of Supreme Court's judgment.

(Action: RBI)

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- 4. Unequal treatment to PSBs in awarding Banking Business of Govt. Dept./ Agencies/ PSUs:** It was represented that Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have always frontloaded responsibility to ensure every Financial Inclusion (FI) initiative of the Govt. meets its desired end and performed far better than their Private peers in execution of various FI initiatives of the Govt. However, off late it has been observed that PSBs are being sidelined or even least preferred by the Govt. Dept./ Agencies/ PSUs in awarding their Banking Business. Moreover, a new trend has developed wherein, Bank accounts of Govt. Dept./ Agencies/ PSUs hitherto being maintained by PSBs so far, are now being transferred to Private Sector Banks with no apparent reason. Hence, State as well as Central Govt. representatives were requested to take up the matter at the appropriate level, so as to ensure that PSBs get preferential treatment when it comes to awarding of Banking Business of Govt. Dept./ Agencies/ PSUs.

(Action: DFS, MoF, GoI & Finance Dept., Govt. of Gujarat)

- 5. Opening of Banking Outlet in the Unbanked Rural Centers:** Banks planning to open Banking Outlet in any of URC shall mark the center on the online portal of SLBC. The marking of the center will remain valid for one year, which means if the Banking Outlet is not opened in the earmarked URC by the Bank by the end of financial year, the same URC will be made available for opening of Banking Outlet by any bank.

(Action: All Banks)

- 6. Representation by SBI to delist/ merge allotted villages where Banking Services are not available within vicinity of 5 kms:** It was represented that 243 villages allotted to SBI for opening of Banking outlets in the areas not having Banking services within vicinity 5 kms, there are 3 villages which are not having inhabitant and a quite few villages which are very thinly populated require to be delisted or merged for opening of Banking Outlet. The Dept. of Financial Services' representative was requested to look into the representation made by the SBI.

(Action: DFS, MoF, GoI)

- 7. Representation by various Banks pertaining to remittance of PMFBY premium for the Kharif 2018 season:** It was represented by a few Banks that despite having remitted PMFBY premium on time to insurance co., farmers were not covered under the PMFBY by insurance companies. Hence, concerned Banks were advised to submit their specific grievances pertaining to PMFBY for the Kharif 2018 season to SLBC for onward representation before the Agriculture Dept., Govt. of Gujarat.

(Action: Concerned Banks, Agriculture Dept., GoG)

- 8. Pending claims of 4% Interest Subvention of Short term crop loans:** The Govt. of Gujarat is providing an additional interest subvention of 4% on short term crop loans upto Rs 3 lakhs over and above 3% subvention being by the

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Central Govt. for the prompt paying farmers. However, various Banks represented that claims of Banks for reimbursement are pending with Govt. of Gujarat since November 2017. Hence, Finance Dept. of Govt. of Gujarat was requested to take up the matter with the Agriculture Dept., Govt. of Gujarat for earliest release of funds for reimbursement of claims.

(Action: Finance Dept., GoG)

- 9. Formation of Sub-Committee of SLBC on Agriculture:** The House unanimously approved constitution of Sub-committee of SLBC on Agriculture comprising General Manager, SBI as Chairman of the Sub-committee and DGM/AGM, SBI as Convenor. Other members of the Sub-committee include General Manager, FIDD, RBI; General Manager, NABARD; Secretary, Finance Dept., Govt. of Gujarat; Secretary, Agriculture Dept., Govt. of Gujarat; Director, Institutional Finance, Finance Dept., Govt. of Gujarat; DGM/ AGM, SLBC (Gujarat), Dena Bank; Chairman, Dena Gujarat Gramin Bank; General Manager, Bank of Baroda, Representative from HDFC Bank, General Manager, Guj. State Co- Op. Bank.

(Action: SBI)

- 10. Incorporation of review of Education loan in the agenda of SLBC meeting:** Representative from Dept. of Financial Services, MoF, GoI advised SLBC to incorporate review of Education loan in the agenda items of SLBC meeting. Accordingly SLBC to incorporate the same from its next meeting onwards.

(Action: SLBC)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by **Shri Dukhbandhu Rath**, Chief General Manager, SBI.
