

**State Level Bankers' Committee, Puducherry**

**Convenor: Indian Bank**

**Banking Development in U.T. of Puducherry**

**(As of September 2020)**

(Rs. in Crores)

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Details/Sector</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>March 2018</b>	<b>March 2019</b>	<b>March 2020</b>	<b>September 2020</b>
<b>1</b>	Total No of Branches	263	271	276	277	277
	Of which - Rural	86	62	62	61	61
	- Semi-urban	73	89	90	92	92
	- Urban	104	120	124	124	124
<b>2</b>	Total Deposits	14663.47	15936.86	17267.47	18680.96	19319.80
	Of which NRI Deposits	1453.02 (9.91%)	1596.87 (10.05%)	1830.75 (10.60%)	1879.62 (10.06%)	1961.73 (10.15%)
<b>3</b>	Total Advances	10248.82	11490.20	12712.59	13738.64	14204.50
<b>4</b>	CD Ratio	70%	72%	74%	74%	74%
<b>6</b>	Total Priority Sector Advances	6601.56	7320.64	8204.12	8881.24	9189.58
<b>7</b>	Percentage of PSA to Total Advances	64%	64%	64.54%	64.64%	64.69%
<b>8</b>	Total Advances to Agriculture	2407.17	2704.40	3086.83	3351.18	3525.10
<b>9</b>	Percentage of Agri. To Total Advances	23.49%	23.54%	24.28%	24.39%	24.82%
<b>10</b>	Advances to Weaker Section	1638.70	1954.42	2166.18	2375.53	2478.14
<b>11</b>	Percentage of W.S. to Total Advances	15.99%	17.01%	17.04%	17.29%	17.45%
<b>12</b>	Advances to SC/ST	721.77	825.39	926.25	1016.12	1058.82
<b>13</b>	Advances to Minorities	1006.93	1148.46	1290.62	1394.64	1468.63

**II Disbursement made under Annual Credit Plan  
in UT of Puducherry (At a glance)**

(Rs. In Crores)

Year	Particulars	Agriculture	Non farm Sector	Services	Total
2016-17	Target	956.44	450	790	2196.44
	Achievement	1052.67	461.46	711.87	2226.00
	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>110.06%</b>	<b>102.55%</b>	<b>90.11%</b>	<b>101.35%</b>
2017-18	Target	1162.63	562.63	914.01	2637.27
	Achievement	1219.41	586.43	913.15	2718.99
	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>104.88%</b>	<b>104.23%</b>	<b>100.12%</b>	<b>103.10%</b>
2018-19	Target	1431.97	694.90	676.91	2803.79
	Achievement	1493.07	705.18	683.95	2882.20
	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>104.27%</b>	<b>101.48%</b>	<b>101.04%</b>	<b>102.80%</b>
2019-20	Target	1554.33	759.36	742.61	3056.30
	Achievement	1576.14	764.55	755.38	2182.80
	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>101.40%</b>	<b>100.68%</b>	<b>101.72%</b>	<b>101.30%</b>
2020-21 (upto Sep 2020)	Target	851.59	418.03	369.35	1638.98
	Achievement	818.10	391.68	338.10	1547.88
	<b>Achievement</b>	<b>96.07%</b>	<b>93.70%</b>	<b>85.56%</b>	<b>94.44%</b>

**AGENDA: 1**

**Confirmation of minutes of the SLBC Meeting held on 19.08.2020**

A copy of the minutes of the SLBC meeting held on 19.08.2020 circulated among the members is annexed.

The minutes of the meeting may please be confirmed.

**AGENDA: 2.**

**Review of follow up action taken on the decisions of the earlier meeting**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action initiated</b>
1	<b>Expanding and Deepening of Digital Payments Ecosystem</b>	The importance of digital transaction has been felt during COVID-19 pandemic situation and account holders are also moving to online transactions. Branch level Financial Literacy programmes were conducted by banks in Karaikal. There have been significant improvement during the month of September and October. Meeting of banks in Karaikal was conducted on 16.10.2020 and the extension of date by RBI upto 31.03.2020 was discussed. All banks were requested to complete digital saturation well before 31.12.2020. A webex review by Reserve Bank of India was also conducted on 06.11.2020 and it was decided to conduct the process on campaign mode for ensuring completion of 100% digital saturation by ensuring all account holders are covered by atleast one digital product before December 2020.

2	<p><b>Revamp of Lead Bank Scheme</b> - Developing a Standardised system for data flow and its management by SLBC/UTLBC Convenor Banks on SLBC/UTLBC website.</p>	<p>The development of the management of data flow at LBS fora has been readied. Due to lock-down restrictions the online testing has been delayed. In view of relaxation of guidelines the line testing has been taken-up and operationalization the new data flow system will be done before end of this month. Training program would be conducted to all banks regarding the system.</p>
3	<p>Department of Rural Development- Allotment of Land for Indian Bank Self Employment Training Institute (INDSETI).</p>	<p>We have been informed that on approval of council of Ministers, the MOU will be entered shortly.</p>
4	<p>Sub-committee and its meetings</p>	<p>Special sub-committee meetings on performance under Special COVID packages of State and Central Government, Loan schemes were circulated. KCC campaign, PMAY, Mudra and Government Sponsored Schemes related meetings were held during the intervening period to review performance. Special meeting was conducted in Karaikal on 10.09.2020 separately. BLBC meetings and other special meeting were also conducted during the quarter on on-line mode. With regard the issues being faced in specific schemes, review through VC were conducted. Special meeting chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister was also held on 20.10.2020, during which performance of Banks under Government Sponsored Schemes were reviewed.</p>

## **AGENDA: 3 - New Issues**

### **3.1 Promotion of Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs)**

Government of India has announced the establishment of FPO across the country over next five years as FPOs will help in development of vibrant and sustainable income oriented farming. This will also help in over all socio-economic development and well being of agrarian communities. Government of Puducherry has also taken initiative in supporting formation of FPO by forming State Level and District Level co-ordination committees to hand-hold the sustainable development of FPOs in Puducherry. Banks are requested to take note of the same and extend all possible help in financing FPOs and the loans are also can be covered under Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme.

### **3.2 PM formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises**

Under Atmanirbhar Abhiyan food processing has been given due importance and have formed a scheme to develop Micro Food Processing Enterprises. Government of Puducherry has informed that they have identified State Nodal Department and State Nodal Officer to co-ordinate in the scheme. Banks are requested to take note of the same and consider proposals being forwarded under this scheme.

### **3.3 Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**

Government of India has formulated a scheme named Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector. The scheme envisages various programmes to develop fisheries sector by providing credit linked subsidy. Government of Puducherry has informed the formation of Approval and Monitoring Committee for detailed study of viable projects and its implementation. All the banks are requested to finance projects being forwarded by the department under the scheme.

**3.4.Minutes of the High Level Committee meeting held to decide the quantum of relief in case of severe natural calamities.**

Reserve Bank of India has informed that relief under Interest Subvention Scheme for short term crop loans is also provided to farmers affected due to severe natural calamities on the the restructured loan amount based on the recommendation of High Level Committee. Government of India has advised all State governments to share the minutes of such HLC meetings with respective SLBCs so that banks can extend the benefit to farmers. The copy of the letters is placed for information of the members.



### **3.5 Portal for Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS)**

Government of India has informed that to ensure availability of real-time data regarding administration of Interest subvention scheme for short term agri-loans wherein 2% interest subsidy and 3% prompt repayment incentive are being provided to farmers through banks they are developing a portal for the same and have requested all banks to nominate and share the details of nodal officer. The copy of the letter is placed for information of the members.

### **3.6 Financial Inclusion Fund - A Differentiated Approach**

NABARD, Mumbai has informed that grant support for Financial Literacy programmes being conducted by banks in various districts is being extended by NABARD to the respective banks as per their eligibility under Financial Inclusion Fund is now been extended to FLCs also vide their letter dated 21.09.2020. The copies of the letter is placed for information of the members. In view of importance of Financial Literacy to General Public and account holders all the banks are requested to utilize the same.

### **3.7 National strategy for Financial Education (NSFE) 2020-25**

Reserve Bank of India has informed that National Centre for Financial Education in consultation with financial sector regulators (RBI, DEBI, IRDAI and PFRDA), DFS and other stake holders have prepared the second national strategy for Financial Education. The strategy document is available in the RBI website and the Executive Summary of the same is placed for information of the members. All the members are banks are requested to thoroughly study the same and ensure timely implementation of the action plans.

#### 4. Review of performance of Banks in U.T. of Puducherry:

(Position as at the end of September 2020)

##### Branch Net Work:

As at the end of September 2020, there are 39 banking institutions with a total network of 277 branches operating in the Union Territory of Puducherry. The commercial banks with 204 branches, Puducherry State Co-operative Bank (PSCB) with 27 branches and Puducherry Co-operative Central Land Development Bank with one Branch, Regional Rural Bank named Pudukkottai Bharathiar Grama Bank (PBGB) with 43 branches and India Post Payment Bank with 2 branches are taking care of the banking services of the people in the UT of Puducherry.

The Agency wise break up is as under:

No	Particulars	No. of branches in UTP	Of which Rural branches in UTP	Branches in Karaikal Region
01	Commercial Banks	204	33	39
	Of which			
	a. Nationalized Banks	147	30	30
	b. Private Sector Banks	57	3	9
02	Puducherry State Co-op. Bank	27	9	3
03	P.C.C.L.D. Bank	1	-	-
04	Regional Rural Bank	43	19	9
05	Payment Bank	2		1
	<b>T O T A L</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>52</b>

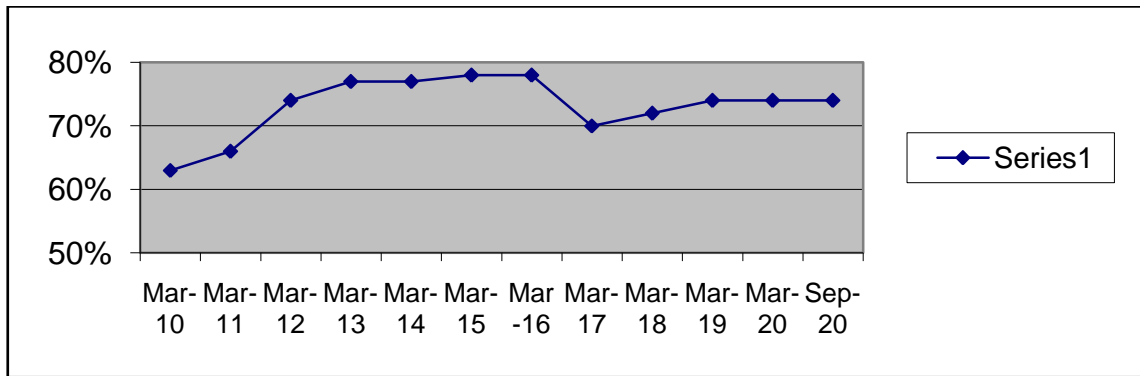
Besides this, PIPDIC (A Government of Puducherry Undertaking) & SIDBI are also extending loan assistance to the needy in the Union Territory. Of these 277 branches, 216 branches constituting 78% are in urban/semi-urban areas. As per the census 2011, the population of Union Territory of Puducherry is 1247953. The population covered per branch is placed at 4505.

The comparative details of the agency-wise performance under various important parameters are furnished below:

Rs. in crores

Sl. No	Details/Sector	March 2019	Sep 2019	Variation over March 2019	March 2020	Sep 2020	Variation over March 2020	YoY Growth
1	Total Deposits	17267.47	18009.84	742.37 4.30%	18680.96	19319.80	638.84 3.42%	1309.96 7.27%
	Of which NRI Deposits	1830.75 (10.60%)	1884.12 (10.46%)	53.37 2.92%	1879.62 (10.06%)	1961.73 (10.15%)	82.11 4.37%	77.61 4.12%
2	Total Advances	12712.59	13305.68	593.09 4.67%	13738.64	14204.50	465.86 3.39%	898.82 6.76%
3	CD Ratio	74%	74%	No variation	74%	74%	No variation	No Variation
4	Total Priority Sector Advances	8204.12	8544.29	413.31 5.04%	8881.24	9189.58	308.34 3.47%	645.29 7.55%
5	% of Priority Sector Adv. to Total Advances	64.54%	64.77%	0.23%	64.64%	64.69%	0.05%	-0.08%
6	Total Advances to Agriculture	3086.83	3240.78	153.95 4.99%	3351.18	3525.10	173.92 5.19%	284.32 8.77%
7	% of Agri. advances to Total Advances	24.28%	24.36%	0.08%	24.39%	24.82%	0.43%	0.46%
8	Advances to Weaker Section	2166.18	2275.54	109.36	2375.53	2478.14	102.61	202.6
9	% of Weaker Section to Total Advances	17.04%	17.10%	0.06%	17.29%	17.45%	0.16%	0.35%
10	Advances to SC/ST	926.25	984.12	57.87	1016.12	1058.82	42.7	74.7
11	Advances to Minorities	1290.62	1357.27	66.65	1394.64	1468.63	73.99	111.36

### CD Ratio:



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Compared to the growth rate of 7.27% shown by deposits, the advances have registered a growth of 6.76% during the period under review. Hence the CD ratio is at 74% as on September 2020.

- Out of the 13 Public sector banks present in the UT, 7 Banks are having CD Ratio more than 60% and the remaining 6 Public Sector Banks have a CD Ratio less than 60%.
- Among the 22 Private Sector Banks in the UT, 18 Banks are having CD Ratio more than 60% and the remaining 4 have a CD Ratio of less than 60%.
- PSCB, RRB and PCCLDB CD Ratio stood at above 60%.
- **The main reason for some banks having CD ratio less than 60% is due to presence of Government and Institutional deposits with these banks.**

### Performance under other key functional areas:

Area	R B I Norms	as on March 2020	as on Sep 2020
Priority Sector	40%	64.64%	64.69%
Agricultural Advances	18%	24.39%	24.82%
Weaker Section Advances	10%	17.29%	17.45%

### Credit to Deposit and Investment Ratio

It is reported that RRB, PSCB & PCCLDB have made an investment to the tune of Rs. 376.10 Crores in Government Securities and as a result the Credit plus Investment to Deposit ratio is at 76% as on September 2020.

## 5. Performance under Annual Credit Plan 2020-21 - Agriculture, MSME & OPS

The Sector wise target vis-à-vis achievement (Disbursement) as on 30.09.2020 are placed in the annexure

Sector	Target	Achievement	% of
	As on September 2020		Achievement
Agriculture	851.59	818.10	96.07%
MSME	418.03	391.68	93.70%
OPS	369.35	338.10	91.54%
<b>TOTAL</b>	1638.98	1547.88	94.44%

The aggregate Credit disbursement for the first six months of the year 2020-21 amounts to Rs.1547.88 Crores against the target of Rs. 1638.98 Crores, registering 94.44% achievement. There has been an improvement from 79.94% achieved during the first quarter to 94.44% upto September 2020. Banks in UT of Puducherry continue to give thrust to Agriculture.

As against the target of Rs.851.59 Crores, the credit flow to the sector was Rs. 818.10 Crores achieving 96.07% of the target. Major share of credit is absorbed for short term credit requirement. Agriculture sector absorbed 52.85% of the total credit. With the onset of monsoon the agriculture activities have been started, this help in more lending and banks would be making the shortfall during the current quarter.

With regard to MSME sector small industries have started functioning and credit flow would improve in the current quarter. With regard to services sector, opening of educational institutions, more inflow of tourist and starting of construction activities will definitely help in credit flow to increase in the current quarter thereby meeting the shortfall and also achievement of the target.

## Agriculture

The progress made in UT of Puducherry with respect to the Flow of Credit to Agriculture is given below:

**(FOR THE PERIOD 01.04.2020 TO 30.09.2020)**

(Rs. in crores)

Particulars	No	Amount
<b>Loans disbursed</b>		
Short Term Loans for crop production purpose	79564	744.21
Medium/Long Term loan	4059	73.89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83623</b>	<b>818.10</b>

During the year banks in UT of Puducherry provided short term loans to 79564 farmers to the tune of Rs.744.21 Crores and the total credit deployment by banks in the UT of Puducherry to the agriculture sector is at Rs.818.10 Crores.

Banks are requested to continue to disburse agricultural loan and give thrust for disbursement of investment credit under agriculture and allied sector to achieve the targets for MTL and finance to ACABCs to be explored taking into account the trust for Doubling of Farmer's Income by 2022. All the banks are requested to provide the details regarding credit flow to various sub-sector under agriculture from 2015 to 2020 so as to ascertain the details of doubling of farmers income by 2022.

With regard to PMFBY banks are requested to take note of the revised guidelines and ensure all willing farmers are covered under the scheme as premium subsidy is available for coverage. The details are to be invariably entered into the portal. As the progress is reviewed in periodic VC Review by Government of India, the details are also to be sent to lead bank.

### **Credit Flow to Micro, Small and Medium Sector (MSME):**

As per the report received from banks, credit flow to the tune of Rs.257.01 Crores was made upto September 2018 during the year 2020-21 as against the target of Rs.276.44 crores. As the industrial activities have started banks would be ensuring more credit flow and achieve the target in the ensuing quarter. Banks are requested to inform the complete details of loans to Micro, Small and Medium Sectors so as to present the performance also for review.



Banks are also requested to ensure achievement of targets in terms of the recommendations of the Prime Minister's Task Force on MSMEs, i.e (i) 20 per cent year-on-year growth in credit to micro and small enterprises, (ii) 10 per cent annual growth in the number of micro enterprise accounts and (iii) 60 per cent of total lending to MSE sector as on corresponding quarter of the previous year to Micro enterprises.

In view of the various schemes in operation viz. Credit Guarantee Fund Trust Scheme, Credit Linked Capital Subsidy scheme and Micro Finance Scheme banks are requested to increase the lending under MSME sector.

**Performance under Housing Finance Scheme:**

The construction activity in Union Territory of Puducherry is taken care of by the banks providing housing loans to the borrowers. The total disbursement made during the year 2020-21 upto September 2020 is Rs.50.42 Crores in 506 accounts. The annual target for Housing Finance as per ACP is Rs.217.48 crores. With the start of construction activities more credit flow will be made available by banks in the ensuing quarters so as to achieve the targets.

**Performance under Educational Loan Scheme:**

Banks are playing greater role to meet the credit requirement of student community to pursue higher education by providing Educational loans. As against the annual target of Rs.86.75 crores for the year 2020-21, upto September 2020, banks have disbursed loan assistance to 356 students for a sum of Rs.9.50 Crores. Educational institutions have started the admission process and banks are requested to consider the proposals received for educational loans as per time norms and ensure adequate credit flow to this sector.

**Credit Flow to other sectors under Priority Sector:**

Under other priority sector targets have been assigned to banks for **Export Credit (Rs.40 Crores)**, **Renewable Energy (Rs.18.34 crores)** and **Social Infrastructure (Rs.150.00)** also. In view of restoration of near normal functioning of all sectors, all the banks to take note of the same and finance activities under these sectors also. All the banks are also requested to classify the advances correctly and report the same so as to present the details for review.

**Disbursement to Minority Community**

Banks have disbursed an amount of Rs.31.70 Crores covering 2547 beneficiaries of Minority Communities during the first half of the year 2020-21. As the target of 15% of outstanding advances as per the Prime Minister's 15 Point programme on the welfare of minorities have been achieved by the banks and they are requested maintain the same in the coming quarters and also ensure more lending and correct classification of advances under social attributes.

**Disbursement to SC/ST Community**

With regard to disbursement to SC/ST communities banks have disbursed an amount of Rs.17.45 Crores benefiting 1480 customers upto September 2020 of the programme year 2020-21.

**Disbursement to Women beneficiaries**

Banks have disbursed an amount of Rs.95.64 Crores to 7253 women beneficiaries during the first half of the year 2020-21.

### **Campaign for saturation of Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)**

**KCC - Agriculture :** The special drive for saturation of PM-Kisan beneficiaries as per Government of India directive is also being conducted in UT of Puducherry. As per the information provided by Government of Puducherry there were 10010 beneficiaries enrolled for PM-KISAN benefits. There are 14207 KCCs in UT of Puducherry. This list received from Government of Puducherry was also forwarded to the concerned banks with the request to identify the beneficiaries who have account with their bank branches and ascertain the availability of KCC to them and ensure the coverage under KCC if not already availed during the campaign period. Regular meetings were conducted for co-ordination between the banks and Government department. During the campaign around 1430 applications were forwarded to the banks and 737 loans were sanctioned. Some issue regarding availability of land records was faced by the banks. On the spot visit to Uzhavar Udaviyagams, land record issuing office was also made to ascertain the type of documents being given to farmers. A meeting to discuss the issues was also held and all the concerned officials have been sensitized regarding the importance of land documents for issue of KCC. Banks were requested to take all steps to ensure adequate credit flow to agriculture sector in view of the ensuing monsoon.

**KCC to Animal Husbandry and Fisheries sector** -To take care of the working capital requirements of Animal Husbandry and fisheries sector KCC loans are being provided to eligible beneficiaries under the Phase II special campaign. PONLAIT, DRDA and Animal Husbandry departments have sponsored applications to the banks and based on the eligibility and extant guidelines around 2150 loans have been sanctioned out of the available 4678 applications and with regard to the remaining applications the account opening and ascertaining of milk pouring by the applicants is being done so as to consider the application on merits. Banks are requested to consider the applications on merits and issue KCC to all eligible beneficiaries within shortest possible time.

**KCC - Fisheries** - With regard to KCC to fisheries sector the working capital requirement is for Inland fisheries, fish vendor and Marine fisheries. Around 444 applications have been sent to banks by the department and sanctioned has been accorded to 139 applications and banks are in the process of processing the applications.

### **ECGLS-Atmanirbhar Package**

Government of India announced various measures to review the economy in view the prevailing COVID situation and the various loan schemes through banking sector are being implemented under Atmanirbhar package. Emergency credit line Guarantee Scheme (ECGLS) is for additional working capital requirement in existing standard MSME loans. Banks were requested to identify the eligible

account holders and sanction the loans. As these loans are covered under Credit Guarantee banks are making portal entry for the disbursement made by them. The coverage has been extended to 30.11.2020 and banks are requested to ensure credit flow to all willing account holders and make portal entry for the same. The details of progress made by banks are placed for information of members.

### **PMSVAnidhi Scheme**

The guidelines issued by Government of India on providing finance to street vendors was circulated among all the banks. Urban local bodies of Puducherry had uploaded the applications of eligible and willing street vendors who have been identified by them. The banks are logging into the Stand-up India portal and sanctioning loans by picking-up the applications in the market place. As per the information available as on 11.11.2020 1475 applications have been uploaded in the portal and sanction has been made to 988 applicants and disbursement has been made to 258 street vendors. Banks have also picked-up the remaining applications. A special meeting to sensitise the banks and field level functionaries of the issues in implementation of the scheme and the problems being faced have been solved for smoother implementation of the scheme. A VC review by Government of India was held on 09.11.2020 in which they have given a target of 1000 disbursement by this month end. With the fullest co-operation of all the banks and the concerned department it is hoped that the target would be achieved. The main challenge faced is identification of the applicant at the place of vending and non-visit of the applicant to branches for fulfilling the loan sanction and disbursement formalities after repeated contact. The department has been requested to help the banks in this regard to ensure achievement of the target.

## 6. Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) & Stand-up India Scheme

### PMMY:

Banks in Union territory of Puducherry have been providing loans for starting self employment enterprises under appropriate scheme of MUDRA.

The scheme-wise achievement under Mudra as on 06.11.2020 are as follows

Mudra	Number of accounts	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	Amount Disbursed (Rs. in crore)
Shishu	29612	77.71	77.15
Kishore	6234	84.34	81.52
Tarun	551	38.22	36.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>36397</b>	<b>200.27</b>	<b>195.59</b>

### Stand up India Programme (SUIP)

As per the scheme, All Banks were advised to ensure sanctioning of loan between Rs. 10.00 lakh and 100 lakh to at least one Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) borrower and at least one women borrower per branch for setting up a green field enterprise. As on March 2020, in UTP there were 277 branches and the target for UTP is 554. Various publicity measures are being undertaken by Lead Bank, SIDBI, NABARD and Government Departments to create awareness about the scheme.

As on 31.10.2020, 222 borrowers have been sanctioned loans under Stand-up India Scheme. It has been informed that the banks have to upload the sanctioned details in the portal and only the performance as available in the Stand-up India Portal will be taken into consideration by Government of India.

## **7. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)**

A unique scheme called PMAY-Puduvai Plus for EWS/LIG for implementation in UTP.

Slum clearance board is in the process of forwarding the applications to banks. All the banks are requested to process the applications as per guidelines. Banks and concerned departments are requested to work in close co-ordination for sanction and recovery of loans under PMAY-Puduvai plus Scheme. During September & October 2020 more than 600 applicants covering Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe regions have visited banks and submitted applications under PMAY-Puduvai Plus scheme. All the banks are requested to ensure speedy sanction of all eligible applications.

As informed in the previous meeting CLSS component of PMAY is also to be taken care by the banks. Necessary portal entry is to be made for all eligible sanctions so that they would be benefited by the interest subsidy being extended by the Government. As the progress under this scheme is of high importance for achievement of targets under Housing for ALL scheme and the same is being monitored through portal banks to ensure portal entry and inform the progress made immediately.

## **8. Review of Performance under Government Sponsored Schemes in UT of Puducherry**

Applications are to be submitted through online mode under PMEGP by the beneficiaries. Banks are requested to log in online to view the status of the applications and update the sanction details. The list of pending applications of the previous year was circulated among the banks to ensure speedy disposal of the same. During the month of August and September VC review of the of the flagship schemes especially, PMEGP, NULM, NRLM etc were held and the importance of achievement of the targets under these schemes well before December 2020 was stressed. The information regarding pending applications under various schemes were shared with all the banks for their early disposal.

Loans under DAY- NRLM and NULM are eligible for Interest Subvention benefits for prompt repayment under extant guidelines. All the banks are requested to inform the details to the concerned implementing agencies periodically. For the current programme year the line departments have conducted task force and have sent the applications to banks. The banks that have applications pending with them are requested to dispose the same to ensure achievement of the targets for the current year. Implementing agency is requested to follow-up for early disposal.

In respect of all the schemes a meeting chaired by Hon'ble Chief Minister was conducted to review the progress made. Thrust was given to disbursement of small loans under Street Vendor Scheme, NULM-SEP and Mudra where the credit requirement of the applicants is very minimum ranging from Rs.10000/- to Rs.25000/-. As timely credit to these people will be of great help to them all the banks were requested to ensure the same. The main action point was to ensure all the applications under these schemes are disbursed before the end of this month. The action points of the meeting are placed for information and necessary action of members. All the banks are requested to contact their controlling offices for details regarding the portal entry to be made in respect of the NULM applications. With regard to the applications to be disbursed banks and implementing agency are requested to co-ordinate and ensure early disbursement of the loans.

All the banks are requested to follow the RBI time norms in disposal of applications and achieve the targets. Line departments were also requested to work in close co-ordination with banks for financing viable projects under government sponsored schemes and for achievement of targets. The subsidy is to be claimed as per the time norms and banks are also requested to send utilization certificates to the line departments regarding the same.

## **9 SHG Credit Linkage:**

During the year 2020-21, upto September 2020, 3461 groups were given credit to the tune of Rs.60.95 Crores.

E Sakthi portal has been operationalized by NABARD in UT of Puducherry and the details of DRDA promoted groups are presently available. Different types of facilities are presently available for the benefit of banks through this portal. Banks are requested to utilize the same.

More than 20974 members belonging to 1586 SHGs of DRDA were also provided with COVID Sahaya Loans and term loans upto 11.11.2020 amounting to Rs.31.65 Crores.

## **Joint Liability Groups (JLG):**

During the year 2020-21, upto September 2020, banks in UTP have extended credit to 497 JLGs amounting to Rs.978 Lakhs. Banks are requested to form more Joint Liability Group and extend credit to these groups. NABARD has informed that they would be undertaking necessary publicity, awareness and capacity building measures to ensure expeditious financing of landless farmer groups through JLG mode.



## 10 FINANCIAL LITERACY

Banks are conducting various meetings and programmes in their branches and service area villages in rural branches. With the view to encourage Digital transactions the various modes of cash less transactions to be explained in the financial literacy programmes. Banks are requested to ensure conduct of the programme as per guidelines and details regarding date, place of meeting and numbers of persons benefited through the programme is to be sent to Lead Bank for reviewing in the meeting. Such meetings are conducted in urban areas also.

**Financial Literacy and Credit Counseling Centre (FLCC)** is functioning in UT of Puducherry and providing services to general public. In view of COVID situation regular meetings were not conducted during the period. But wherever possible at Branch Level some Financial Literacy Activities were conducted for small gathering strictly following the social distancing and sanitation norms.

Upto September 2020, FLC has conducted 10 Special Camps for dissemination of information regarding Digital Products benefitting 3038 members and 27 Target Specific Camps FLC has also conducted in which 1880 members were benefitted. Financial literacy programmes were also conducted through digital mode and during the current quarter more programmes are planned through digital mode. In addition to such programmes literacy information is also being disseminated through E mail, Mobile phone, whatsapp, sms etc.

## **11 Training**

**Indian Bank Self Employment Training Institute (INDSETI)** - During 2020-21 INDSETI has started training programme from 21.09.2020. But they are following up with the already trained candidates.

## **12 Financial Inclusion**

### **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Mobile seeding, Aadhaar seeding & Authentication**

All the member banks continue to open new accounts to new members of the households for additional accounts under PMJDY. Aadhaar seeding and mobile seeding will facilitate transfer of DBT benefits and also help in furtherance of digital payment and transactions in the account. All banks are requested to continue the Aadhaar and Mobile seeding in SB accounts especially for beneficiaries of various schemes and also to the willing account holders after obtaining the consent form as per guidelines.

Under National Strategy for Financial Inclusion, SLBCs were requested to identify villages which are without access to financial services within 5 km radius and provide services through banking outlet in time bound manner. In UT of Puducherry all villages are already having access to financial services through banking outlet within 5 KM radius of the village.

### **Direct Benefit Transfer & Payment of Old Age Pension**

In UT of Puducherry, in addition to identified Central Government Schemes, DBT is also implemented for State Government Schemes especially Old Age Pension. Banks are making payment through BCs at the doorstep of the beneficiaries who are very old, disabled beneficiaries etc who are not in a position to visit the bank branches to draw their pension. As on date there are 110 BCAs have been engaged by banks in UTP. The post offices are also functioning as BCs of India Post Payment Bank and withdrawal of money from Aadhaar linked bank account through these POS machines available in Post Offices is also possible and the same was put to good use for withdrawal of money during COVID lock down.

The BCs are providing service at their respective locations/villages. There are no issues relating to connectivity and any problem if encountered is solved immediately with the co-operation of the service providers. Banks are requested to ensure that the BCs are there in the fixed location for minimum 4 hours and Branch Managers are to visit the BC points on monthly basis and effectively monitor them.

### **Promotion of Digital Banking in all area including villages**

As per Government of India guidelines, banks are requested to conduct awareness camps in all Service Area villages and urban wards to promote cashless transactions among the public. The target of digital transaction has been surpassed with the co-operation of all banks, government departments and general public. In smart cities, each bank branch is to canvas 100 merchants for BHIM Aadhaar application and banks are requested to send the details to lead bank.

### **13 PRAGATI Meeting - Review of Social Security Schemes**

Banks are requested to continue enrolment under 3 social security schemes viz. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyothi Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY). As the enrolments are being done on ongoing basis all the member banks are requested to contribute their maximum to ensure coverage of all eligible people of UTP under these schemes. As on 31.10.2020, the enrolment under PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY was 82799, 240480 and 46058 respectively. The bank-wise performance is placed for the information of the members.

Government of India has also review the performance of all banks under social security schemes periodically and is requesting banks to ensure maximum enrollment of all eligible account holders in these schemes so that social security benefits will be made available to them.

PFRDA has also allocated a target of 13050 enrollment during the year 2020-21 under APY and banks are requested to utilize the various campaigns being organized for achievement of the target. As per the information received from PFRDA 4055 new enrollments have been made during the year upto 19.10.2020. The participation of private sector banks is to be improved so as to achieve the targets.

**14 Steps taken for improving land record, progress in digitization of land records and seamless loan disbursements.**

As per the available information the digitalization of land records has been taken up in Puducherry as per National Land Records Modernisation Project.

Under the "Nilamagal" portal if the patta or Survey number along with Region, taluk, village and land type are provided the details of the owner as per the last updated record is displayed along with extent and type of land. This can be utilized by the banks.

Puduvai Sevai (Puduvai E Services) is also implemented through Common Services Centre on chargable basis where Some services viz settlement, patta and Field Measurement Book extracts can be obtained through Common Services Centre.

Concerned Government Department is requested to inform the updated availability of various facilities in Puduvai seval so as to inform all the banks regarding the same.

It has been informed by the banks that with the updation of Puducherry Government website the e-district portal are not functioning fully. Banks have requested the Government to do the needful in this regard.

## **15 Discussion on Market Intelligence Issues e.g.**

- a. Ponzi Schemes/ Illegal Activities of Unincorporated Bodies/ Firms/ Companies Soliciting Deposits from the Public
- b. Banking Related Cyber Frauds, phishing, etc.
- c. Instances of usurious activities by lending entities in the area, cases of over indebtedness
- d. Credit related frauds by borrower groups, etc.

With regard to above agenda SLBC has not received any information regarding the same from banks or Government Departments. Banks are requested to share any information on the above points that had happened in other states also. The details if any received will be placed for information of the members. Banks are requested to be vigilant and also educate their customers on day to day development in this regard through the financial literacy programmes being conducted by them.

## **16 Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.**