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**140<sup>th</sup> State Level Bankers Committee Meeting at Secretariat**

**State banks should come forward to develop tourism sector: Chief Minister**

Tourism industry has a bright potential in the economic development of the state. Therefore, the banks of the state should come forward for the development of the tourism sector. Banks also need to be aware of the priority areas that the state government is working on, only then the banks can take concrete plans for the economic development of the state. Chief Minister Professor (Dr.) Manik Saha said this at the meeting of the 140<sup>th</sup> State Level Bankers Committee in the conference hall no.2 of the Secretariat held on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022. The meeting reviewed the progress of the decisions taken on various issues in the last State Level Bankers Committee meeting.

In the meeting, DGM of Punjab National Bank, Anand Kumar, while discussing the detailed programme of the State Level Bankers Committee, said that in the annual credit plan for the financial year 2022-23, the banks have taken a target of 100 percent disbursement in each sector, including the primary sector. Banks have disbursed 1131.36 crore rupees for agriculture, MSME and other primary sectors till June of the current financial year. Banks have disbursed a total of 77 crore 72 lakh rupees loans to 12,170 KCC card holder farmers till June of 2022-23 financial year. DGM Anand Kumar also said that a total of Rs 2 crore 10 lakh 96 thousand rupees loans have been given to 21 SC and ST women beneficiaries till June of 2022-23 financial year. Under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, loans of 228.82 crore rupees have been disbursed to 38 thousand 21 bank account holders till June of the current financial year. So far 8 lakh 99 thousand 880 people have opened bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jandhan Yojana. Out of this, 7 lakh 14 thousand 83 bank accounts were opened in rural areas and 1 lakh 85 thousand 797 bank accounts were opened in urban areas. In this context, Chief Minister Dr. Saha said there is a great opportunity for unemployed youth to become financially independent by taking loans under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana and Start Up India scheme. So banks have to play a positive role to provide more loans in these two schemes.

In the meeting, Punjab National Bank DGM Anand Kumar said that till June of the current financial year, 93 students have been granted educational loans of Rs. 1,165. Home loans have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana till June of 2022-23 FY. DGM Anand Kumar also said that various banks have sanctioned 98 proposed loans for mini dairy projects till June of 2022-23 financial year. The meeting also discussed issues such as opening of new bank branches, assistance in tourism development, giving importance to lending to self-help groups, providing loans to self-employed and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, setting up ATMs in every block area of the state, etc.

Chief Secretary, J.K Sinha emphasized the banks on giving more loans through camps. Chief Secretary assured that the state government would also provide necessary cooperation in this regard. Apart from the Chief Minister and Chief Secretary, Finance Secretary Brijesh Pandey, Revenue Secretary Puneet Agarwal, Tourism Secretary Kiran Gitte, Cooperatives Secretary Abhishek Singh, Special Secretary Rural Development Sandeep R Rathore, Punjab National Bank Chief were also present at the 140<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Level Bankers Committee. Executive Officer Atul Kumar Goyal, Punjab National Bank General Manager Sakshi Gopal Saha, Agartala Reserve Bank Branch General Manager Satwant Singh Sahota and officials of various banks under the purview of SLBC Committee and officials of various departments were present.

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