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136th State-level Banker's Committee Conference
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accelerate economic development of the State: CM**



The State Government is giving priority to primary sector to accelerate the economic development of the State. In this regard, primary sectors like tea, fisheries, animal husbandry and agriculture have been given utmost importance. These areas are inextricably linked with the development of the state. State banks will have to come forward in order to make the people involved in all these primary sectors and become economically self-sufficient, stated Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb in a state-level Banker's Committee conference in the conference hall of the Secretariat. The meeting reviewed progress of all the decisions taken in the last state-level Banker's Committee conference on various issues. Chief Minister then urged the banks to be aware of all works being done in the primary sectors by the state government and asked them to take necessary cooperative steps in those primary sectors and complete the targets in due time.

Chief Minister in the conference said, state government's target is to lower the NPA and increase CD ratio of the banks. Banks have to roll out loan programmes for sectors where it is attainable. Chief Minister emphasized on simplifying loan processes so that none has to be harassed while applying for loans and to plan specific targets on how much loans they will be providing in particular sectors. He also asked bank officials to keep watch on whether the targets were fulfilled or not. He also brought up the success of health department in Sustho Shoishob, Sustho Koishor Abhijan and said, 99% success was achieved in a 15 days mission to give vitamin A, iron folic acid etc to 13 lakh children and youngsters. Similarly, the banks have to work in mission mode setting targets in order to achieve success.

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Chief Minister also said, rubber is a special sector in the state from economic point of view. Maximum revenue in the state comes from rubber sector which is why banks need to come forward to develop this sector. He asked the banks to also come forward on developing tea gardens as state has many big tea gardens. He advised banks on conducting a conference with tea garden owners if required. He also asked banks to stand for organic farmers, Biofloc fish farmers besides rubber, tea, Agar etc. he said, bank authorities need to be proactive in providing timely loans through Kisan credit cards to farmers involved in various fields including agriculture. He also asked the banks to come up with a project so that the farmers can get loans through Kisan credit card.

Punjab National Bank DGM Anand Kumar informed in the conference that banks have set target for 100% disbursement in all primary sectors in annual credit plan of financial year 2021-22. Banks have disbursed 1518.24 crore rupees this year for agriculture, small and micro industries and other primary sectors. 15 thousand 805 KCC holder farmers were brought under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana this year. 998 SHG loans have been sanctioned till June of 2021-22 financial year. 79 SC/ST women beneficiaries were given loans till June of 2021-22 financial year. 70 loans were sanctioned under Dairy Unnayan Prakalpa this year till June. 2,628 loans were sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Street Vendor Atmanirbhar Nidhi Prakalpa. Apart from this, opening of new bank branches, assistance for tourism development and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana etc were discussed in the conference.

Others present in the 136th conference were Chief Secretary Kumar Alok, Principal Secretary of Health J.K. Sinha, Secretary of Urban Development department Kiran Gite, Secretary of Rural Development department Soumya Gupta, Secretary of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare department Apurba Roy, Secretary of Minority Welfare department Tapas Roy, Reserve Bank of India Agartala branch General Manager Tamal Sinha, NABARD DGM Anil Purohit, and PNB General Manager Gopal Saha.
