



be more sincere in providing loan to unemployed people. For this, banks have to be aware of the priority sectors of the government. Now, the government is giving emphasis on agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fishery, rubber, small and medium scale industries said the chief minister, adding that at times unemployed youths were being harassed by asking for guarantor wherein guarantor component was not mandatory even. He expressed dissatisfaction over this.

On the other hand, the chief secretary U. Venkateswaralu said, the banks should work out their plans with getting higher CD ratio. Reviewing district level CD ratio he asserted that CD ratio should never fall in a district, adding that all farmers should be given the facility of Kishan Credit Card. In this context the additional chief secretary Kumar Alok advised that if the banks carry out publicity campaign every 15 days and then provide Kishan Credit Card, this will ensure easy coverage of all farmers. The matter of giving loan to SHGs was also discussed.

On the part of the banks, Ashok Kumar Pradhan, MD and CEO of United Bank of

India, presented the detailed programme of the Bankers' Committee. Implementation of the last meeting's decisions and deficiencies in that were discussed present year's roadmap was presented. Till March 31, 2018-19, average CD ratio of banks was calculated at 54%. In terms of Kishan Credit Card, decision was taken to provide Kishan Credit Cards to 4.72 lakh farmers of the state. Under Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (TRLM) 1793 SHGs received loan to the tune of Rs. 2517 crore in total during the 2018-19 financial year. In addition, loans were made available to 1176 persons under PMEGP and 2347 loans were approved under Swabalamban scheme. Mudra Loan was disbursed to 41,768 account amounting Rs. 1873 crore till March 2019. This year's target for Mudra Loan has been fixed at Rs. 1556.70 crore.

Additionally, issues discussed included higher education loan, Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana, Dairy Development Scheme, opening of new branches of banks and so on. The meeting was also attended by top officials of the state administration, NABARD, Reserve Bank and insurance companies.

### **Tripura exports surplus power to Bangladesh & Nepal**

In order to speed up services of the Tripura State Electrical Corporation Limited (TSECL) a new project namely 'TSECL at your door-step' has been launched yesterday. Consumers have also been urged to register their complaints, if any, on the toll free number of its call centre by dialling 1912. In addition, consumers from any corner of the state could register complaints on 0381-235-3502 and 0381-235-6470. The Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Power Minister Jishnu Dev Varma divulged this information during a press conference at his office chamber yesterday.

Moreover, the minister said, people could easily contact the circle/division/sub-division offices of the TSECL for which telephone numbers have been disseminated through advertisement in the newspapers recently. He also informed, a training centre for the linemen has been started. Life insurance for them was Rs. 2 lakh earlier; it has been increased to Rs. 10 lakh now. Campaign for making the state hook-line-free is going on and already North district has been declared hook-line-free. So far 1.36 lakh families have benefited under Saubhagya Yojana. Pre-paid meters are being installed in villages and smart meters are being installed in cities.

At present the state is getting 63 MW from Rukhia project, 42 MW from Baramura project, 10 MW from Dumboor project, 100 MW from Manarhak project, 130 MW from central share and 725 MW from OTPC and the present demand for power is 300 MW in the state. And surplus power is being exported to Bangladesh and Nepal. For further development of the power sector loan may be availed from Asian Development Bank. Initiative has also been taken to establish nine sub-stations of 132 KV and 44 sub-stations of 33 KV/11 KV with financial aid from World Bank.

### **Development schemes being implemented by RD department in Sepahijala**

An initiative has been taken by the rural development department for implementation of ten development schemes in Bishalgarh, Charilam and Nalchar blocks of Sepahijala district. These are- renovation of a concrete drain and one brick soling road in Nabinnagar gaon panchayat, renovation of one brick siling road in Purathal Rajnagar gaon panchayat, construction of a concrete drain and one new RCC box culvert in Radhanagar gaon panchayat of Bishalgarh block. A new brick soling road will be constructed in Barjala gaon panchayat of Charilam block. One box culvert each will be constructed in

