



**Reserve Bank of India
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Guwahati**

Minutes of the Round 12 Meeting of the State Level Co-ordination Committee (SLCC) for the State of Meghalaya held at Shillong on February 26, 2020

Round 12 Meeting of the State Level Co-ordination Committee (SLCC) for the State of Meghalaya was held on February 26, 2020 at 03.00 p.m. at the Conference Hall of Meghalaya Old Secretariat, Shillong. The meeting was chaired by Shri M S Rao, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya and convened by the Regional Director for North Eastern States, Reserve Bank of India, Guwahati. Commissioner & Secretary of Finance Department, DIG of Police and other Senior Officials of the State Government of Meghalaya; Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Guwahati and Shillong and Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) also participated in the meeting. The list of the participants is furnished in the Annex.

2. Shri Manoranjan Dash, Regional Director, RBI, Guwahati in his opening remarks welcomed all the members and thanked the Chairman for sparing his valuable time for chairing the meeting. The Regional Director highlighted the importance of the meeting as a forum for taking timely action against unauthorised deposit/ investment scams. He further informed that the purpose of the meeting was also to share market intelligence of such unauthorised deposit/ investment scams; to understand the modus operandi of the various financial crimes and to raise financial awareness among the public.

3. Shri M S Rao, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya and Chairman of the SLCC for the State of Meghalaya welcomed all the members and advised to initiate the proceedings of the meeting as per agenda.

4. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

As there were no proposals for amendment to the minutes of the previous meeting held on August 06, 2019, the same was accepted without any change.

5. Action taken in respect of items discussed during the previous meeting:

(i) Amendment to the present Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act

The forum was apprised that the Meghalaya Protection of Interests of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act, 2018, Rules has been passed in the State Legislature in October, 2019.

6. Implementation of Banning of Unauthorised Deposit Schemes (BUDS) Act, 2019: - Comparative Study of BUDS Act,2019 vs Meghalaya PID Act

A primer briefly highlighting the differences between BUDS Act, 2019 vs Meghalaya PID Act was provided and Regional Director informed the forum that definition of Deposit is very comprehensive in the BUDS Act and broad based. He further informed that the BUDS Act is more stringent than State PID Act in the sense that soliciting deposits ab-initio may make the law applicable as compared to the State PID Act where cognizance will be taken only after receiving of formal complaints of default or when the State Government has reasons to believe that any Financial Establishment is acting in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Depositors. Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya inquired whether both the State and Central acts can co-exist to which Deputy Secretary, Law Department of the Government of Meghalaya informed in affirmative and informed that Central Law prevails in case of conflict. Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya advised the State Police Officials to take note of both of these acts while investigating offences.

RD also informed the forum that under the new BUDS Act, the State Government is required to notify the competent Authority and designated Court.

(Action: Finance Department and Law Department, State Government)

7. Sharing of information relating to acceptance of public deposits by various entities

(a) Pearlvine International, Meghalaya

General Manager (O-i-C), Shillong informed the forum that the aforementioned company operating in Jowai, Meghalaya was collecting the public deposits illegally by offering very high returns through their website. Deputy Inspector General, CID informed that an FIR has been lodged against the company on September 04, 2019 and investigation is being carried out. Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya

advised the state police officials to expedite the investigation and apprise the forum about the status in the next meeting. **(Action: State Police Department)**

(b) Sreekarayil Chits (India) Ltd, Meghalaya

General Manager (O-i-C), Shillong informed the forum that the aforementioned company operating in Khasi Hills, Meghalaya is collecting a onetime investment of Rs.2200/- in cash and thereafter asking the members to enroll others to gain commission. Deputy Inspector General, CID informed RBI officials to formally lodge a complaint to look in to the matter. **(Action: RBI, Shillong)**

(c) Regional Director suggested that a separate cell may be set up to collect market intelligence on unauthorised deposit schemes/ money circulation schemes. Chief Secretary informed that as financial scams are not rampant across the state, existing set up of State CID may suffice.

(d) Deputy General Manager, SEBI informed the forum about the importance of having a unified portal to collect data of the Fraudulent entities. Regional Director informed that in the existing portal of Sachet, people can report the cyber-crimes committed by the fraudulent entities. Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya advised the RBI officials to share the URL of the Sachet website so that the same can be uploaded on the State Government portal. **(Action: RBI)**

(e) Deputy General Manager, SEBI further highlighted the importance of sharing of information across the Inter-state SLCCs to understand the modus operandi of innovative financial crimes happening across the country which will help in spreading the awareness levels among the general public. Regional Director, Guwahati informed that the matter will be taken up with the Central Office. **(Action: RBI)**

(f) Regional Director, Guwahati informed the forum about the National Cyber Crime portal (www.cybercrime.gov.in) where a list of 24 cybercrimes under which citizens can report a complaint.

(g) Regional Director also informed the forum about the modus operandi of fraudulent activities in the State of Manipur.

(h) Orders passed by SEBI against entities for unauthorized mobilization of funds

Deputy General Manager, SEBI informed that since April 01, 2013, prohibitory orders have been passed against 395 entities for carrying out unregistered Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) activities and/ or issuing securities to the public without following the procedure. The list of such companies was shared with the forum.

Chairman advised that SEBI may upload their latest order list in SLCC website. DGM, SEBI informed that the credentials for uploading in SLCC website are yet to be created to which Regional Director, Guwahati advised him to give a formal application.

(Action: SEBI)

8. Awareness Programmes:

a) General Manager (O-i-C), Shillong informed the forum about the Various Financial Literacy Programmes conducted by the RBI since the last meeting. Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya suggested to take the assistance of State Government Officials during these programmes to improve efficacy and participation. He further advised the Government officials of the Finance Department to write to the Deputy Commissioners of the districts to dovetail their programmes in such a way that Officials from RBI can also be included.

(Action: Finance Department)

b) General Manager (O-i-C), Shillong further informed the forum that the financial literacy materials have been included in the educational curriculum of NCERT for class VI-X students.

c) DGM, SEBI informed that 13 Regional Seminars were conducted in the State of Meghalaya in collaboration with Depositories & Stock Exchanges since the last SLCC meeting. He further informed that two Financial Visits were conducted by SEBI.

d) DGM, SEBI suggested the Resource Person model for increasing the financial literacy & awareness in the State of Meghalaya and requested Government support for the same. Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya assured that they will enroll the college lecturers as resource persons and advised the Finance Secretary, Government of Meghalaya to look into it.

(Action: Finance Department)

e) Chief Secretary advised to provide caution notices specific to the cyber crime frauds in local language which may help public to exercise caution. Regional Director informed the forum that the same will be taken up.

(Action: RBI)

The meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair and other members.



(M S Rao)

Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya

List of Participants

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