

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Hon'ble Minister of Textiles on 27th March, 2017 with States and Banks to review and discuss provision of concessional credit to handloom weavers under MUDRA Scheme.

Meeting was attended by Secretary (Textiles), DC Handlooms, Director, DFS and representatives of various States and Banks. List of participants is annexed.

2. After welcoming the Hon'ble Minister and participants, DC Handlooms made a presentation which covered basic features of the scheme, experienced gained from pilot project under MUDRA Scheme for handloom weavers, status of Action Plans received from various states, status of loan sanctioned in various states Bank-wise, status of issue of RuPay card to beneficiaries, progress about Handloom Weavers MUDRA Portal for becoming functional from 1st April, 2017 and the special portal prepared by Punjab National Bank for online submission of application by weavers.

3. During discussions, the following important suggestions were given by the participants.

- (i) 'BunkarMitra' – handloom weavers' helpline should be utilized for disseminating information about concessional credit scheme and the facilities being made available through the new portal.
- (ii) In addition to the proposed tie up with Department of Posts for promoting 'India Handmade Bazaar Portal', services of Common Services Centres may also be obtained in collaboration with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- (iii) Office of DC handlooms should facilitate linkage of participating banks with handloom weaving clusters through outreach interventions by Weavers' Service Centres and Common Service Centres.
- (iv) In order to have high visibility for the scheme, special stickers may be provided to MUDRA beneficiaries for display on the assets being purchased by them from the assistance under the Scheme.
- (v) Principal Secretary, Tamilnadu shared his experience and suggested that monthly review of the progress of the Scheme in SLBC, DLBC and also at BLBC level has helped in achieving progress.

(vi) The representative of UP raised the issue of loan applications returned by IDBI. They were requested to provide the details of the same so that it can be taken with DFS.

4. Hon'ble Minister of Textiles emphasized on the following :

- i) The Office of DC Handlooms should take up outreach programme for connecting identified 6-7 Bankbranches for every major handloom cluster.
- ii) States who have not sent Action Plan so far should prepare the same on priority and send to DC Handlooms for necessary follow up with the banks.
- iii) The suggestion of displaying stickers of the Scheme on the assets purchased from assistance under MUDRA Scheme should be implemented.
- iv) Banks should ensure that RuPay card is issued to every beneficiaries expeditiously as it was a matter of concern that only 10% beneficiaries have so far been given RuPay cards.
- v) All Banks should document the success stories of handloom weavers beneficiaries of the scheme with photographs, and preferably with a video clipping of the beneficiary handloom weavers with the Bank branch officer.
- vi) All Banks should immediately set up facility for online submission of applications for MUDRA loans and its tracking as has been done by PNB.

5. It was clarified that the Scheme is basically within the MUDRA template only along with added benefits of margin money, interest subvention and credit guarantee fee. Banks need not devise any new product and the guidelines issued by the Indian Banks Association for integrating the benefits of margin money, interest subvention and credit guarantee fee with MUDRA Scheme should be followed straightway.

6. The progress of loans sanctioned and disbursement needed to be improved significantly by various Banks keeping in view the large number of handloom weavers in the country. Banks were requested to expeditiously decide the applications.

7. The meeting ended with votes of Thanks to the Chair.
