

Regional Review Meeting of SCAs of Northern Region held at Srinagar Repayments of outstanding dues expected



Participants during the Regional Review Meeting at Srinagar

The Regional Review Meeting of SCAs of NMDFC in Northern Region was organized at J&K Entrepreneurship Development Institute, Pampore, Srinagar on 24th July, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Abha Rani Singh, IRS, CMD, NMDFC wherein senior officials of 10 State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) from the States/UTs of Chandigarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab and Uttarakhand had attended the meeting. Besides, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Social Justice Empowerment and Minorities, Govt. of Punjab had also participated in the meeting. Canara Bank was represented by the Assistant General Manager of the Jammu Circle.



A glimpse from the meeting session

The meeting was organized by NMDFC to discuss various issues faced by SCAs in implementing NMDFC schemes for the benefit of minority communities. The SCA of Chandigarh (CSCBC&MFDC) reported on the utilization of funds under NMDFC schemes and submission of UC under GIA scheme. SCA of Haryana viz. HBCKN highlighted the efforts made for release of pending equity contribution and enhancement of government guarantee in favor of HBCKN. MDA and BACKFINCO (SCA in Punjab) informed status regarding settlement of overdues while NMDFC requested HPMFDC and the SCAs of J&K i.e. JKLFC, JKSCSTBCDC and JKWDC to follow up with state Government/ UT administration regarding enhancement of Govt. guarantee. UAKWVN reported on resolving issues related to guarantee commission and asset liability settlement with State of UP. Canara Bank assured better implementation of NMDFC schemes and encouraged SCAs to forward applications to the bank for financing. There were certain other common issues raised by participating SCAs such as increasing income limits under credit line-1, higher allocations under education loan and GIA schemes, more funding for organizing awareness camps and reducing interest rates for beneficiaries. Further, NMDFC officials showcased the features of the MILAN (Minority Loan Accounting Software for NMDFC) software, a loan management system developed with assistance from ICICI bank to digitize the loaning and accounting process among applicants.

NMDFC participated in “Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2023”

NMDFC participated in the “Government Achievements & Schemes Expo-2023” held at Pragati Maidan from 21st to 23rd July 2023. The Expo aimed to showcase achievements and schemes of various State & Central government organizations, research institutes, and autonomous bodies. NMDFC, a significant player in promoting the socio-economic development of minority communities, utilized the platform to exhibit its initiatives and accomplishments. The objective of participation by NMDFC was to display schemes and achievements of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and NMDFC, raise awareness about the initiatives, and engage with visitors to address inquiries. Dr. Abha Rani, CMD, NMDFC visited the Expo and explored various stalls of other participating organizations.



CMD and other NMDFC officials at Government Achievements & Schemes Expo 2023

NMDFC's stall showcased audio-visual presentations highlighting key initiatives and success stories of the Corporation and the Ministry. NMDFC's participation in the Expo provided an effective platform to highlight its initiatives and accomplishments in minority community development.

MoU between NMDFC and Ministry of Minority Affairs

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the F.Y. 2023-24 and 2024-25 have been signed between NMDFC and Ministry of Minority Affairs envisaging significant targets such as loans to be disbursed, geographical coverage, last mile disbursement to ultimate beneficiaries, and other parameters on organizational efficiency. It is pertinent to mention that NMDFC achieved “Excellent” rating as per the evaluation of MoU for the F.Y. 2021-22.

Financing through Bank : A path to reach the unreached



In a unique collaboration, NMDFC and Canara Bank signed a groundbreaking Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on August 17, 2021, with an aim to reach out to the unreached segments of minorities communities and providing them with much-needed financial support. This alliance has proven to be a game-changer, significantly expanding NMDFC's reach and impact across the nation.

Leveraging the vast and well-established banking channel of Canara Bank, NMDFC has successfully expanded its operations to cover a total of 29 states & UTs. This achievement is a testimony to the effectiveness of collaboration and the dedication of both organizations to empower marginalized communities.

Over the past two years, NMDFC, with the support of Canara Bank, has disbursed credit for over Rs. 40 Crores for benefiting approximately 9200 deserving individuals. These funds have been allocated through NMDFC's Term Loan & Micro Finance schemes, which are tailored to meet the specific credit needs of minority communities. Individuals in need of financial assistance can visit the nearest Canara Bank branch to inquire about and apply under the various concessional schemes of NMDFC.

The impact of this collaboration has been profound, enabling individuals to pursue their dreams, start or expand their businesses, secure a brighter future for themselves and their families. Through this strategic alliance, NMDFC and Canara Bank are contributing to the socio-economic development of the nation by empowering the unreached sections of society. The Reference Canara Bank Circular Number is 587/2021.

Syed Fazlu Rehman, Bengaluru Term Loan for Garment Business



Syed Fazlu Rehman in his garment shop

Syed Fazlu Rehman, a resident of Vidyanaya Nagara, Bangalore, is a hard working and determined entrepreneur. He has poor family background with minimal financial resources. He always dreamt of having his own ready-made garments shop. But lack of funds prevented him to set-up his business. Fortunately, one of his relative informed him about credit extended by NMDFC through Karnataka Minority Development Corporation (KMDC). He approached KMDC for credit support and applied for Term Loan. KMDC acknowledged his request and sanctioned a loan amount of Rs 9.5 Lakhs in Aug 2019. In no time, he established his start-up shop, '78 Trends'. However, the unanticipated arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020 brought a wave of uncertainty and hardship for Rehman's business. He used Covid-19 time to rethink his strategies, explore innovative marketing approaches, and connect with customers through online platforms. As the pandemic slowly subsided, 78 Trends began to see signs of recovery.

With renewed determination and a strong sense of responsibility, he began repaying the loan. As his business grew considerably, so did his turnover. With a monthly turnover of around Rs. 1,20,000/-, he was able to cover all expenses, including the EMI of the loan. Despite this, he still managed to achieve a net profit of Rs. 25,000/- each month through which he is now able to provide a comfortable and a good quality of life to his family. He's grateful to KMDC and NMDFC.

Success Story from Channelizing Partners

Mary Linda K V, Kerala Term Loan for Online Service Centre

Mary Linda K V, a resident of Ernakulam, Kerala is a talented and ambitious individual. She had a dream of establishing her own Online Service Centre. She possessed the necessary skills and passion for entrepreneurship but lacked the financial means to turn her vision into reality. Fortunately one of her friends informed her about Term Loan Scheme of NMDFC facilitated through Kerala State Women's Development Corporation (KSWDC). With her determination and the support of her father, she approached the KSWDC with a comprehensive project proposal outlining her business plan, seeking financial assistance for her venture. KSWDC approved her application and sanctioned her a term loan of Rs. 2,85,000 in July, 2021. Mary Linda setup her Online Service Centre.



Mary Linda, in her Online Service Centre

The funds from the KSWDC term loan were instrumental in covering the project cost of Rs. 3,00,000 giving her the financial stability needed to start her entrepreneurial journey. The steady growth in customer base led to a substantial increase in revenue, catapulting Mary Linda's income from Rs. 8,000 to an impressive Rs. 18,000 per month. She is repaying the loan installments regularly. She has also created job opportunities for other women in her community. Mary Linda is inspiring others local women to follow their entrepreneurial dreams. She is grateful to KSWDC and NMDFC.

Ramesh Lepcha, Sikkim Term Loan for Canteen Business



Ramesh Lepcha in his Canteen

Romesh Lepcha, resident of Basilakha, Namcheybong, Sikkim is a determined and hardworking man. He belonged to lower middle class family that had always strived to make their ends meet. Life was not easy, but Romesh never lost hope and had a desire to create a better future for himself and his family. In April 2022, he decided to venture into the food business by setting up a small canteen in his village. But lack of financial assistance prevented him from commencing his business. In pursuance of seeking financial assistance, his relative suggested him about NMDFC's Term Loan scheme. With a dream in his heart and a vision in his mind, he reached out to Sikkim Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes Development Corporation (SABCCO) and applied for loan to setup a canteen. SABCCO sanctioned a loan amount of Rs. 1,00,000 on 11th April, 2022. With the assistance provided, he has setup the canteen. The canteen's popularity soared, and soon enough, Ramesh's income started to surpass his expectations. From making Rs. 500-1000 per day initially, he is now earning double the amount.

Romesh has not only achieved financial stability but has also created employment opportunities for locals and contributed to the economic growth of the village. He repays the loan amount regularly and is thankful to SABCCO and NMDFC.

CSR Support to install RO Plant at Sadar Hospital in Muzaffarpur District, Bihar

NMDFC extended CSR support to provide clean drinking water by installing a Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant at Sadar Hospital, Muzaffarpur through NGO Gandhi Gramoday. This RO Plant will provide safe and clean drinking water to the visiting patients, their relatives, and the staff members at the hospital. This is especially important as it will protect them from harmful waterborne diseases, arsenic and other impurities, which can be a significant concern in areas where clean water access is limited. Being located in an Aspirational District, the installation of this RO Plant will not only address the immediate need for clean water at the hospital but will also contribute to the overall improvement of the quality of life for patients and their relatives who visit the hospital. The project showcases the commitment of NMDFC in improving socio-economic conditions and health outcomes of rural communities.



RO Plant at Sadar Hospital, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

Monthly Progress

Tamil Nadu Government released Rs. 7 Cr towards Equity Contribution to NMDFC

The Government of Tamil Nadu has contributed ₹7.00 Cr to the remaining earmarked equity of NMDFC during the month of July, 2023. The total share of Tamil Nadu Government in the equity of NMDFC with this installment has increased to ₹ 29.94 Cr.

₹10 Crores released to channelizing partners for assisting two thousand beneficiaries during the month of July, 2023

During the month of July, 2023, NMDFC has released ₹10 Cr. to SCAs with a cumulative release of ₹ 139.64 Cr. during F.Y. 2023-24 for assisting beneficiaries under the Term Loan, Education Loan and Micro Finance schemes as illustrated in the table below:

| S. No. | Items | July, 2023 | | 2023-24 (FY) | |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | Financial (₹in Cr.) | Physical | Financial (₹in Cr.) | Physical |
| a. | Term Loan & Education Loan | 6.00 | 400 | 60.64 | 4,043 |
| b. | Micro Finance | 4.00 | 1,600 | 79.00 | 31,600 |
| | Total | 10.00 | 2,000 | 139.64 | 35,643 |

Repayment & Recovery during the Month of July, 2023

A total repayment of ₹158 Cr. has been received from the various SCAs during the month of July, 2023. Further, with regular efforts and follow-ups by NMDFC officials, Tamil Nadu based NGO viz. M/s Women and Child Development Society has remitted ₹50 thousand to settle its long standing overdues.

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