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The Chairman All RRBs

Dear Sir,

Recommendations of Committee on HR Policy for RRBs post CBS Implementation thereof

As you are aware the Government of India had constituted the captioned committee in August 2012 under the chairmanship of Shri. S.K.Mitra, Executive Director, NABARD to re-assess the manpower planning / staffing pattern in RRBs post CBS.

- 2. GOI, after consideration of the recommendations of the Committee, has advised us to circulate the recommendations of the Committee on HR Policy for RRBs post CBS along with NABARD's comments as per the Annexure. Further, as advised by the GOI, all RRBs are directed to place these recommendations before their respective Boards for adoption, with or without modifications, keeping in mind their HR and financial resources.
- The receipt of this circular may be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully

(P.K, Misra)

Chief General Manager

Encls: Annexure (8 pages)

ANNEXURE

Sr. No.	Para No.	Recommendations of Con	Recommendatio ns / Comments of NABARD				
		Role of Senior Management					
1	3.17.	IT Department in RRB may be he Chairman and Senior Managemen selection and adoption in RRB	May be approved.				
2	3.20.	The Committee recommends that their net profit to meet the future to	May be approved. RRB may in consultation with sponsor bank earmark part of their net profit towards 'Technology fund' on annual basis.				
		Categorization of RRBs					
3	4.3.	Keeping in view the present lever and branch network also anticipated due to financial inclusion efforts in to classify the RRBs into 4 categoretwork as on 31 March of a year,	ting further the coming ories based as given be	increase in g years, the d on the bu	business/b committee siness level	ranch network recommended	May be approved. This categorisation may be reviewed after 3 years.
			Categoriza				
		Bank Business (Rs. cr.)	11 / 100		Numbers		
		Upto 2000	Upto 100	101- 400 	401-800 III	> 800 	
		Above 2000 upto 6000	l	II	III	iii	
		Above 6000 upto 12000	II.	III	III	IV	
		Above 12000	III	III	IV	IV	
		Postings of Chairman / Canaral	Managar				
4	4.6.	Postings of Chairman / General The Committee, having regard to		na size of t	he RRR and	d also keening	May be approved.
7	4.0.	in view the number of branches a RRBs in category I may have an ries II & III may have an officer in may have an officer in Scale VII a post young and dynamic officers competent officers to serve as CI centivised by giving higher scale s	nd personn officer in So Scale VI as as Chairma as Chairm nairman RF	tel to be concale V as C Chairman, In. Sponsor Inan. In order RB, the pos	ntrolled, rec hairman, RF while RRBs Banks may er to attract	ommends that RBs in catego- in category IV endeavour to t talented and	Further, RRBs may follow the instructions on appointment of Chairman, age, designation, tenure, issued from time to time by GOI.
5	4.7.	As regards the appointment of G the guiding principle should be on and smooth operations of RRBs in RRBs with Scale VII Chairman, G have at least one GM, the guiding one GM for Rs 6000 crore busine each category of RRB is indicate also be appointed from amongst the suitable officers are available that in view of the technology pusposted in all Category II to IV RR and background of IT.	e scale belon categories M may be principle for ess or part d in Table the RRB strom the receipt being given.	ow the Cha s I, II and III from Scale or additional thereof. The as given at taff, through quired scale wen in RRB	irman to ena. However, 1 V. While of GM shall be the no. of pot the para 4.8. In selection as. It is also s, a GM (IT)	able continuity for category IV every RRB will e at the rate of osts of GM for The GMs may and posting, if recommended of may also be	May be approved.

6	4.8.	Staffing Pattern for He (a) Head Office of RRE		al departmen	ate lika Darean	nol (HPM) Plan-	(a) May	be		
0	4.0.		approved.	De						
		ning, Credit, Recoveries, Accounts, Investment, Risk Management, IT, Stationery and records etc. While certain departments like personnel, planning, credit, recoveries, investment, accounts etc., may have to be headed by personnel as individu-								
		al departments in RRB								
		ments can be clubbed may have 5 departmen								
		IV RRBs may have 8 de	category in and							
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		(b) As regards Senior ((b) May	be		
		the Heads of Departme category II, III and IV w					approved.			
		IV officer depending on								
		the department. Howe								
		RRBs (HODs) may be			RRB at the rate	e of one Scale V				
		post for Rs.2000 crore	business and pa	rt thereof.						
		(c) Taking into conside	eration the chan	ned working	environment a	after implementa-	(c) May	be		
		tion of CBS and new t					approved.			
		Banks, and the volume		ne staff stre	ngth for Head	Office has been				
		suggested by the comn		ottorn in U	ad Office					
			sed Staffing P							
		Designation & Scale		Category		157				
		of Officers Chairman	V (1)	VI (1)	Ⅲ Ⅵ (1)	VII (1)				
		General Manager	IV (1)	V (1)	VI (1)	VII (1)				
		General Manager(IT)	10 (1)	V (1)	V (1)	V (1)				
		HOD	III/IV (5)	IV/V (6)	IV/ V (8)	IV / V (8)				
		Scale III		4	7	10				
		Scale II	5	4	8	13				
		Scale I	1	1	2	2				
		Total Officers Office Assistant	13 5	18	29 8	38 10				
		Office Attendant	3	4	4	5				
		Total	21	28	41	53				
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		(d) (i) The Inspection					(d) (i) May	be		
		and monitoring of syste					approved.			
		be streamlined so as to need based. For asset								
		officer per 35 branches								
		deployed in Inspection	may be decided	by the Chair	man.					
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		(ii) Further, considering ture developments, a				and also the fu-	(ii) May approved.	be		
		RRBs to manage the F					approved.			
		in view the above, the								
		mation Technology Dep								
		ing the existing system								
		requirements of the RF changing development								
		support from sponsor								
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		ficers of the IT departm	ent may be deci	ded by the	Board based of	on the complexity				
		of the job and the skill				ng of IT for busi-				
		ness development and	imanciai inclusio	on in the KK	3 .					

		Staffing Pattern of Regional Office(RO)		
7	4.10.	Keeping in view that almost all RRBs are or be adopting technology as prevalent in bank Inter Bank connectivity and communication, of branches (upto 60-65 branches) can now Regional Office. Further, it has also been for banks, once the HRMS package is adopted handled at centralised level i.e., Head Office tion and business development work and more	May be approved.	
8	4.11.	(a) The committee further felt that the RO m in Scale IV and be at least one grade above branch in a region is headed by Scale IV, the officer.	re senior most Branch Manager. If any	(a) May be approved.
		(b) Keeping in view the above, the committee tern in Regional Offices of RRBs.	ee proposes the following staffing pat-	(b) May be approved.
		Proposed Staffing Pattern of	Regional Office of RRB	
		Particulars	(60 – 65 branches)	
		Regional Manager	IV / V (1)	
		Officers in Scale III	2	
		Scale II	4	
		Total	7*	
		Office Assistant	3	
		Office Attendants	2	
		Total * 1 or 2 additional officers (IT profess	12 sionals) may be deployed.	
		(c) The committee recommended for deploy each RO, as customization of banks required needs analysis, development and user accuration, new products/ delivery channel services. SMS alerts, monitoring the transactions, contains of accounts etc., apart from financial in plemented by RRBs necessitate deployment.	rements is an ongoing process which ceptance tests before implementation. rices like ATM, RTGS, Mobile Banking, ordination with sponsor bank, reconcilinclusion related products are to be im-	(c) May be approved.
9	4.12.	Issue of having one RO at each District Head tee and it was felt that there is uneven spread several occasions the districts are being furnents, therefore, this may not be a suitable ROs at each district Head Quarters. ROs in thumb rule of 60-65 branches to be supervithe staff of ROs may be made based on the covered by each RO due to any specific resorted to ROs is within the general norm.	and of branch network in districts and on ourther bifurcated by the State govern-proposition to recommend creation of may therefore be setup based on the sed by one RO. Inter RO variability in the variability in the number of branches eason (geographical non contiguity or	May be approved.
		Categorization of RRB Branches		
10	4.13.	(b) The committee felt that keeping in view to due to predominance of agriculture loans efurther encourage them to enhance credit flowed el should also be considered along with the tracategorization. This will have an impact in ployee productivity/profitability and proper dether, where the advances in RRB branches are requires higher level of manpower due to the more risk prone than deposits. Even though advances is also a factor for deciding the stator in the same for staff strength fixation as delay the process of categorisation of branches recommended the following categorisation	xtended by the RRB branches and to by in rural areas, the loan portfolio levtotal business level adopted for branch increasing the loan portfolio, per employment of staff based on need. Furtare more, the work load increases and the fact that advances of the bank are that he number of accounts and size of aff strength, it is not practicable to facti it may complicate the procedure and these every year. Accordingly, commit-	(b) May be approved.

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	assessed for new branches to be opened during the financial year and appointed in a staggered manner commensurate with the pace of branch opening. ii. In respect of Satellite Office/Extension Counter, separate manpower norms of one Officer + one Office Assistant (M) per unit may be adopted. iii. In case of branches having cash feeding /clearing operation, additional scale 1 Officer and 1 Office Assistant may be considered. iv. For extending business outreach in unbanked villages under Financial Inclusion, Business Correspondents appointed will be on contractual basis and will be over and above the staffing pattern prescribed for RRBs for which, RRBs shall put in place a policy duly approved by their Board. v. Where the categorization and staffing pattern norms lead to redeployment of Office Assistants who were earlier involved in administrative/service functions, they may be trained and redeployed for the business development. vi. The changes in categorization of branches, if any, should not lead to lowering the Scale of Branch Head and the existing pattern should be maintained until it is adjusted in the normal course.	
4.17.	While the above staffing pattern for different category of branches is only indicative, the Committee is of the view that the RRBs shall have the flexibility to decide the staff strength of branches based on need, within the overall ceiling of aggregate staff assessed for the RRB, based on the categorisation/staffing pattern norms.	May be approved.
4.18.	 (a) While assessing the manpower requirement of RRB for the year, the number of staff retiring during that year needs to be included. (b) An addition of staff strength up to 2.5% of the total staff strength to meet special conditions like future business opportunities, NPA Management, attrition of staff etc., may be included for assessing the manpower requirement. (c) The Committee also recommends for retention of the overall ceiling of 8% of total staff in administrative offices viz., Head Office and Regional Offices, excluding the staff in Inspection and IT departments as suggested by the Thorat Committee. 	May be approved.
4.19.	RRBs are allowed by Thorat Committee to outsource the following non-core functions. a. Sweeping, cleaning and maintenance. b. Security. c. IT and software development and maintenance. d. Business facilitators and intermediaries. e. Cash remittance. f. Courier service. Considering the technology adoption taking place, in addition to the above, the RRBs may outsource the work of office attendants or any other work, depending on the need.	May be approved. RRBs after approval of the sponsor bank, may as far as possible outsource the work of office attendants and non-core functions.
	Peteronee date for estegarisation of PPP and branches	
4.20.	For categorization of RRB in a particular year, the business level (deposit plus loan outstanding) and number of branches should be based on the position obtaining as on 31 March of the previous financial year.	May be approved.
	RRBs in North Eastern Region: Norms for categorisation of RRBs and their branches and assessment of required manpower and staffing pattern	
	4.18.	 ii. In respect of Satellite Office/Extension Counter, separate manpower norms of one Officer + one Officer Assistant (M) per unit may be adopted. iii. In case of branches having cash feeding /clearing operation, additional scale 1 Officer and 1 Office Assistant may be considered. iv. For extending business outreach in unbanked villages under Financial Inclusion, Business Correspondents appointed will be on contractual basis and will be over and above the staffing pattern prescribed for RRBs for which, RRBs shall put in place a policy duly approved by their Board. v. Where the categorization and staffing pattern norms lead to redeployment of Office Assistants who were earlier involved in administrative/service functions, they may be trained and redeployed for the business development. vi. The changes in categorization of branches, if any, should not lead to lowering the Scale of Branch Head and the existing pattern should be maintained until it is adjusted in the normal course. 4.17. While the above staffing pattern for different category of branches is only indicative, the Committee is of the view that the RRBs shall have the flexibility to decide the staff strength of branches based on need, within the overall ceiling of aggregate staff assessed for the RRB, based on the categorisation/staffing pattern norms. 4.18. (a) While assessing the manpower requirement of RRB for the year, the number of staff retiring during that year needs to be included. (b) An addition of staff strength up to 2.5% of the total staff strength to meet special conditions like future business opportunities, NPA Management, attrition of staff etc., may be included for assessing the manpower requirement. (c) The Committee also recommends for retention of the overall ceiling of 8% of total staff in lnspection and IT departments as suggested by the Thorat Committee. Outsourcing 4.19. RRBs are allowed by Thorat Committee to outsource the followi

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		Besides the above specific norms, for all other parameters /norms suggested for All India may be followed for the branches of 7 NER RRBs (except AGVB).	
		Skill development needs of Staff of RRBs	
22	6.4.	(a) The committee recommended that RRBs having 200 branches and/or 1000 staff may establish their own Staff Training Centres for facilitating continuous training to their staff. The RRBs may set up well furnished and equipped training establishments and post at least two Faculty Members, in addition to drawing faculty support from their own Officers or from outside, depending upon the topics to be covered.	(a) May be approved.
23	6.5.	In order to impart adequate training, Amaresh Kumar Committee (Committee on Capacity Building / Training of RRB Staff) 2008, had suggested for developing Training policy, providing training budget and creating Training Fund in RRBs. Further, as Training Need Assessment (TNA) process helps the banks to identify the performance gap and train the people for the right job with necessary skills, it shall be introduced in RRBs with two portions i.e, first portion to be filled by the employee with his/her requirements and second one to be recommended by the superior officer / personnel department of the RRB. As such, the Committee recommends for developing such a system in all RRBs. Further, the Committee highly recommended that the RRBs may set up "Training Fund", out of net profit earned (certain percentage) every year, so that they can get their staff trained continuously without being affected by the budgetary swings based on profit or loss position during a particular year.	May be approved. RRBs may set up "Training Fund", out of net profit earned every year.
		Training of Officers and Staff	
24	6.6.	Based on the data collected from RRBs and discussion with RRB chairmen and staff, the following core areas of training have been identified, for their officers and staff. RRBs may coordinate with their sponsor banks, their own Training Establishments and BIRD, Lucknow / Bolpur /Mangalore, to get such training programmes conducted, by assuring them of deputation of required no. of staff for such programmes. Management orientation programme for senior officers	6.6. to 6.9. May be approved. RRBs may design the training requirement of their staff in consultation with their sponsor
		HR management skills & Industrial relations Inter personnel relations and team building for officers Branch management and leadership development Customer service orientation and motivation Vigilance/domestic enquiry and disciplinary action Programme for USB Officers Training programme for IT officers of RRBs CBS and MIS generation USB and ATM management for IT officers Alternate delivery channels/NEFT/RTGS/internet banking and mobile banking Cyber laws and cyber crimes in financial sector Business development/marketing of products Financial inclusion & managing BC/BF Retail banking Credit appraisal and management Training on priority sector lending SHG/JLG financing SME financing Consortium lending/ Joint-financing with sponsor banks Solar lighting financing/ other non conventional energy products NPA and recovery management Investment management Treasury operations Risk management Asset Liability Management (ALM) Training on inspection of branches KYC/Anti-money laundering	bank.

		Training of Office Assistants and Office Attendants	
25	6.7.	The committee recommended the following areas to be considered for training to Office Assistants and Office Attendants, in addition to administrative work. A. Basic computer application system B. Accounting methods and systems C. Loan products and disbursement procedures. D. MIS in CBS. E. Deposit products. F. Other financial products like insurance and mutual funds. G. Motivation and marketing skills. H. Customer service I. SHG /JLG financing J. KYC and Anti money laundering K. Team building	
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		Trainings for Senior Management	
26	6.8.	To meet the challenges of growth and diversification of business of RRBs and to provide leadership to the organisation, the Committee recommended training to Senior Management of RRBs (Chairman, GMs, HODs, Regional Managers) in the following areas: i) Management Development Programme (MDP) for HoDs and Regional Managers. ii) Bank Management Programmes(BMP) for GMs of RRBs. iii) Leadership Development Programme (LDP) for Chairmen in premier institutions like IIM, ISB, etc. iv) Managing Organisation/Bank Programme for Chairmen of RRBs. v) Exposure visits of senior management to good working RRBs. vi) Risk management and ALM vii) Credit portfolio management viii) Treasury and investment management ix) Agriculture/Development banking exposure visit to well managed banks abroad.	
27	6.9.	The committee is of the opinion that the recommendations of Amaresh Kumar Committee on capacity building of RRB staff have not been introduced fully and they need to be implemented to meet the challenges of technology adoption and emerging industry trends.	