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To: All Member Banks

21st Advisory regarding actions initiated against Bank Officials by law enforcement authorities

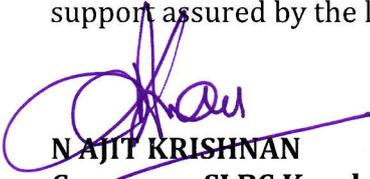
We have been receiving reports regarding challans and summons being issued by the law enforcement authorities against the Bank Officials on grounds of violation of social distancing norms outside the Branch premises.

In this connection, SLBC Convenor had met the State Police Chief today and after discussions, he was kind enough to acknowledge the difficulties faced by the bank staff on account of such acts and has assured that he will be issuing suitable advisory to the law enforcement authorities emphasising the following points:

1. That there shall be no coercive action against the Bank Officials/Staff for any action being taken by them as a part of their official duties within the Branch premises. Instead consultations, advices will be resorted to by the law enforcement authorities.
2. Unless there is a specific Order by DDMA for closure of Branches, no Authority / Person / Panchayath / Local Authorities /any Group of Persons will forcefully close or prevent any Bank Branch from functioning. The law enforcement authorities shall protect Banks from such forcible closures.
3. Wherever there is an unmanageable crowd outside Bank Branch, necessary assistance will be extended by the law enforcement authorities, at the request of the Branch in Charge, to disperse the crowd peacefully.
4. The movement of the Bank Staff shall be permitted on production of their Identity Card.

All Member Banks may suitably apprise their Branches and Staff accordingly and ensure that proper coordination and liaison with the local law enforcement authorities are maintained. The State Police Chief has assured of all cooperation to bank staff by the law enforcement authorities. SLBC requests all Member Banks to kindly reciprocate the support assured by the law enforcement authorities.

BREAK THE CHAIN


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