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The Chairman
All Regional Rural Banks/Sponsor Banks

Dear Sir,

<u>Valuation of investment in SLR/Approved Securities by</u> <u>Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)</u>

Please refer to our circular <u>RPCD.RRB.BC.No.87/03.05.34/2006-07</u> dated May 8, 2007 on the above subject.

- 2. On a review of the issue it has been decided that the exemption granted to RRBs up to the financial year 2007-08 from 'mark to market' norms in respect of their investments in SLR securities be extended by one more year i.e. for the financial year 2008-09. Accordingly, RRBs will have the freedom to classify their entire investment portfolio of SLR securities under 'Held to Maturity' for the financial year 2008-09 with valuation on book value basis and amortisation of premium, if any, over the remaining life of securities.
- 3. Please acknowledge receipt to the respective Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,

(A.K.Pandey) General Manager