

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

www.rbi.org.in

RBI/2008-09/504

RPCD.CO.RRB.BC No. 114/03.05.90-A/2008-09

June 18, 2009

All Regional Rural Banks

Dear Sir,

"Controlling Office" renamed as "Regional Office" - RRBs

Please refer to [paragraph 2](#) and [2.3](#) of our Master Circular on Branch Licensing - Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) [RPCD.CO.RRB.No.BL.BC.07/ 03.05.90-A/2008-09](#) (RBI/2008-09/36) July 1, 2008 read with Circular [RPCD. CO. RRB. BC. No. 101/ 03.05.90-A/ 2008-09](#) dated May 4, 2009, on the captioned subject.

2. We have been receiving queries from certain sponsor banks as to whether RRBs can convert their "Area Offices" into "Regional Offices".

3. It is clarified that "Controlling Office", for all purposes, includes "Area Office", and the instructions contained in our circular dated May 4, 2009 are applicable to "Area Office" also. Accordingly, the words "Controlling Offices/ Area Offices" referred in paragraph 2 and 2.3 of our aforesaid Master Circular may be replaced by the words "Regional Offices".

4. Please acknowledge receipt to our Regional Office concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(B.P.Vijayendra)
Chief General Manager

Rural Planning & Credit Department Central Office, 10th Floor Central Office Building, post box no.10014, Mumbai-1
Tel No: 91-22-22661602 Fax No: 91-22-22621011/22658273/22658276 Email ID:cgmicrpcd@rbi.org.in