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# PERFORMANCE OF REGIONAL RURAL BANKS: WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO ANDHRA PRADESH GRAMEENA VIKAS BANK, ANDHRA PRAGATHI GRAMEENA BANK AND DENA GUJARAT GRAMIN BANK

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India are an integral part of the rural credit structure of the country. The main objective of the study is to analyze the performance of Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank, Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank and Dena Gujarat Gramin Bank. The study covers a period of 6 years from 2007-08 to 2012-13. This study is mainly based on secondary data. The data were collected from annual reports of the three banks. The hypothesis of the study is that there is no significant difference among APGVB, APGB and DGGB in profitability, liquidity and operational parameters. The performance of the banks has been measured using parameters like profitability, liquidity, operational and drawn conclusion using statistical tools like ANOVA and descriptive statistics. This study concludes that the performance of the three banks were good during the study period. The profitability, liquidity and operational efficiency improved due to amalgamation. Hence amalgamation process can be continued.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Regional Rural Banks, Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank, Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank, Dena Gujarat Gramin Bank.

#### INTRODUCTION

n India, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) play an important role in providing financial assistance for the development of agriculture and industry. The banks are state sponsored, regionally based and rural oriented, functioning specially to meet the credit needs of the weaker section of rural population including small and marginal farmers and landless labourers. Rural development has to play a phenomenal role in the overall socio-economic development of a country like India, where the majority of the population lives in rural areas. A large part of the revenue of the government is also generated from the rural. The necessity of rural finance was felt to provide protection and reliance to rural people like moneylenders, landlords, traders and the like. But, they exploit farmers and small entrepreneurs by charging exorbitant rate of interest and force farmers to sell their product at low price to them. Rural people also face the risk of unpredictable production of crops due to high dependency on monsoon. Including problem of finance, they also suffer from lack of seeds, fertilizers, water supply and other facilities which lead to rural indebtness.

#### GROWTH OF RRBs (2000-01 to 2013-14)

The following table represents the growth of RRBs in India based on No of RRBs, No of branches, No of districts covered, total assets, loans and advances, deposits and net profit.

TABLE 1

Year	No of RRBs	No of branches	No of districts covered	Total assets	Loans & advance	Deposit	Net profit	
				(in crore)	(in crore)	(in crore)	(in crore)	
2000-01	196	14301	476	43505	156320	44539	507	
2001-02	196	14311	487	56804	17710	48346	608	
2002-03	196	14350	495	63614	20934	57010	769	
2003-04	196	14311	518	70278	25038	62143	750	
2004-05	196	14446	523	77866	32870	71329	510	
2005-06	133	14446	524	88652	38520	83144	596	
2006-07	96	14526	534	105768	47326	99093	1374	
2007-08	91	14761	594	123541	57568	120189	1369	
2008-09	86	15158	617	145824	69030	145834	1884	
2009-10	82	15480	618	184093	79157	184093	1988	
2010-11	82	16001	620	215359	94715	215359	2118	
2011-12	82	16914	635	231539	112820	240542	2313	
2012-13	64	17856	635	235216	139837	266540	2515	
2013-14	57	19082	642	256789	145233	278900	2768	

Source: Report on Trend and Progress of India, NABARD, 2014.

The above table represents a continuous decrease in number of RRBs due to merger and amalgamation of RRBs. The table shows that the banks branches have been increased from 14,301 during 2000-01 to 19,082 during 2013-14. The total assets of RRBs in the year 2000-01 was Rs.43,505 crores increased to Rs.2,56,789 crores in the year 2013-14. The loans and advances of RRBs in the year 2000-01 was Rs.1,56,320 crores increased to Rs.1,45,233 crores in the year 2013-14. The deposits of RRBs in the year 2000-01 was Rs.44,539 crores increased to Rs. 2,78,900 crores in the year 2013-14. The net profit of RRBs in the year 2000-01 was Rs.507 crores increased to Rs. 2,768 crores in the year 2013-14.

#### STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

There are few studies on RRBs relating to financial performance after merger/amalgamation of Regional Rural Banks. Hence an attempt has been made to analyse the financial performance of RRBs in India with special reference to APGVB, APGB, DGGB.

#### **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Syed Ibrahim (2013) conducted study on the topic, "A Study on the Performance of Regional Rural Banks (RRB's) in India before and After Amalgamation". In this paper an attempt has been made to study the performance of RRBs during pre and post-merger/amalgamation periods limiting the variables like number of RRBs, branches, owned and borrowed funds and credit deposit ratios. The present study is diagnostic and exploratory in nature and makes use of secondary data. The study were estimated using various statistical tools like Descriptive Statistics, 't' test and Correlation have been accomplished through EXCEL and SPSS Software. The study concludes that the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) have significantly improved their working performance after amalgamation.

Venkata Rao, Sundarsana Rao (2014) in their study on, "Performance of RRBs in India A study on Andhra Pradesh Gameena Vikas bank in Andhra Pradesh". The main objective is to analyse institutionalisation of credit, commercialisation of agriculture and adequacy of credit flow for production and consumption purpose and to analyse the performance of Andhra Pradesh Grameen Vikas Bank. The Study mainly concentrated on Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank is of utmost importance in Andhra Pradesh state to provide financial support to agriculture and performance of the bank in various identified potential areas. It is concluded that there is a consistent improvement in all service areas of the bank.

Minaxi Jariwala, Martina Noronha (2014) analysed, "Performance of RRBs Before and After Amalgamation". The objective of the study to analyse the performance of Regional Rural Banks Before and After Amalgamation. The group suggested two options for mergers/amalgamation, merger between RRBs of the same sponsor bank in the same State and merger of RRBs sponsored by different banks in the same State. The group noted that merger of RRBs with the sponsor bank is not provided for in the RRB Act, 1976, and that such mergers would go against the spirit of setting up RRBs as local entities and for providing credit primarily to weaker sections. It is concluded that amalgamation has been beneficial for RRBs in increasing the Net worth of RRBs.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

- > To trace the growth of RRBs in India.
- > To analyse the financial performance of Andhra Pradesh Grameen Vikas Bank, Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank and Dena Gujarat Gramin Bank.
- > To offer suggestions based on the findings of the study.

#### **SCOPE OF THE STUDY**

The study mainly deals with the financial performance of Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank, Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank and Dena Gujarat Gramin bank. It does not cover any other Regional Rural Bank or Commercial Bank or Co-operative Bank.

#### **HYPOTHESIS**

- H₀: There is no significant difference among APGVB, APGB and DGGB in profitability parameter.
- H<sub>o</sub>: There is no significant difference among APGVB, APGB and DGGB in liquidity parameter.
- H₀: There is no significant difference among APGVB, APGB and DGGB in operational parameter.

#### PERIOD OF THE STUDY

The study covers a period of 6 years from 2007-08 to 2012-13.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The study is mainly based on secondary data. The data were collected from annual reports of the three banks and Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India, Publications, Books, Journals and Websites.

#### FINANCIAL PARAMETERS & STATISTICAL TOOLS USED FOR DATA ANALYSIS

- Profitability parameter
- Liquidity parameter and
- Operational parameter

#### STATISTICAL TOOLS

- Descriptive Statistics
- ANOVA (Analysis of Variance) using SPSS software 17.1version.

#### **PROFITABILITY PARAMETER**

This ratio reflects the return on assets employed or the efficiency in utilization of assets. It is calculated by dividing the net profits with total assets of the bank. Higher the ratio reflects better earning potential of a bank in the future.

Formula: Net profit / Total assets \*100

TABLE 2: NET PROFIT TO TOTAL ASSETS RATIO

YEAR	APGVB	APGB	DGGB
2007-08	0.77	2.06	0.98
2008-09	1.26	1.65	0.81
2009-10	1.47	1.91	0.82
2010-11	1.41	1.91	0.52
2011-12	1.43	1.89	0.45
2012-13	1.56	1.60	0.55

Source: Computed data

**TABLE 3: DISCRIPTIVE STATISTICS** 

	APGVB	APGB	DGGB
Mean	1.317	1.837	.688
Median	1.420	1.900	.680
Std.deviation	.285	.176	.210
Co-variances	.081	.081	.044
Skewness	-1.855	425	.256
Minimum	.77	1.60	.45
Maximum	1.56	2.06	.98

It is found from the above table that the mean of net profit to total assets Ratio in APGB was higher (1.84) than APGVB (1.317) and DGGB (.688). This shows that APGVB is earning more net profit from its total assets when compared to APGVB and DGGB.

1	TABLE 4: ONEWAY ANOVA TABLE FOR NET PROFIT TO TOTAL ASSETS							
	Sources of Variation	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.		
	Between Groups	3.968	2	1.984	38.047	.000		
	Within Groups	.782	15	.052				
	Total	4.750	17					

H₀: There is no significant difference in the net profit to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

#### INTERPRETATION

From the above ANOVA table, it is clear that the calculated P value is highly significant (P<0.01). So null hypothesis is rejected and alternative hypothesis is accepted. So it is concluded that there is significant difference in the net profit to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

#### LIQUIDITY PARAMETER

#### **CURRENT RATIO**

The current ratio is a liquidity and efficiency ratio that measures a firm's ability to pay off its short-term liabilities with its current assets. The ideal current ratio is 2:1 i.e. current assets must be twice of current liabilities. In case this ratio is less that the ideal ratio of 2:1, the short term financial position is not supposed to be very sound.

Formula: Current assets / Current liabilities

#### TABLE 5 YEAR **APGVB APGB** DGGB 2007-08 2.01 2008-09 3.74 3.87 15.51 2009-10 4.25 6.14 16.01 2010-11 4.27 8.87 6.86 2011-12 3.76 9.02 5.60 4.00 9.83 4.62 2012-13

Source: Computed data

Components of current assets: Cash and balance with RBI, balances with bank money & money at call. Components of current liability: Other liabilities and provisions

#### **TABLE 6: DISCRIPTIVE STATISTICS**

	APGVB	APGB	DGGB
Mean	4.001	6.623	9.365
Median	4.025	7.505	7.225
Std.deviation	.229	3.168	5.060
Co-variances	.052	10.034	25.607
Skewness	129	577	.796
Minimum	3.74	2.01	4.62
Maximum	4.27	9.83	16.01

From the above table it is revealed that the current ratio of all the three banks exceeds standard ratio of 2:1. It is concluded that the liquidity position of the banks are good. It is clear from that the table the mean of current ratio DGGB was higher (9.365) than APGVB and DGGB.

TABLE 7: ONE WAY ANOVA TABLE FOR CURRENT RATIO

Sources of Variation	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	85.991	2	42.996	3.614	.052
Within Groups	178.467	15	11.898		
Total	264.458	17			

H<sub>o</sub>: There is no significant difference in the current ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

#### INTERPRETATION

It is clear from the ANOVA table shows that the calculated p value is not significant P>0.05. So null hypothesis is accepted and alternative hypothesis is rejected. So it is concluded that there is no significant difference in the current ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

#### **OPERATIONAL PARAMETER**

#### **ADVANCES TO TOTAL ASSETS RATIO**

Advances to Total Assets is the ratio of the total advances to total assets. This ratio indicates a bank's aggressiveness in lending which ultimately results in better profitability.

Formula: Advances / Total assets \*100

#### **TABLE 8**

YEAR	APGVB	APGB	DGGB
2007-08	55.33	66.87	43.59
2008-09	59.43	66.13	29.81
2009-10	62.43	62.81	23.97
2010-11	63.22	61.89	21.62
2011-12	65.12	68.45	29.89
2012-13	63.92	68.97	34.38

Source: Computed data

TABLE 9: DISCRIPTIVE STATISTICS					
APGVB APGB DGGB					
Mean	61.575	65.853	30.543		
Median	62.825	66.500	29.850		
Std.deviation	3.608	2.916	7.857		
Co-variances	13.021	8.507	61.747		
Skewness	-1.219	503	.793		
Minimum	55.33	61.89	21.62		
Maximum	65.12	68.97	43.59		

It is observed from the above table mean of advances to total assets ratio in APGB higher (65.853) than DGGB (30.543). Therefore the advances to total assets ratio APGB is the highest loan disbursement bank in the three banks. The DGGB is having lowest loans in the three banks.

#### TABLE 10

Sources of Variation	Sum of Squares	Df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	4456.129	2	2228.065	80.266	.000
Within Groups	416.375	15	27.758		
Total	4872.504	17			

H<sub>o</sub>: There is no significant difference in the advances to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

#### INTEREPRETATION

It is clear from the ANOVA table shows that the calculated p value is highly significant P<0.01. So that null hypothesis is rejected and alternative hypothesis is accepted. So it is concluded that there is significant difference in the advances to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

#### **FINDINGS**

- Net profit to total assets Ratio in APGB was higher (1.84) than APGVB (1.317)and DGGB (.688). There is significant difference in the net profit to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.
- Interest income to total assets ratio in APGVB was higher (9.030) than APGB (8.100) and DGGB (7.076). There is significant difference in the interest income to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.
- Net profit to total advances for APGVB, APGB and DGGB is quite stable and volatile over the years.

There is no significant difference in the net profit to total advances ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Interest income to total income ratio in DGGB was higher (96.311) than APGVB (91.356) and APGB (91.376).

There is significant difference in the interest income to total income ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Net income to total income ratio in APGB was higher (20.738) than APGVB and DGGB.

There is significant difference in the net income to total income ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Total income to total assets ratio in APGVB was higher (9.030) than APGB (8.875) and DGGB (7.350).

There is significant difference in the total income to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

The current ratio of all the three banks exceeds standard ratio of 2:1. It is concluded that the liquidity position of the banks are good.

There is no significant difference in the current ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

- The acid test ratio of both APGVB and DGGB exceeds standard radio of 2:1. It is concluded that the short term liquidity position of the banks are good. There is no significant difference in the acid test ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.
- Cash ratio of all the three banks is quite stable and volatile over the years. Therefore the three banks are having same range of cash equivalents assets. There is no significant difference in the cash ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.
- Liquid assets to total assets ratio in DGGB was higher (43.068) than APGVB and APGB.

There is significant difference in the liquid assets to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Investment to deposits ratio in DGGB was higher (27.456) than APGVB (22.288).

There is significant difference in the investments to deposits ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

There is significant difference in the credit deposits ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Credit deposit ratio in APGB was higher (110.371) than DGGB (37.615).

There is significant difference in the advances to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Deposits to total assets ratio in DGGB higher (80.920) than APGB (60.192) and APGVB (61.140).

There is significant difference in the deposits to total assets ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Interest expended to total expenses ratio in DGGB higher (67.068) than APGB (63.901).

There is no significant difference in the interest expended to total expenses ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Interest earned to total income ratio in DGGB higher (96.310) than the APGVB and APGB.

There is significant difference in the interest earned to total income ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Other income to total income in APGVB higher (8.633) than DGGB (3.650).

There is significant difference in the other income to total income ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

Operating expenses to total income ratio in APGVB higher (25.716) than APGB and DGGB.

There is no significant difference in the operating expenses to total income ratio of APGVB, APGB and DGGB.

#### **SUGGESTIONS**

The profitability, liquidity and operational efficiency improved due to amalgamation. Hence amalgamation process can be continued.

#### SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

- 1. A Study on Financial Performance of RRBs in India.
- 2. A Comparative Study between RRBs and Rural Cooperative Banks.
- 3. Performance Evaluation during Pre and Post Merger Periods.

#### CONCLUSION

The overall Performance of Regional Rural Banks is good. The performance of Regional Rural banks was found good in terms of certain parameters like growth pattern of RRBs, the credit distribution of RRBs, deposits of RRBs, net profits of RRBs and the geographical distribution of RRBs. The amalgamation RRBs were expected to provide better customer service due to better infrastructure, computerisation of branches, pooling of experienced work force, common publicity, marketing efforts etc. and also derive the benefits of a large area of operation, enhanced with credit exposure limit and more diverse banking activities. As a result of amalgamation, the number of RRBs was reduced from 196 to 56 as on 31<sup>st</sup> march, 2014. Thus due to amalgamation process, 145 RRBs have been

amalgamated to form 45 new RRBs. The APGVB, APGB and DGGB banks were amalgamated in 2005-06. The performance of APGVB, APGB and DGGB, has been measured using parameters like profitability, liquidity and operational was good during the study period.

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