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NON-FARM SECTOR LOANS BY DINDIGUL CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK IN TAMIL NADU

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ABSTRACT

Considering the increased pressure on land, there exists limited scope for increasing employment in agriculture so that employment in the non form sector becomes an important option. In India, economic opportunities in the non farm sector have also increased. Providing loans and advances to this sector leads to make great impact in the economic status of the rural people. In this paper an attempt is made to analyse the loans and overdue position of the Dindigul District Central Cooperative Bank.

KEYWORDS

non-farm sector loans, cooperative banks.

INTRODUCTION

here is a notion that different income groups in the rural area undertake different types of non-farm activities. It is often found that low investment activities of rural industries such as food-preparation, and food-processing, weaving, pottery and many other types of small and simple industrial activities employing unskilled wage labour typically account for a greater share of income for the rural poor (Islam). Non-farm sector includes all economic activities in rural areas except agriculture, livestock, fishing and hunting (Feder and Lanjouw). The rural non-farm sector comprises activities as diverse as government, commerce, manufacturing services (Adams).

In absolute terms it is found that employment has been going up in both farm as well as non-farm activities. However, the growth is faster in the non-farm activities. As the agricultural sector is incapable of creating additional opportunities of gainful employment in the wake of increasing population, the impetus for achieving sustained development in rural areas has to pivot around expanding the base of non-farm sector. The contribution of agricultural sector for rural employment has reduced. Non-farm sector (NFS) plays an important role in reducing the widespread rural poverty through generation of employment and income, and creation of effective demand for goods and services. The role becomes important as it can provide diverse employment opportunities to the rural people and in the process transform the rural economy in the desired direction of inclusive growth.

The cooperative banking sector in Tamil Nadu is poised for a tremendous growth with the implementation of revival package. Co-operative banks, with a good share of business in the banking sector, are largely serving the rural and agrarian masses, require dynamic banking professionals to take them forward in the modern banking environment. In Tamil Nadu, twenty three District Central Cooperative Banks are functioning with a network of 735 branches, and 4540 Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies and other affiliates. Various initiatives are being taken to modernize, computerize and to make the co-operative banks competitive to face the challenges in the changing environment.

DINDIGUL DISTRICT CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK

After bifurcation from the Madurai Central Cooperative Bank, the Dindigul District Central Cooperative Bank (DDCCB) was formed and it started its functions from 01-06-1991. Its area of operation consists of seven taluks and fourteen blocks. It has twenty nine branches and 627 societies attached to this bank. The DCCB is lending for both farm sector and NFS in Dindigul district. On the basis of number of NFS loans sanctioned as on 31 March 2010, it occupies the second position in Tamil Nadu. The DCCB is taping the required finance from the members, higher financing institutions and individuals, in order to fulfill the credit needs of the affiliated societies.

The District Central Cooperative Bank secures its working funds from share capital, reserve, deposits (fixed, savings and current accounts) from public and loans from the state cooperative bank (or) other joint stock banks (Sundaram, K.P.M). Sometimes the primary societies deposit their surplus funds with CCBs to which they are associated. The CCB gets refinance from NABARD which also forms part of the workings funds. The optimum size of the working funds and the bank efficiency in strategically applying the funds would have long term effect on the volume of business.

Working Funds Year S. Capital and Res. & Sur. Deposits Borrowings Trend (per cent) 2000-01 2543 21754 2749 27046 (9.40)(80.43)(10.17)(100)2001-02 22646 29949 10.73 3230 4073 (10.78)(75.62)(13.60)(100)29.42 2002-03 4673 24882 5448 35003 (13.35)(71.09)(15.56)(100)2003-04 4673 24882 5448 35003 29 42 (13.35)(71.09)(15.56)(100)2004-05 5867 23883 7023 36773 35.96 (15.95) (64.95)(19.10)(100)2005-06 23068 12569 45219 67.19 9582 (51.01)(27.80)(21.19)(100)2006-07 9582 23068 12569 45219 67.19 (21.19)(51.01)(27.80)(100)2007-08 11002 24510 9002 44514 64.59 (24.72)(55.06)(20.22)(100)2008-09 11002 24510 44514 64.59 9002 (24.72)(55.06)(20.22)(100)24510 44514 2009-10 11002 9002 64.59 (24.72)(55.06)(20.22)(100)Average 17.94 63.04 19.02 (100)(per cent)

TABLE 1: COMPOSITION OF WORKING FUNDS

Source: Compiled from Annual Reports

The average membership of the DCCB between 2000-01 and 2009-10 was 623 and it was 3.87% of the state's average. The average membership of all the CCBs in Tamil Nadu was 16119. The average paid up capital of DCCB was Rs.1609.9 lakhs (2.15% of states total paid up capital). The CAGR of all the CCBs in Tamil Nadu was 25.25% but the same for the DCCB was 7.71% only.

The average amount of reserve fund held by all banks was Rs.132701 lakhs and the same for the DCCB Rs.5705.7 lakhs. The DCCB held 4.30% of the total reserve fund of all banks. The DCCB's compound annual growth rate was 23.29% and it was more than the CAGR of Tamil Nadu.

The average of deposits held by all the CCBs in Tamil Nadu was Rs.786766 lakhs and the same for the DCCB was Rs.23771 lakhs. The DCCB held 3.02% of the total deposit by all the CCBs in Tamil Nadu. The CAGR of the DCCB was 1.33%. It was less than the CAGR of all banks in Tamil Nadu i.e. 6.71%.

TABLE 2: BORROWINGS (NON-FARM) FROM NABARD Rs. in lakhs

Year	Short-term	Medium-Term	Total	Trend
2000-01	117	64	181	
2001-02	674	169	843	466
2002-03	1270	1835	3105	1715
2003-04	1270	1835	3105	1715
2004-05	1633	1143	2776	1534
2005-06	2551	358	2909	1607
2006-07	2521	358	2879	1591
2007-08	178	943	1121	619
2008-09	178	943	1121	619
2009-10	178	943	1121	619
Mean	1057	859	1916	
CAGR	4.77	34.84	22.46	

Source: Compiled from Annual Report

The CCBs are availing short-term and medium-term borrowing from the NABARD and the State Cooperative Banks. The DCCB's average amount of short term borrowings from the NABARD and the SCB was 2.8% of all the CCBs in Tamil Nadu. Though the CAGR of short- term borrowings was negative in all the CCBs, the DCCB's CAGR was 4.77%. The total of all CCBs' medium-term borrowings was increased from Rs.6628 lakhs in 2000-01 to Rs.34396 in 2003-04 and then reduced to Rs.9341 lakhs at the end of the study period. The average amount of borrowings by all the CCBs during 2000-01 to 2009-10 was Rs.184500 lakhs. The proportion of the DCCB was 4.64%. The CAGR of the DCCB was highest (34.84%) among all the CCBs in Tamil Nadu.

TABLE 3: LOANS AND ADVANCES (NON-FARM) Rs. in lakhs

TABLE 3. LOANS AND ADVANCES (NON-PARIVI) IS. III IAKIIS					
Year	Short-term	Medium-term	Total	Trend	
2000-01	2103	6641	8744		
2001-02	14394	3782	18176	208	
2002-03	19671	2834	22505	257	
2003-04	19671	2834	22505	257	
2004-05	7089	3006	10095	115	
2005-06	6025	3293	9318	107	
2006-07	6025	3293	9318	107	
2007-08	23277	1096	24373	279	
2008-09	23277	1096	24373	279	
2009-10	23277	1096	24373	279	
Mean	14481	2897	17378		
CAGR	30.62	-18.14	12.06		

Source: Annual Reports

The average amount of short-term NFS loan sanctioned by the DCCB was Rs.14481 lakhs. The CAGR of short-term loans was 30.62% and it was higher than the state's CAGR of 11.49. The medium-term NFS loan given by the DCCB was reduced from Rs.6641 lakhs in 2000-01 to Rs.1096 lakhs in 2009-10. The state's CAGR was 5.52 but it was being negative in the DCCB (-18.14).



TABLE 4: LOANS OUTSTANDING (NON-FARM) Rs. in lakhs					
Year	Short-term	Medium-term	Total	Trend	
2000-01	2492	4517	7009		
2001-02	7742	5450	13192	186	
2002-03	11386	6537	17923	252	
2003-04	11386	6537	17923	252	
2004-05	8053	6328	14381	203	
2005-06	3627	6227	9854	139	
2006-07	3627	6227	9854	139	
2007-08	15341	5297	20638	291	
2008-09	15341	5297	20638	291	
2009-10	15341	5297	20638	291	
Mean	9434	5771	15205		
CAGR	22.37	1.79	12.75		

Source: Annual Reports

The average amount of short-term loan outstanding in the DCCB was 9434 lakhs and it was Rs.267517 lakhs in all the CCBs in Tamil Nadu. The DCCB held 3.53% of total loan outstanding of all the CCBs. The CAGR of the DCCB was 22.37% which was higher than the state's CAGR of 14.28%. The average amount of medium-term loan outstanding was Rs.5771 lakhs, which was the highest in the state. The CAGR of the DCCB (1.79%) was very low when compared with the state's CAGR (11.57%).

TABLE 5: LOANS OVERDUE (NON-FARM) Rs. in lakhs					
Year	Short-term	Medium-term	Total	Trend	
2000-01	0	608	608		
2001-02	95	715	810	133	
2002-03	392	1092	1484	244	
2003-04	392	1092	1484	244	
2004-05	214	1465	1679	276	
2005-06	143	1769	1912	314	
2006-07	143	1769	1912	314	
2007-08	8	1853	1861	306	
2008-09	8	1853	1861	306	
2009-10	8	1853	1861	306	
Mean	140	1407	1747		
CAGR		13.18	13.24		

Source: Annual Reports

Though there was no short-term overdue in the DCCB during 2000-01, it was Rs.8 lakhs during the end of 2009-10. The highest overdue was during 2002-03 and 2003-04. The DCCB held 1.11% of total short-term overdue held by all CCBs in Tamil Nadu. The medium-term overdue of NFS loans in the DCCB increased from Rs.608 lakhs in 2000-01 to Rs. 1853 lakhs in 2009-10. The average amount of overdue held by the DCCB was Rs.1407 lakhs. The CAGR of DCCB's overdue was 13.18% and it was higher than the state's CAGR.

CONCLUSION

Some of the customers who repay their due promptly, the DCCB may consider giving concession like reducing charges, raising credit limits, reschedule the period of repayment, reducing the rate of interest etc. with a view to promote financial discipline among other customers. Similarly the bank must not lend to previous defaulters and such incidents must be made known to the public. The DCCB can concentrate the NFS on par with farm sector. The DCCB should diversify their loan portfolio to reduce the possibility of covariant risk. The recovery and thus profitability can be increased to a large extent. The DCCB's NFS finance is playing an important role in the development of rural areas of Dindigul district.

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