

NHB Convenes Meeting with the CEOs of HFCs, Banks and RRBs, December 13, 2013

National Housing Bank convened the 36th meeting with the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Senior Officials of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) including select Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) on December 13, 2013 at New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Shri R.V.Verma, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), National Housing Bank (NHB). The Meeting is organized by NHB biannually to take stock of the housing market and the financing environment and the impact of policy changes, regulatory and monetary policies on the housing sector.

CMD, NHB highlighted the trend in the housing finance market with specific reference to the concerns on inflation and the inflationary potential that will continue to influence the policy developments on interest rates, growth and liquidity etc. The situation arising from the domestic and global development were also highlighted by him, as he expressed satisfaction and confidence in the performance of the retail housing finance market, with due emphasis on expansion and stability. While emphasizing the positive aspects of regulation he stressed on the fact that the quality of assets needed to be carefully guarded and maintained as a risk emitting from other sectors or the broader economy can easily transmit itself into the housing market which is very susceptible to the volatilities in the economy and the financial market. He emphasized the need to maintain adequate caution and prudence in lending operations. Protecting the borrowers/buyers interest coupled with a sound information sharing mechanism is necessary for avoiding frauds and other related risks in the housing sector.

In his special address Shri K.B.Sidhu, Joint Secretary (Housing), MoHUPA, enlightened the participants on the recently launched and operationalized Rajiv Rinn Yojana (RRY). He stated that the RRY has been formulated with enhanced scope, coverage and intended impact on addressing the housing shortages among the EWS and LIG segments in all cities and towns and appealed the PLIs to actively take part in this initiative and pass on the benefit of interest subsidy in the form of reduced EMI to the intended beneficiaries.

The Meeting saw deliberation on various aspects of the sector. Discussions were made on effective redressal mechanisms for customer complaints, observance of KYC guidelines, fair practices code and customer grievance compliance issues. CMD, NHB highlighted the need to develop the long-term fixed rate mortgage market as also special schemes for women borrowers keeping in view the spirit of "home-makers to be home-owners". NHB has launched special refinance schemes at concessional for both these niche market segments.



CMD, NHB, Shri R.V.Verma addressing the participants at the 36th Meeting with the Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Senior Officials of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) including select Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) held on December 13, 2013 at New Delhi.