

# CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY

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### Additional Read:

Circular No. RBI/2015-16/61 dated 1.07.2015 on Master Circular on Customer Service-

• Circular No. RBI/2021-22/86 dated 18.08.2021 on Safe Deposit Locker/Safe Custody Article Facility provided by the banks - Revised Instructions
Internal Circular No. 2020-21/116 dated 14.01.2021Compliance with RBI Master

Circular on Customer Service.



### 1 Objective

Customer Service is an important factor for survival for the retail banking sector. It is the responsibility of the Bank to provide best service to our customers and any kind of inefficiency is not acceptable. The quality of customer service in the Bank has to be high, meeting the legitimate aspirations of its customers to enable the Bank to maintain its image, create confidence and build a good relationship with its customers.

The policy on Customer Service is established to achieve the following:

◆ To care for and provide complete satisfaction to customers.

- ◆ To gain and sustain customer confidence by ensuring high ethical standards of service to suit all levels of our customer base.
- ◆ To establish prudent and acceptable practices in line with the Banking law under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and Banking Regulation Act 1949
- ◆ To motivate and enhance customer relationship management skills amongst the staff of the Bank

The Policy document on Customer Service is to be read in conjunction with other policies of the Bank;

- ♦ Grievance Redressal Policy
- Cash & Currency Management Policy
- ◆ Cheque collection Policy
- ◆ Compensation Policy

### 2 Introduction

Primary Urban Co-operative Banks are established primarily to fill the existing gaps in banking and credit needs in urban and semi urban areas. CITIZENCREDIT Co-operative Bank Ltd., over the years has been supported by well-meaning customers enabling it to grow from strength to strength. The Bank aims at uplifting the standard of living of its customers and giving them opportunities to create wealth. In light of the above, it is very essential that the Bank improves the quality of its customer service in order to maintain its image, create confidence and build a good relationship with its customers.

At the same time, it is important to provide all our customers the best of services within the regulatory provisions and guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India. The endeavor of the Bank will be to ensure and protect the interest of the community it serves.

### 2.1 We offer our Customers;

- Personalized Service with Professionalism & Courtesy
- Easy Access, Appearance & Layout
- Security, Price & Variety
- Competence, Efficiency & Accurate Information
- Genuine Concern, Quick Response & Reliable Follow Through





### 2.2 Customer Expectations include;

• Reliability- Customers expect the Bank to keep its promises, do things right and on time with an ongoing performance.

Credibility / Accountability - Customers expect the Bank to provide them with

consistent, high quality, error free & efficient service.

• Responsiveness - Customers expect that their concerns and problems are attended to promptly and that they are made aware of procedures, policies and systems.

Privacy & Security - Customers expect that their affairs are treated with utmost

discretion, respecting their need for privacy at all times

• Personal Relationship - Customers expect that the Bank provides them with knowledgeable, trained, responsible and trustworthy staff that will attend to them

• **Brand / Goodwill -** Customers expect that assertions made by the Bank are genuine and that the Bank owns a sense of social responsibility.

### 3. Code of Conduct of Employees in light of Customer Service

All employees will adhere to the Code of Conduct Policy of the Bank and conduct themselves with professionally. They will adhere to the following acts of professionalism, honesty, integrity and behaviour:

Should maintain personal hygiene and should dress formally.

• Be on their seats 15 minutes before start of business hours.

• Should have a positive attitude towards the Bank, its Management, Branch Officials, Colleagues and Customers. This will create goodwill, reduce stress and create a better work environment.

Should keep the counters and branch premises clean.

• Should be alert & vigilant and observe office discipline. Activities like eating, giggling, joking, using slang words, talking aloud / chit-chatting on the counter in front of customers should be avoided.

Should be able to make right decisions at the right time especially during time bound

jobs, in the midst of an overload and during a crisis.

• Should treat the customer with courtesy, giving them due respect, recognition and making them feel valued.

Should be able to win the customer's confidence.

- Should give a listening ear regardless of the request or concerns presented by the customers.
- Should attend to telephone calls promptly and avoid keeping the customer on hold for long. Messages should be taken down clearly.

• Should listen to instructions & follow them carefully.

 Should know their job well (including account opening, clearing operations, payment & settlement systems, cash management, security aspects, systems & procedures, branch accounting & reconciliation, loans & advances, demat, Bancassurance, franking, lockers, forex operations, inspection & audit, maintenance of records, review of operational efficiency, marketing, etc.)

Should update themselves with the current market situations, changes in the Banking environment, and clear knowledge of the Bank's products and services so as to attend

to customers accurately.





### 4 Code of Conduct of Employees in light of Confidentiality

All employees, as representatives of the Bank, will be in possession of sensitive and confidential information about customers and / or the Bank that must be kept secure in order to maintain the integrity of individual customer transactions and the Bank's business.

Disclosures permitted under law include information required by Government Officials, involvement in activities prejudicial to the interest of the country, flow of sizeable funds from or into foreign countries (Anti-Money Laundering) and suspicious transactions.

Even inadvertent disclosure by discussions among staff members or any other persons may do considerable harm to the reputation and credit of customers business. Staff members are advised to exercise utmost caution in following the principles of secrecy and confidentiality. Care should also be taken to carry out all transactions and operations without openly discussing confidential issues among the staff, especially where other customers are present. Secrecy should be observed even if the account is closed.

Staff members should ensure that the person enquiring the information is the account holder by confirming the customer's identity. No information is to be disclosed to husband / wife / blood relatives, if they are not the account holders. Staff should also avoid disclosure of confidential information about customer accounts over the phone to other banks / other parties who are in no way connected with the account.

If any other Bank / Third Party seek information about the Bank's customers, they should be asked to submit their request in writing with specific reasons for such an enquiry. The request should be referred to the Central Administrative Office with Branch recommendations. All other requests from parties should be turned down except to the account holder themselves on proper identification.

All members of the staff are required to sign the declaration of secrecy and confidentiality. Disclosure in violation of the declaration will jeopardize the Banks' image as well as the staff

member's career and interest in the Bank. Every staff member is bound by the declaration even if they leave the services of the Bank.

### 5 Use of Telephones

Staff members are advised that outgoing calls should be kept to the minimum and only for official purposes. In-coming calls should be handled with courtesy and politeness, identifying the Bank and greeting the customer appropriately. The telephones are to be used to convey messages, clinch business deals and build up the Bank's image. Branch Managers should ensure that there is no misuse of telephones for long personal conversations at liberty and without limitation. This will enable customers to have easy access to the telephone lines. In case any complaint is received from customers with regards to their inability to get through the telephone lines of the Branch, disciplinary action will be taken against the concerned staff.





### 6 Branch Ambience

In many branches, it is found that the branch premises are not maintained well both, interior or exterior. There are either, broken chairs or torn sofas, dusty name board and unkempt surroundings. Branches should ensure that the Branch premises are always kept clean, including its name board and the board displaying the business hours of the branch. Special attention is given to providing adequate space, proper furniture, clean environment, etc, in their premises to enable conduct of banking transactions smoothly and more comfortably. Care should be taken to display relevant notices and outdated notices should be discarded.

### 7 Security Arrangements

The Bank has installed CCTV surveillance cameras, alarm systems and smoke / fire detectors at every branch. Each branch is provided with security guards. ATMs of the Bank are manned by 24 x 7 security for the safety and security of our customers. Regular drill & training programmes to employees and security staff should be conducted to keep them alert and vigilant.

### 8 Service at the Counters:

### 8.1 Business and working hours

All staff of the Bank should be at their seats 15 minutes prior to commencement of business hours and attend to all the customers who are in the branch prior to the close of business hours. It has been observed that staff take their own time to open the counters and also do not attend to customers who are in the queue at the close of business hours. Branch Managers should ensure that the shutters are open at the commencement of business hours and all staff members are at their appropriate seats ready to attend to the customers. Branch Managers should also ensure that Day-open procedures are undertaken before the start of business hours so as to enable smooth functioning of banking operations and no delay is caused to any customer.

### 8.2 Display of time norms

Branch Manager should ensure that time norms for specified business transactions is displayed prominently in the banking hall so that it attracts the customers' attention as well as that of the employees for adherence. Branches should ensure that all customers who enter the banking hall before the close of business hours should be attended to.

#### 8.3 Extension of business hours for non-cash transaction

Staff at Branch counters may undertake the following transactions during the extended business hours (branches to indicate the timings):

- (a) Non-voucher generating transactions:
- i. issue of passbook/statement of accounts
- ii. issue of cheque book
- iii.delivery of term deposit receipts/drafts
- iv. acceptance of share application form; and
- v. acceptance of clearing cheques/bills for collection





(b) Voucher generating transactions:

i. issue of term deposit receipts (TDR)

ii. acceptance of cheques for locker rent due;

iii. issue of gift cheques

iv. acceptance of individual cheques for transfer credit.

### 8.4 Uninterrupted Service:

Branch Managers should ensure that no counter remains unattended during business hours and uninterrupted service is rendered to the customers by making adequate relief arrangements as may be necessary. Also all equipments needed for effective customer service such as computers, pass book printers, term deposit receipt printers, cash binding machine, cash counting machine, ultra violet lamp, surveillance systems, UPS, etc. are in working condition.

Branch Managers should ensure that all required stationery is available at any point of time and no inconvenience is caused to any customer due to lack of adequate stationery. Stationery would include account opening forms, pay-in-slip books, pass books, cheque books, payorder books, withdrawal slips, requisition slips, term deposit receipts, debit & credit vouchers, advices, delivery instruction books, dematerialization forms, loan applications and related security documents, etc.

Branches should ensure that their telephone /Mobile/lease lines are in working conditions and follow ups are made with relevant authorities.

#### 8.5 Guidance to Customers:

Branch Managers should ensure that all staff members are well trained on the job and should be aware of all the Bank's products and services despite the counters they handle. Staff members should be able to attend to customer queries and should guide them accordingly. In case a staff member is unable to satisfy the customer, he /she should direct the customer to a senior official. Branch Managers should be available to attend to all customers during business hours. Branches of large size (business mix) with adequate space arrangements may have "Enquiry" or "May I help you" counters. Such counters may exclusively attend to enquiries or may be combined with other functions depending upon the requirement. As far as possible, such counters should be near the entry point to the banking hall.

### 9. Rights of Transgender Persons-Changes in Bank Forms/Applications:

The Bank will include 'third gender' in all forms / applications etc., wherein any gender classification is envisaged.

### 10 Service at Cash Counters

Cashiers should see that the cash from the vault to the counter is carried observing due security measures before the start of business hours. Cashier's drawers and cabins should be closed and locked at all times. Branch Managers should ensure that there is always a dual custody of cash keys. Cashiers / Cash Officers should exercise due caution in carrying out their responsibilities and any laxity on their part could cause customers to dose confidence in the Bank.

Appropriate notices should be displayed at prominent places in each branch and at the cash counter advising the customers:

To count and verify cash at the Cash counter itself before leaving the Bank premises

Not to take assistance from any person in the banking hall for counting cash

• To hand over cash only to the cashier / teller and not to any other person

To deposit mutilated currency notes by filling separate pay-in-slip.

 Not to mix the mutilated currency notes in regular bundles or with other currency notes.

 The proceeds of the mutilated currency notes would be credited to the depositor's account only after their fate is known from RBI.

Branch Managers should ensure that the Security Guards posted at the Branch are positioned and are alert at all times. The Security alarm system should be kept in working condition at all times and should be activated in the event of a robbery attempt.

The Branch should take care that no queues are allowed to be formed in front of the teller and that cash dispensing / receipt should be done quickly and customers are not made to wait. Branches should take the following measures:

• If the branch finds that there is a rush of customers on account of preceding holiday or Sunday, then the Branch should set up another teller / cashier for accepting cash and ensure that there are no queues of customers in the banking hall. Bunching of customers in the banking hall facilitates unscrupulous elements mingling in the crowd and unsuspecting customers fall prey to them.

Branch Managers should move into the Banking hall and talk to customers. Apart from showing attention to customers, this will enable them to find out if there are any strangers who have mingled with the customers with the ulterior motive of snatching

cash.

The Security Guard at the branch should be instructed to keep a watch on people in the

Banking hall, who are waiting for a long time doing nothing.

 Cashiers and the Cash Officer should attend to customers promptly and undertake the following precautions to avoid mesmerism of customers as well as cashiers at the time of cash withdrawals:

Cashiers should attend to only one customer at a time and avoid overcrowding at the

Cash Counters

• Cashier after making each payment must orally advise the customer to count the cash personally before leaving the counter and not to take assistance from any other person

Special attention should be given in assisting elderly customers

• Exchange of cash should be avoided during rush hours

Pay outs should be made only after due authorization

All denominations paid out / received should be immediately entered into the system with utmost care

 Pay in slips / cheques / withdrawal slips should be stamped correctly with the right date and authentication of the cashier and cash officer

Customers can withdraw cash across the counter using a withdrawal slip or cheque:

# 10.1 Withdrawal Slip

A customer without a cheque book facility can withdraw cash using a withdrawal slip. He has to be present in person and will be given a withdrawal slip on producing his passbook. The withdrawal slip cannot be taken out of the branch premises but has to be filled up in the branch itself.



### 10.2 Cheque

A customer availing of a cheque-book facility can withdraw cash only with the use of a cheque. Customers should be made aware of the use of a bearer or order cheque, a crossed or uncrossed cheque and when a cheque becomes postdated or stale.

Staff members should avoid payment of a cheque after banking hours as it is not 'payment in due course' and is not eligible for protection under section 10 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

### 10.3 Cash payments/receipts under ABB

Under Any Branch Banking customer/s can withdraw and deposit cash through other branch. (Refer internal Circular guidelines 2015-16/12 dated 27.04.2015- Cash Withdrawal limit Any Branch Banking.)

### 10.4 Cash handling

Cashiers should sort notes of each denomination in bundles of 100 each and should band them using paper bands instead of stapling the notes as it tends to damage the notes. Scribbling on the notes should be discontinued as it not only damages the note but makes it difficult to recognize the watermark on it. Issuable and non-issuable currency notes should be sorted.

### 10.5 Provision of Note Counting Machines on counters

The Bank has provided its branches with dual display note counting machines at the cash counters for the use of their customers towards building confidence in the minds of the public to accept note packets secured with paper bands.

### 10.6 Forged Notes

On detection of a forged note, the forged note should be stamped with 'Forged Note Impounded' stamp and an acknowledgment is to be issued to the tenderer. The forged notes detected in the cash received by the branch shall be forwarded to the local police for investigation by filing an FIR.

UV machines provided in each branch help detect forged notes/alterations, both in cash as well as cheque.

### 11 Deposit and other Accounts

### 11.1 Nomination facilities

Branches are advised that while opening a Savings account or a Term Deposit Account in a single name, the person should be insisted upon to nominate. In case the person declines to nominate, the advantages of nomination should be explained to the person and if the person still does not want to nominate, he should be asked to give a specific letter to the effect. If the person declines to give such a letter, the fact should be recorded on the account opening form and the account can be opened.

Under no circumstances, branches should refuse to open an account solely on the ground that the person opening the account refused to nominate. Branches are also advised that the procedures mentioned above in respect of nomination to the deposit accounts applicable to Sole Proprietary Concerns also.



# 11.2 Incorporation of legend 'Nomination Registered' in pass book, deposit receipt etc

In terms of Rules 2 (10), 3 (9) and 4 (10) a co-operative bank is required to register in its books the nomination, cancellation and/or variation of the nomination. The co-operative banks should accordingly take action to register nominations or changes therein, if any, made by their depositor(s)/hirer(s) of lockers. Branches should incorporate the legend "Nomination Registered' on every pass book or deposit receipt so as to enable the relatives to know the availability of the nomination facility by the deceased depositor.

#### 11.3 Savings bank passbooks/ statement of accounts

The Bank offers passbook facility to all its savings bank account-holders at no extra charge (except on request for a duplicate passbook).

Branches should ensure that all Savings Bank Pass Books / Statement of accounts are stamped with proper Branch name, address, telephone numbers before issuing to customers.

Branches should provide MICR code and IFSC Code of the branch in all passbook /statement of account to their account holders.

Branches should ensure that the passbooks are updated immediately on submission with complete and correct particulars duly authenticated. In case of entries having to be written by hand, due to unavoidable circumstances, it should be legible. If updating is not possible immediately due to a large number of entries, then paper tokens should be issued for collection of passbooks on the next day.

The Bank has Multi-function Kiosk and also automated passbook printing machines have been installed. If the passbook is full with entries then the customer is provided a fresh passbook for further entries. These services are being provided to the customers at no extra cost.

Customers are charged only if they request for a Duplicate Passbook in case it is lost, stolen or damaged. Customers are asked to update details of their cellphone number and email address in their accounts. This will ensure that customers receive SMS alerts for every transaction, FD renewal and important bank notifications. Customers also need to be educated to submit the passbooks regularly for updating.

The Bank issues statement of accounts to its current account holders / borrowers. Such computer generated statements should bear the Bank's seal and the signature of the

concerned official.

Monthly statement are emailed to customers at the start of every month.

Counterfoils for having deposited cash / cheques should be authenticated by the authorized staff.

Furnishing remitter details in pass book / account statement for credits received by customers through NEFT/NECS/RTGS/NACH/IMPS

Branch Manager should ensure that the staff are aware of the procedural guidelines on NEFT/NECS/RTGS/NACH/IMPS and various circulars issued from time to time by the Reserve Bank which clearly highlights the minimum information that should be provided about the details of credit received NEFT/NECS/RTGS/NACH/IMPS. Staff should be able to provide complete information from the relevant fields in the messages/data files to customers when they approach the branch counters/help desks.





### 11.4 Term deposits

Branches should make conscious efforts to publicize the various term deposit schemes offered by the Bank. Customers should be guided and advised accordingly to suit their requirements. The customers need to also be informed specifically of the provision of monthly interest on term deposits at a discounted rate.

Branches should ensure that customers indicate clearly, whether they wish that the deposit be automatically renewed on maturity or the proceeds be transferred to their account. In those cases where the customer does not indicate the course of action by the bank on maturity of deposits, banks may as a rule send intimation of impending due date of the deposit well in advance. In case of absence of instructions, the system will automatically renew the deposit for the same period that the deposit was held with the branch under the same scheme. The customer should be intimated with regards to the automatic renewal of his deposit via SMS.

### 11.5 Timely Issue of TDS Certificate to Customers

Branches should provide TDS Certificate in Form 16A to their customers from whose deposit accounts income tax has been deducted at source, within the time –frame prescribed under the Income Tax Rules.

### 11.6 Advisory Services on deposit schemes

There is room for providing customer satisfaction by assisting customers in taking proper decisions for investment in various deposit schemes having regard to their particular needs and expectations. Branches should provide assistance/guidance to customers in the area of investment of funds in the various deposit schemes vis-à-vis the requirement of the customers.

### 11.7 Brochures/pamphlets for guidance of customers

The Bank has made available to the customers brochures/ pamphlets giving details of various schemes available and terms and conditions thereof.

### 11.8. Claims in respect of missing persons

The settlement of claims in respect of missing persons would be governed by the provisions of Section 107 / 108 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. Section 107 deals with presumption of continuance and Section 108 deals with presumption of death. As per the provisions of Section 108 of the Indian Evidence Act, presumption of death can be raised only after a lapse of seven years from the date of his/her being reported missing. As such, the nominee / legal heirs have to raise an express presumption of death of the subscriber under Section 107/108 of the Indian Evidence Act before a competent court. If the court presumes that he/she is dead, then the claim in respect of a missing person can be settled on the basis of the same.

The Bank may after considering legal opinion and taking into account the facts and circumstances of the case and keeping in view the imperative need to avoid inconvenience and undue hardship to the common person may fix upto a certain threshold limit to settle claims in respect of missing person without insisting on production of any documentation other than

- FIR and non-traceable report issued by police authorities.
- Letter of Indemnity stamped



### 11.9 Settlement of Claims

To facilitate expeditious and hassle-free settlement of claims on the death of a depositor, the following guidelines may be followed:

- Claims in respect of deceased depositors and release payments to survivor(s) / nominee(s) should be completed within a period not exceeding 15 days from the date of receipt of the claim subject to the production of proof of death of the depositor and suitable identification of the claim(s), to the bank's satisfaction.
- In the case of deposit accounts where the depositor had utilised the nomination facility and made a valid nomination or where the account was opened with the survivorship clause ("either or survivor", or "anyone or survivor", or "former or survivor" or "latter or survivor"), the payment of the balance in the deposit account to the survivor(s)/nominee of a deceased deposit account holder represents a valid discharge of the bank's liability provided:
  - (a) the bank has exercised due care and caution in establishing the identity of the survivor(s) / nominee and the fact of death of the account holder, through appropriate documentary evidence;
  - (b) there is no order from the competent court restraining the bank from making the payment from the account of the deceased; and
  - (c) it has been made clear to the survivor(s) / nominee that he would be receiving the payment from the bank as a trustee of the legal heirs of the deceased depositor, i.e., such payment to him shall not affect the right or claim which any person may have against the survivor(s) / nominee to whom the payment is made.
- In case there is no nomination in the account, the Bank has adopted a threshold limit upto Rs 3.00 lakh for settlement of claims without Succession Certificate.
- Operations Department to report the same, at appropriate intervals, on an ongoing basis to the respective committee indicating the details of the number of claims received pertaining to deceased depositors / locker-hirers and those pending beyond the stipulated period, giving reasons therefor.

# 11.10 Unclaimed Deposits and Inoperative / Dormant Accounts

Branches should make an annual review of accounts in which there are no operations (i.e. no credit or debit other than crediting of periodic interest or debiting of service charges) for more than one year. The branches may approach the customers and inform them in writing that there has been no operation in their accounts and ascertain reasons for the same. In case the non-operation in the account is due to shifting of the customers from the locality, they may be asked to provide details of the new bank accounts to which the balance in the existing account could be transferred. If the letters are returned undelivered, they may immediately be put on enquiry to find out the whereabouts of customers or their legal heirs in case they are deceased.

In case the whereabouts of the customers are not traceable, branches should contact the persons who had introduced the account holder. They could also consider contacting the employer / or any other person whose details are available with them. They could also consider contacting the account holder telephonically in case his telephone number / cell CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY 2021-22



number has been furnished to the Bank. In case of non resident accounts, the Bank may also contact the account holders through email and obtain their confirmation of the details of the account. The segregation of the inoperative accounts is from the point of view of reducing risk of frauds, etc. However, the customer should not be inconvenienced in any way, just because his account has been rendered inoperative.

Operation in such accounts may be allowed after due diligence as per the risk category of the customer. Due diligence would mean ensuring the genuineness of the transaction, verification of the signature and identity, etc. However, it has to be ensured that the customer is not inconvenienced as a result of extra care taken by the Bank.

As per RBI directives, the amount to the credit of any account in India with any bank which has not been operated upon for a period of ten years or any deposit or any amount remaining unclaimed for more than ten years has to be credited to the Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (DEA Fund), within a period of three months from the expiry of the said period of ten years.

Reference internal Circular: 2021-22/49 07.08.2021- Activation & Prevention of Dormant Accounts Operating Instructions.

### 12 Signature Verification of Customers

Customers approach the Bank for signature verification generally required on:

• Share transfer forms of Companies

MTNL transfer / application forms
 Surety / guarantors signature verification on loans taken from other banks

• Mobile application forms

• Financial companies loan application forms, etc.

Branches should please note that such verification of customer's signature should be an added service by the Bank to our customers at no extra cost. Branch Managers should, however, use their discretion and in the event the Branch feels that a particular client is habitual in seeking verification of his or her signature.

### 13 Updation of Customer Records

It is observed that customers face inconvenience on account of delay in updation of customer records covering change of address, e-mail, telephone numbers, signatures, etc.

Branches are advised that any intimation received from the customer with regards to the above should be in writing and supported with valid documents. These intimations should be duly acknowledged by the concerned branch staff with the date and stamp. The changes should be updated immediately without any delay after verifying the bonafides of the customer.

### **14 KYC**

KYC details are regularly updated by branches as it is mandated by RBI. This will also ensure that the account does not become Inoperative/Dormant and the customer is able to transact in his/her account without any hassle. Updating KYC details on the account will ensure that the customer can be contacted by the branch/bank if required and doesn't miss out on any of the Banks notification or alerts including transaction alerts through SMS.

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### 15 Safe Deposit Lockers

The main advantage of having a safe deposit locker is that a customer is able to keep together in one place all his / her valuables and confidential documents safe from fire, theft and from prying eyes. The Bank charges reasonably low rentals in comparison to the advantages and security that its customers would derive. The Safe Deposit lockers cabinets installed at our branches offer complete security against theft, fire and burglary.

# 15.1 Infrastructure, Amenities and Up-keep of Locker Room

The vault / locker room must be kept clean and tidy at all times.

Due care should be taken to ensure that the locker cabinets are installed in a room /

vault which is well fortified and free from dampness of the floor.

There should not be any seepage of the subsoil water and due precautions / periodic check should be taken to prevent flooding of the locker room / vault due to abnormal

The locker cabinet should be so arranged that the locker nos. come serially.

Adequate room for passage should be left to facilitate access.

Arrangements should also be made to exchange / inter change locks whenever the security concerns arise. For this purpose, the basic tools such as a punch for sealing the keys, seals, extra locks and keys should be maintained.

The following amenities should be provided in the vault (Locker room) for the convenience of the hirers of lockers when they visit the vault for operating their lockers:

A clock at an appropriate place

Adequate number of ceiling / pedestal fans and exhaust fans with appropriate protective grills.

Chairs and an inspection table.

A moving ladder mounted on wheels to reach the lockers at the top rows of the

Emergency lamps / torch for use in case of failure of electric supply.

There should be periodical checks to prevent the appearance of insects or other pests in the vault and the vault premises should be subjected to treatment against termite menace at regular intervals.

# 15.2 Linking of Allotment of Lockers to placement of Fixed Deposits

Branches should not link the provisions of lockers facility with placement of fixed or any other deposit beyond what is specifically permitted.

# 15.3 Fixed Deposit as Security for Lockers

Branches may obtain a Fixed Deposit which would cover 3 year's rent and the charges for breaking open the locker in case of an eventuality. However, the Bank should not insist on such Fixed Deposit from the existing locker hirers.

### 15.4 Wait List of Lockers

Branches should maintain a wait list register for the purpose of allotment of lockers and ensure transparency in allotment of lockers. All applications received for allotment of locker should be acknowledged and given a wait list number.



### 15.5 Vault Timings

Vault timings to be observed by branches are to be fixed in consultation with the Central Administrative Office and must be strictly observed. Customers should not be permitted to have access to the locker before or after the notified business hours.

### 15.6 Security aspects relating to Safe Deposit Lockers

### 15.6.a Operations of Safe Deposit Lockers

Branches should exercise due care and necessary precaution for the protection of the vault and the lockers provided to the customer. The staff member is expected to take care of the locker as a person of ordinary prudence would take care in respect of his / her locker.

Utmost care should be exercised to prevent entry of unauthorized persons in the vault to obviate the risk of theft / fraud and as a security precaution.

### 15.6.b Customer due diligence for allotment of lockers

- i. Branches should carry out customer due diligence for both new and existing customers at least to the levels prescribed for customers classified as medium risk. The full KYC procedure is to be followed with respect to customer introduction, identification, location and address, employment / business. The relevant documentary evidence / proofs of identity and address is to be obtained for both existing and prospective customers. If the customer is classified in a higher risk category, customer due diligence as per KYC norms applicable to such higher risk category should be carried out.
- ii. Where the lockers have remained un-operated for more than three years for medium risk category or one year for a higher risk category, branches should immediately contact the locker-hirer and advise him to either operate the locker or surrender it. This exercise should be carried out even if the locker hirer is paying the rent regularly. Further, the branch should ask the locker hirer to give in writing, the reasons why he / she did not operate the locker. In case the locker-hirer has some genuine reasons as in the case of NRIs or persons who are out of town due to a transferable job etc., branches may allow the locker hirer to continue with the locker. In case the locker-hirer does not respond nor operate the locker, branches should consider opening the lockers after giving due notice to him.
- iii. The Bank's custodian should acquaint hirers with:
  - the terms and conditions on which the lockers are rented out
  - the hours of business
  - the importance of the password
  - the need for safekeeping of the locker key
  - Prominent notices may be exhibited at the entrance of the locker room / vault and at various places inside the locker room / vault, reading as below:

"Hirers are requested in their own interest to close their lockers securely before leaving the vault. Please also ensure before leaving the locker room that you have not left any of your belongings outside." - Branch Manager.

iv. Locker keys are to be embossed with the Identification Code of the RED Branch/Bank/Locker No.

(Refer Internal Circular for detailed guidelines, No. 2021-22/77 dated 12.10.20 Embossing of identification code on Bank Locker Keys.)



### 15.7 Secrecy

Utmost secrecy must be maintained. No information about renting of lockers, mode of operation or visits of hirers must be divulged except with the clear consent of the hirers and / or when compelled by law.

### 15.8 Locker Rentals

The Branch should ensure that a notice is prominently displayed at the entrance to the locker room / vault on revision of locker rentals. Letters advising the revised locker rentals should be sent by post to all the hirers; a copy of the letter should also be handed over to the hirer personally when he / she visits the branch and suitable acknowledgement obtained and recorded in the safe deposit vault register.

# 15.9 Access to the safe deposit lockers / return of safe custody articles to Survivor(s) / Nominee(s) / Legal heir(s)

If the sole locker hirer nominates a person the branch should give to such nominee access of the locker and liberty to remove the contents of the locker in the event of the death of the sole locker hirer.

In case the locker was hired jointly with the instructions to operate it under joint signatures, and the locker hirer(s) nominates a person, in the event of death of any of the locker hirers, the branch should give access of the locker and the liberty to remove the contents jointly to the survivor(s) and the nominee(s).

In case the locker was hired jointly with survivorship clause and the hirers instructed that the access of the locker should be given over to 'either or survivor', 'anyone or survivor' or 'former or survivor' or according to any other survivorship clause, the branch should follow the mandate in the event of the death of one or more of the locker-hirers. However, the branch should take the following precautions before handing over the contents:

i Due care and caution should be exercised in establishing the identity of the survivor(s)/nominee(s) and the fact of death of the locker hirer by obtaining appropriate documentary evidence.

ii Diligent effort should be made to find out if there is any order from a competent court restraining the bank from giving access to the locker of the deceased.

iii It should be made clear to the survivor(s) / nominee(s) that access to locker / safe custody articles is given to them only as a trustee of the legal heirs of the deceased locker hirer; i.e. such access given to them shall not affect the right or claim which any person may have against the survivor(s) / nominee(s) to whom the access is given.

# 15.10 Access to the safe deposit lockers / return of safe custody articles (without survivor/nominee clause)

In case where the deceased locker hirer had not made any nomination or where the joint hirers had not given any mandate that the access may be given to one or more of the survivors by a clear survivorship clause, branches are required to obtain approval of the Legal Department / CAO for giving access to the legal heir(s) / legal representative of the deceased locker hirers.



Branches are advised to be guided also by the provisions of Sections 45 ZC to 45 ZF of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (AACS) and the Co-operative Banks (Nomination) Rules, 1985 and the relevant provisions of Indian Contract Act and Indian Succession Act.

Branches should prepare an inventory before returning articles left in safe custody / before permitting removal of the contents of a safe deposit locker. The inventory shall be in the appropriate Forms or as near thereto as circumstances require.

### 16 Customer Guidance and Publicity

### 16.1 Benefits of nomination / survivorship clause

Branches should give wide publicity and provide guidance to locker-hirers / depositors of safe custody articles on the benefits of the nomination facility and the survivorship clause.

#### 16.2 IT enabled Financial Inclusion

The Bank will pursue to scale up IT initiatives for financial inclusion speedily while ensuring that solutions are highly secure, amenable to audit, and follow widely accepted open standards to ensure eventual. Inter-operability among the different systems.

### 16.3 Banking facilities to the visually challenged

All the banking facilities such as cheque book facility including third party cheques, ATM facility, Net banking facility, locker facility, retail loans, credit cards etc. are required to be invariably offered to the visually challenged without any discrimination. Branches are advised that their staff render all possible assistance to the visually challenged for availing the various banking facilities.

In addition to the above, magnifying glasses should also be provided in all branches for the use of persons with low vision, wherever they require, for carrying out banking transactions with ease. Branches should display a notice about the availability of magnifying glasses and other facilities available for persons with disabilities at a prominent place in the Banking hall. All new ATMs installed from July 1, 2014 should be made as talking ATMs with Braille keypads and converting existing ATMs as talking ATMs with Braille keypad is to be made available in each locality for catering to the needs of visually impaired persons. The location of such talking ATMs should be brought to the notice of their visually impaired customers.

### 16.4 Provision of ramps at Automated Teller Machines (ATMs)/branches:

The Bank has to take necessary steps to provide all existing ATMs/ future ATMs with ramps so that wheel chair users / persons with disabilities can easily access them. The height of the ATM should be such that it does not create an impediment in its use by a wheelchair user. Banks may also take appropriate steps including ramps at the entrance of the bank branches so that the person with disabilities/wheel chair users can enter the bank branches and conduct business without much difficulty. However, in cases where it is impracticable to provide such ramp facilities, whether permanently fixed to earth or otherwise, the requirement may be dispensed with, for reasons recorded or displayed in branches or ATMs concerned.



### 17 - Collection of Cheques

# 17.1 Collection of account payee cheques - Prohibition on crediting proceeds to third party account

Branches should not collect 'account payee' cheques for any person other than the payee constituent. Where the drawer/ payee instructs the branch to credit the proceeds of collection to any account other than that of the payee, the instruction being contrary to the intended inherent character of the 'account payee' cheque, the branch should ask the drawer/ payee to have the cheque or the account payee mandate thereon withdrawn by the drawer. This instruction will also apply with respect to the cheque drawn by a bank payable to another bank.Branches should ensure that 'A/c Payee' cheques should be credited to the account of the person whose name appears as payee and not to the account of any person other than the payee named therein.

### 17.1.a Collection of account payee cheques-Co-operative credit societies :

With a view to mitigate difficulties faced by members of co-operative credit societies in collection of account payee cheques, the Bank may consider collecting account payee cheques drawn for an amount not exceeding Rs. 50,000 to the account of their customers who are co-operative credit societies if the payees of such cheques are the constituents of such co-operative credit societies. The same may be considered on a case to case basis and after approval from the respective sanctioning authority.

### 17.2 Measures for Quicker Collection of Outstation Instruments

Branches should maintain a register for collection of outstation cheques (OBC register) to enable the Branch Managers to exercise better supervision and remedial measures should be initiated to speed up the collection of outstation instruments. These registers should be monitored regularly and follow up measures should be taken for collection of these cheques.

### 17.3 Rounding off cheques to the nearest rupee

Branches are advised to ensure that cheques / drafts issued by clients containing fractions of a rupee are not rejected or dishonoured by them. Branch Managers to ensure that the concerned staff are well versed with these instructions so that the general public does not suffer. Branch Managers should also ensure that appropriate action is taken against members of their staff who are found to have refused to accept cheques / drafts containing fractions of a rupee.

### 17.4 Dishonoured Instruments

Branches should ensure that dishonoured instruments are returned / dispatched to the customer promptly without delay on the same day but in any case within 24 hours, against acknowledgement.

17.5 Reimbursement of interest by paying bank

Delay beyond two days on the part of paying bank in dispatching the proceeds to the collecting bank may be treated as delay attributable to that bank and interest paid on delayed credit by the collecting bank may be reimbursed by the paying bank. Responsibility for payment of interest to the depositor of the cheque, however, should continue to remain that of the collecting bank.



### 17.6 Immediate/Instant Credit of Local / Outstation Cheques / Instruments

Branches of the bank will consider providing immediate credit for outstation cheques / instruments up to the value of Rs.5,000/- tendered by individual account holders, provided they are satisfied about proper conduct of the accounts. These arrangements should be scrupulously followed.

Branches may recover usual collection charges in respect of outstation cheques.
 Branches should not wait for customers' requests for the facility but should, as a matter

of normal course, provide this service.

• In respect of local cheques, the branches of the bank may extend the facility of affording immediate credit up to Rs.5,000/- to customers who wish to avail of the facility and are prepared to bear charges for the same. In case the cheques are returned unpaid, the branch can recover normal rate of interest at the minimum Lending Rate for the period it is out of funds.

For the purpose of this policy, a satisfactorily conducted account shall be the one:

a) Opened at least six months earlier and complying with KYC norms.

b) Conduct of which has been satisfactory and bank has not noticed any irregular dealings.

c) Where no cheques / instruments for which immediate credit was afforded returned unpaid for financial reasons.

d) Where the bank has not experienced any difficulty in recovery of any amount advanced in the past including cheques returned after giving immediate credit.

### 17.7 Time frame for collection of cheques:

 For local cheques presented in clearing credit will be afforded as on the date of settlement of funds in clearing and the account holder will be allowed to withdraw funds as per return clearing norms in currently applicable.

• For cheques and other instruments sent for collection to all other centres within the country the following time norms shall be applied.(i.e State capitals / Major cities /

Other locations shall be 7 / 10 / 14 days respectively.)

 Cheques drawn on foreign countries: Such instruments are accepted for collection on the 'best of efforts' basis and will be collected through the services of correspondent Authorised Dealer Banks.

 The collection period of outstation cheques and interest payable thereon in case of delay will be displayed on the notice board.

### 18 MISCELLANEOUS

### 18.1 Identity badges

Each employee must wear on his person an identity badge with his / her name prominently displayed on it. Besides giving an official touch, it will create a better rapport with the customers.

### 18.2 Job enrichment

Periodic change of duties and job rotation among employees is necessary. Elementary checking functions such as authentication of pass books/ issuance of receipts for cheques deposited for credit to the customers' accounts etc. would not only make useful



contribution towards customer service but also would give a boost to the morale and self image of the employees.

18.3 Training

It is essential to align the training programmes to the needs in various areas with an eye on customer service. The employees should be trained to develop the right kind of attitude towards customer service, and empathy towards customer needs and expectations. Training programmes may be so devised as to bring about positive attitudinal changes compatible to customer orientation.

18.4 Induction training

Training to new recruits should be a precursor to other follow - up training programmes. All new recruits, i.e. clerks/officers should be necessarily exposed to induction programme immediately after recruitment. A co-ordinated approach amongst banks is required in this regard.

18.5 Reward and recognition

The system of reward/recognition should be such that it puts an indifferent employee to a considerable disadvantage - psychologically and even financially. Only if the reward scheme is objectively enunciated, employees will be motivated to perform better. Indifferent and casual approach to work (customer service) should not go unnoticed, giving such employees wrong signals. Banks should evolve a fair system whereby employees are gauged or rated in the area of customer service and good work is rewarded.

### 18.6 Customer service audit

Various facets of service to the customers need review and introduction of more avenues has to be identified. Banks may subject themselves to an audit approach towards their customer service points at grass root levels and also at policy prescription and macro levels in the matter of extension of customer service.

18.7 Complaint box and book

A Complaint cum Suggestion Box may be kept in the branch premises at a prominent place. Every branch should also maintain a Complaint Book with adequate number of perforated copies in each set, so designed as to instantly provide the complainant with an acknowledged copy of the complaint.

18.8 Inspection/Audit reports

The internal inspectors/auditors including audit firms engaged for the purpose during the course of their inspection/audit of branches should examine the various customer service aspects including the efficacy of the complaints handling and grievance redressal machinery; and based on their observations, record the improvements and deficiencies in various areas.

18.9 Periodical visits by senior officials

Periodic visits should be conducted by senior officials of the Bank. Senior officials while visiting the branches should also give priority to the customer service aspects. It will be a great advantage if the senior official, counter checks the actual 'branch atmosphere' by having in hand a report on customer service submitted by the branch.

18.10 Infrastructure provision

Banks may bestow attention to providing adequate space, proper furniture, drinking water facilities, clean environment, (which include keeping the walls, free of posters) etc., in their

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premises to enable conduct of banking transactions smoothly and more comfortably.

### 18.11 Customer education

Customer education both in regard to rights and responsibilities in dealing with Banks should be viewed as a fundamental issue in any attempt to improve customer service. Customer should be made aware not only of the various schemes and services offered by the Bank, but also about the formalities, procedures, legal requirements and limitations in the matter of providing services by the Bank, through a proper mix of advertisements, literature, interface, seminars, etc. The Bank will organize periodic customer meets & product launch programmes which will involve employees in educating customers.

# 19 <u>Legal Guardianship Certificate issued under the National Trust Act, 1999</u> <u>empowering the disabled persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities</u>

Branches are informed that the Guardianship Certificate in regard to persons with disabilities issued by the Local Level Committees set up under the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral palsy, Mental retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999 can be accepted by Banks.

Branches are therefore advised to accept such Guardianship Certificates under the above Act, and rely upon them for the purposes of opening / operating bank accounts.

Branches are also advised to give proper guidance so that the parents / relatives of the disabled persons do not face any difficulty in this regard.

### 20 Fair Practices Code for Lenders

The Bank has adopted the CITIZENCREDIT Co-operative Bank Ltd. Fair Lending Practices Code (CCBFLPC) which aims to foster a transparent business relationship and facilitate effective interaction between the borrower and the Bank. The code inter alia covers fair practices with regard to:

- Application for loan and their processing
- Loan appraisal and terms / conditions
- Disbursement of loans including changes in terms and conditions
- Post-disbursement supervision
- General

### 21 Fair Practices Code - Display of Bank/ Service Charges

The Bank's current schedule of charges approved by the Board is reasonable and not out of line with the average cost of providing these services. Branches are advised to display the schedule of charges on its notice boards.

### 22 Display of information - Comprehensive Notice Board

The Branch should put up in a notice board important aspects or indicators on 'customerence service information', 'service charges', 'grievance redressal' 'license' and 'others'. The notice board should be updated on a periodical basis. Branches should display information relating to interest rates and service charges in their premises. The Bank updates relevant



information from time to time on its web-site (<u>www.citizencreditbank.com</u>) to enable the customer to obtain the desired information at a glance.

### 23 Issue of Cheque Books

• Cheque Processing Unit to ensure that cheque books are printed with due care and the perforation in the cheque leaves as also binding of cheque books are up to the mark so as to avoid any inconvenience to the customers.

Branches are advised to issue only "payable at par"/"multi city"/ CTS 2010 standard cheques to all eligible customers.

### 24 Systems and Procedures

Systems and procedures are necessary to assist the Bank in functioning in an effective and efficient manner and to ensure safety of customer's money. The Bank reviews its systems and procedures from time to time by a continuous process of introduction of new procedures that may be required and by doing away with unwanted ones.

### 25 Enhancement of Customer Service- efficiency in ATM operation.

- a) The message regarding non-availability of cash in ATMs will be displayed before the transaction is initiated by the customer by notices either on screen or in some other way.
- b) The ATM ID is to be displayed clearly in the ATM premises to enable a customer to quote the same while making a complaint / suggestion.
- c) The forms for lodging ATM complaints are available at the branch and the name and phone number of the officials with whom the complaint can be lodged is to displayed along with the toll-free phone number for lodging complaints / reporting and blocking lost cards.
- e) Branches are required to ensure registration of mobile numbers / e-mail IDs of their customers at the time of account opening in order to send alerts/statements.
- f) To prevent fraudulent withdrawal at ATMs, as per RBI mandated requirement, PIN entry will be prompted for each and every transaction, including balance enquiry transactions. It is advised that the time out sessions should be enabled for all screens / stages of ATM transaction keeping in view the time required for such functions in normal course ensuring that no time extensions are allowed beyond a reasonable limit at any stage of the transaction.
- g) The Bank shall reimburse to the customers the amount wrongfully debited, if any, due to ATMs failure to dispense cash within a maximum period of 12 days from the date of receipt of customer complaints.

# 26 <u>Issue of Duplicate Demand Draft - Without receipt of Non-Payment Advice and Fixation of time-frame for issue of duplicate demand draft.</u>

The duplicate draft amounting to Rs.5,000 or less, may be issued on the basis of adequate indemnity and without obtaining Non-Payment Advice (NPA) from the drawee branch. It should be ensured that a duplicate demand draft is issued within a fortnight from the receipt of such requests. Any delay in issuing duplicate demand draft beyond the above stipulated period, they should pay interest at rate applicable for fixed deposit of corresponding maturity in order to compensate the customer for such delay. (These instructions would be applicable only in cases where the request for duplicate demand draft is made by the purchaser or the beneficiary and would not be applicable in the case of third party endorsements.)



### 27 Grievance Redressal

Customers should be advised to approach the Branch Manager for any grievances / complaints in writing. If the complaint is not resolved at the branch level, the customer may approach the Nodal Officer at the Registered Office of the Bank at "CITIZENCREDIT CENTRE", CTS No. 236, Marve Road, Orlem, Malad West Mumbai-400 064 or call the Grievance Cell.

Toll Free Number-1800 123 0209.

Email Id: nodal.officer@citizencreditbank.com

If the customer is not satisfied with the Bank's grievance redressal, he/she may approach the Banking Ombudsman at:

Centre	Name & Address of the Office of	Area of Operation
	Banking Ombudsman	
Mumbai (I)	Dr. Neena Rohit Jain	Districts of Mumbai,
	C/o Reserve Bank of India	Mumbai Suburban and
	4th Floor, RBI Byculla Office	Thane
	Building,	CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF THE
	Opp. Mumbai Central Railway	TOP A SECRETARY TO SECRETARY
	Station,	and the outliness of the second
	Byculla, Mumbai-400 008	mach moved brown divinions
	STD Code: 022	recultura from Lindon a francisco
	Tel No. 23022028	
	Email: crpc@rbi.org.in	and the contract of the second
Mumbai (II)	Dr. Sushanta Kumar Kar	Goa and Maharashtra,
	C/o Reserve Bank of India,	(except the Districts of
	4th Floor, RBI Byculla Office	Mumbai, Mumbai
	Building, Opp. Mumbai Central	Suburban and Thane)
	Railway Station, Byculla,	
	Mumbai-400 008	
	STD Code: 022	
	Tel No.: 23001483	
	Email: crpc@rbi.org.in	
Ahmedabad	Smt. N Sara Rajendra Kumar	Gujarat, Union Territories
	C/o Reserve Bank of India	of Dadra and Nagar Haveli,
	4th Floor, "Riverfront House",	Daman and Diu
	Behind H.K. Arts College,	
	Between Gandhi & Nehru Bridge,	
	Pujya Pramukh Swami Marg	
	(Riverfront Road - West),	at antibook satisfactor and
	Ahmedabad-380 009	
	STD Code: 079	
	Tel. No. 26582357	S Delegation of the state of th
	Email: crpc@rbi.org.in	

Branches should forward a copy of the complaint to the concerned authority, if it is not redressed within the time frame stated in the Customer Grievance Redressal policy of the Bank.



### 28 - Customer Correspondence

Good customer service demands that all queries, applications, written requests, etc. letters from customers should not go unattended without reason. It is important that customer requests are attended to promptly, efficiently and effectively. In order, therefore to maintain good customer service and to build up a good relationship with our clients, branches should take note that:

- No letter from any shareholder or customer should go unanswered for a period longer than 48 hours, without reason. Branches are advised to reply to every correspondence received by customers whether it may be through email, fax, post, etc. If a branch is unable to reply to a correspondence, they may forward the same to the relevant departments at the Central Administrative Office for guidance.
- If a customer requests information which requires reference to old records not immediately or easily available, the customer's request should be acknowledged in writing and the customer should be advised promptly stating the date (not more than a week later) by which the required information will be furnished.
- In no circumstances, should customers be put off by excuses such as "Shortage of Staff" or "We are too busy". As we are in the business of providing service to our customers, such excuses are not acceptable from any customer's standpoint.
- Branches are required to maintain a register listing all correspondences received by the branch with the following details:
  - a) Sender's name and address
  - b) Date of the letter
  - c) Date of receipt of the letter
  - d) Brief details of the contents
  - e) Date of the reply
  - f) Brief details of the reply

Branches are advised to incorporate a 'Disclaimer Clause' in every communication with customers vide E-mail as spelt out below:

"Communications through E-mail are effected on the Public Domain and confidentiality and secrecy of information cannot be guaranteed. The Bank reserves the right to reply or act on any such communication. Communications received by E-mail cannot be acted upon unless authenticated in accordance with the operational instructions on record with the Bank."

# 29-E-Payment Products (NEFT/NECS/RTGS/NACH/IMPS/Rupay cards)

# Processing inward transactions based solely on account number information

In terms of the extant Procedural Guidelines for RTGS/NEFT/NECS, Banks are generally expected to match the name and account number information of the beneficiary before affording credit to the account. In the Indian context, however, given the many different ways in which beneficiary names can be written, it becomes extremely challenging for the banks to perfectly match the name field contained in the electronic transfer instructions with the name on record in the books of the destination bank. This leads to manual intervention hindering the straight through-processing (STP) environment causing delay in credit or due return of uncredited instructions. The manual intervention also provides scope for error and fraudulent intent. Being essentially credit-push in nature, responsibility for CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY 2021-22



accurate input and successful credit lies with the remitting customers and the originating banks. The role of destination banks is limited to affording credit to beneficiary's account based on details furnished by the remitter/originating bank. Instructions for processing such inward transactions based solely on account number information will be followed as per RBI guidelines.

The Bank has introduced CCB Mobile App facility to all its customers. Customers need to download the Application from Google Play-store and register their accounts with the Bank to enable them to transfer funds upto Rs 50,000 instantly (Max daily limit- Rs 50,000).

CCB Mobile App can also be utilized to Block/Unblock Rupay cards, check Balance and generate mini statement.

Initially Bank had introduced Rupay cards for ATM transactions which can now be utilized as Debit cards at POS outlets and for online payments.

### 30-Website

The Bank's website is comprehensive and informative and it is updated on a timely basis. The website includes details about the products offered, rate of interest of loans and deposits, service charges list and also application forms for account opening, SMS alerts, ATMs, CCB Mobile App which can be downloaded.

### 31 - Customer Service-Periodical Review and Monitoring

- With a view to constantly upgrading the quality of customer satisfaction and also identifying more avenues for customer service, banks need to undertake periodical evaluation of the position in regard to the extent of actual implementation at the grass root level of the various recommendations of the Goiporia Committee, the Committee on procedures and performance audit of public services (CPPAPS) and instructions issued by the Reserve Bank.
- Banks also need to evolve an appropriate monitoring system in respect of 15 core recommendations of the Goiporia Committee. The banks are free to include more items for such monitoring and evaluation by their Board of Directors.
- Banks should introduce a system of periodical evaluation on customer service on <u>half</u> yearly basis, with a view to ensuring their implementation at all offices of the bank as also upgrading the quality of services to achieve higher satisfaction among the bank's customers.

# <u>Procedure to be followed by Branches/Group Offices towards submission of Customer Service Review Report</u>

Branch Heads will be required to submit the half yearly Review of customer service in the required format as attached (Annexure1) to their respective Group Offices.

Group Heads will be required to verify/justify the reviews sent by their respective Group Branch Heads and forward a consolidated Customer Service Review Report of their branches in the format as attached (Annexure2) to Operations Department.





### **ANNEXURE-1**

# REVIEW OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AT THE BRANCH

For the period: Branch: Branch Head Name:

Has there been any issue roof Customer Service? If a	elated to non-compliance with general Employee Behavior in light ny, please state.
2. Has there been any instance Information? If any, please	te of non-maintenance of Secrecy & Confidentiality of Customer e state.
counter during customer ho	misuse of telephones / excessive use of mobile phones on the ours
. Give a brief description of	
. Has there been any lapse in	n the Security Arrangements at the Branch? If any, please state.
. State any issues related to S	Service at the Counters.
	g hours being observed by all staff at the Branch?
	e of interrupted Service at the Counters? If any, please state.
Have all staff been wearing	their name badges during customer hours?
Are customers being guided	d correctly?



e. Has there been any issue related to the Service at the Cash Counters? If any, please state	). 
f. Is the acceptance and disposal of cash being handled with care? Report any insta excess/ shortfall of cash.	nce of
g. Is there a properly functioning Note Counting Machine on the counter?	
h. Has there been any instance of Forged Notes? If any, please state.	
7. Have there been any issues related to Deposit and other Accounts	
a. Are customers being made aware of Nomination facilities available for all deposit accounts.	ints?
b. Is the legend 'Nomination Registered' being incorporated in the pass book, deposit rete?	receipt
e. Has there been any issue related to Savings bank passbook issuance / updation and issue of statement of accounts?	suance
l. Are efforts being made to publicize the various Term deposit schemes?	
a. Are advisory services being offered on deposit schemes?	
Are brochures / pamphlets being made available for the guidance of customers?	
Have there been any claims in respect of missing persons? If any, have they been settled	2 × C.A.O



car	is there been any instance of inconvenience caused to the customer as a result of extra re taken by the Bank with regard to Unclaimed Deposits and Inoperative / Dormant ounts?
. Are	e customers being provided with the facility of Signature Verification as an added service?
— . На	s there been any instance of delay in updation of Customer Records? If any, please state.
3. St	ate any issue related to Safe Deposit Lockers
a. Is	the infrastructure, amenities and up-keep of the Locker Room in proper condition?
b. A	re the Vault Timings displayed prominently and observed strictly?
c. A	re all precautions taken with regard to the Security aspects relating to Safe Deposit Lockers?
-, d. Is	transparency being ensured in the allotment of lockers?
e. Is	a notice on locker rentals / revision in locker rentals prominently displayed?
f. H	as there been any issue related to access to the safe deposit lockers / return of safe ustody articles (with survivor/nominee clause)? If any, please state.
g. H	Ias there been any issue related to access to the safe deposit lockers / return of safe custod rticles (without survivor/nominee clause)? If any, please state.

h. Have the benefits of nomination / survivorship clause been explained to the locker-hirers? CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICY 2021-22



9. H	lave there been any issues related to Collection of account payee cheques and credit of proceeds to third party account? If any, please state.
10. ] f	Has there been any instance of rejection / dishonor of cheques issued by clients containing fractions of a rupee?
1. I	Has there been any delay in dispatch of Dishonored Instruments?
2. I	Has there been any instance of Reimbursement of interest by paying bank due to delay in lispatch of proceeds to the collecting bank? If any, please state.
3. S	tate the measures taken for Quicker Collection of Outstation Instruments.
4. A	are banking facilities being provided to the Visually Challenged?
tl	lave there been issues related to acceptance of Legal Guardianship Certificate issued under ne National Trust Act, 1999 empowering the disabled persons with autism, cerebral palsy, nental retardation and multiple disabilities for opening / operating bank accounts?
6. Is	the Fair Practices Code for Lenders being observed?
7. Is	the Bank Service Charges being displayed prominently?
8. Is	relevant customer information as per RBI Master Circular on Customer Service being splayed on the Bank's Notice Board?
9. Is	the time norms of the Bank displayed prominently?



20	State any issues related to the issue of Cheque Books.	
21	State any issue related to Systems and Procedures.	
2.	What steps are taken towards job enrichment of staff? Please be specific and state the job rotations delegated to the staff?	
3.	Are the training needs of the staff assessed? Kindly give details of the trainings undergone by the staff.	
4.	Are complaints / suggestions by clients being attended to? State the suggestions made by clients in the complaint suggestion book? Are there any pending complaints / suggestions that cannot be implemented?	
5.	Are all issues stated in Inspection/Audit reports related to customer service duly complied with? If not state the pending issue.	
5.	Are there any Complaint Prone Employees among the staff of the branch? What action has been taken against the concerned staff?	
7.	State the Periodical Visit by Senior Officials of the Bank during the last 6 months?	
3.5	State the number of grievances received and if they have been redressed. At what levels have they been redressed? Are there any grievances yet to be redressed?	
).	Has all Customer Correspondence handled promptly and accurately?	ZEA
- ).	Are efforts being made to educate customers? If yes, please state in what way?	177





31. Have all facilities been made available in ATM rooms? Have all instances of amou wrongfully debited to customers in ATM transactions been reimbursed within a maximum period of 7 days from receipt of complaint?
32. Are all staff well versed with the NEFT process and encourage customers to initiate NEFT transactions?
33. Has there been any issues related to TDS certificates – Form 16A issued to customers beyond 15 days from due date of filing of the return?
34. Are efforts being made to educate customers on ways to safeguards vital information of ATM Cards/PIN details and ways to block and unblock the Card? If yes, please state in who way?
35. Any complaints related to ATM Services or any other technology services provided by the Bank
36. No. Of Customer Service meetings held at the branch? (Specify with dates of meeting) (minutes of meetings to be attached)

Date of submission Branch Head Name & Sign Branch Stamp







### **ANNEXURE-2**

# REVIEW OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AT THE BRANCH

# For the period:

Sr. No.	Particulars of issues faced	Issue faced by (Branch Name & description of the issue)	Action Taken
1	Issues related to Branch Ambience		
2	Issues related to Security Arrangements at the Branch.		nel 21 branes
3	Issues related to Service at the Counters.		
4	Issues of Interrupted Service at the Counters.		
5	Issues related to Service at the Cash Counters.		
6	Issues related to Excess / Shortfall of Cash.		
7	Instances of Forged Notes.		
8	Issues related to Deposits & Other Accounts.		
9	Issues related to the legend 'Nomination Registered' being incorporated in the pass book, deposit receipts, etc.		
0	Issues related to Issuance / Updation of Passbooks / Issuance of Statement of Accounts.		T book forest A book forest Anne Correct
2	Claims in respect of missing persons.		







13	Issues related to Safe Deposit Lockers.	
14	Observance of Fair Practices Code for Lenders.	
15	Issue of Cheque Books.	
16	Issues related to Systems & Procedures.	
17	Job Enrichment of Staff.	
18	Complaints / Suggestion by clients.	
19	Any complaints related to Technology services.	
20	Any complaints related to ATM.	
21	Complaint Prone Employees.	
22	Staff Job Rotation.	
23	Issues related to Inspection/Audit reports related to customer service pending.	

Date of submission : Group Head Name: Group Head Sign

