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RBI invites public comments on the Draft Circular on Lead Bank Scheme (LBS)

Reserve Bank had announced, as part of the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies dated February 06, 2026](#), that revised guidelines on the Lead Bank Scheme would be issued shortly to streamline the operational aspects.

Accordingly, the [draft Circular](#) on the revised guidelines of the Lead Bank Scheme has been issued today for public comments.

The revised guidelines aim to finetune the objectives of the Scheme; the structure, membership and agenda of various fora under the Scheme; clear delineation of roles and responsibilities of key functionaries; and provisions to further strengthen the State Level Bankers' Committee and Lead District Manager offices, among others.

The comments / feedback on the draft Circular may be submitted by email <[to be hyperlinked to a generic email id, i.e., lbsfiddco@rbi.org.in](mailto:lbsfiddco@rbi.org.in)> with the subject line 'Feedback on the Draft Circular on Lead Bank Scheme'.

The last date for submission of comments is March 06, 2026

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