

RRB

Regional Rural Banks are local level banking organizations operating in different States of India. They have been created with a view to serve primarily the rural areas of India with basic banking and financial services. However, RRBs may have branches set up for urban operations and their area of operation may include urban areas too.

Regional Rural Banks were established under the provisions of an Ordinance passed in September 1975 and the RRB Act 1976 to provide sufficient banking and credit facility for agriculture and other rural sectors. These were set up on the recommendations of The M. Narasimham Working Group during the tenure of Indira Gandhi's government with a view to include rural areas into economic mainstream since that time about 70% of the Indian Population was of Rural Orientation. The development process of RRBs started on 2 October 1975 with the forming of the first RRB, the Prathama Bank with authorised capital of Rs. 5 crore at its starting. Also on 2 October 1976 five regional rural banks were set up with a total authorised capital Rs. 100 crore (\$10 Million) which later augmented to 500 crore (\$50 million). The Regional Rural Banks were owned by the Central Government, the State Government and the Sponsor Bank (there were five commercial banks, Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India, Syndicate Bank, United Bank of India and UCO Bank, which sponsored the regional rural banks) who held shares in the ratios as follows Central Government – 50%, State Government – 15% and Sponsor Banks – 35%. Earlier, Reserve Bank of India had laid down ceilings on the rate of interest to be charged by these RRBs.

The area of operation of RRBs is limited to the area as notified by Government of India covering one or more districts in the State. RRBs also perform a variety of different functions. RRBs perform various functions in following heads:

- Providing banking facilities to rural and semi-urban areas.
- Carrying out government operations like disbursement of wages of MGNREGA workers, distribution of pensions etc.
- Providing Para-Banking facilities like locker facilities, debit and credit cards.

Legal existence and protection[edit]

RRB are recognized by the law and they have legal significance. The Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 Act No. 21 Of 1976 [9 February 1976.

"For the incorporation, regulation and winding up of Regional Rural Banks with a view to developing the rural economy by providing, for the purpose of development of agriculture, trade, commerce, industry and other productive activities in the rural areas, credit and other facilities, particularly to the small and marginal farmers, agricultural laborers, artisans and small entrepreneurs, and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto".

List of Regional Rural banks[3]

Allahabad UP Gramin Bank,
Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank,
Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank,
Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank,
Assam Gramin Vikash Bank,
Bangiya Gramin Vikash Bank,
Baroda Gujarat Gramin Bank,
Baroda Rajasthan Ksethriya Gramin Bank,
Baroda UP Gramin Bank,
Bihar Gramin Bank,
Central Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank
Chaitanya Godavari Grameena Bank,
Chhattisgarh Rajya Gramin Bank,
Dena Gujarat Gramin Bank,
Ellaquai Dehati Bank,
Gramin Bank Of Aryavart,
Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank,
Jammu And Kashmir Grameen Bank,
Jharkhand Gramin Bank,
Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank,
Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank,

Kaveri Grameena Bank,
Kerala Gramin Bank,
[[Langpi Dehangi Rural Bank]],
Madhya Bihar Gramin Bank,
Madhyanchal Gramin Bank,
Maharashtra Gramin Bank,
Malwa Gramin Bank,
Manipur Rural Bank,
Marudhara Rajasthan Gramin Bank,
Meghalaya Rural Bank,
Mizoram Rural Bank,
Nagaland Rural Bank,
Narmada Jhabua Gramin Bank
Odisha Gramya Bank,
Pallavan Grama Bank,
Pandyan Grama Bank,
Paschim Banga Gramin Bank,
Pragathi Krishna Gramin Bank,
Prathama Bank,
Puduvai Bharathiar Grama Bank,
Punjab Gramin Bank,
Purvanchal Bank,
Saptagiri Grameena Bank,
Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank,

Sarva UP Gramin Bank,

Saurashtra Gramin Bank,

Sutlej Gramin Bank,

Telangana Grameena Bank, (Formerly known as Deccan Grameena Bank)

Tripura Gramin Bank,

Utkal Grameen Bank,

Uttar Bihar Gramin Bank,

Uttarakhand Gramin Bank,

Uttarbanga Kshetriya Gramin Bank,

Vananchal Gramin Bank,

Vidharbha Konkan Gramin Bank,