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All Regional Rural Banks

Dear Sir,

Opening of Controlling Offices by amalgamated RRBs

Please refer to paragraph 2.4 of our Master Circular RPCD.CO.RRB. No. BL. BC.09 / 03.05.90-A / 2007-08 dated July 2, 2007. On a review, it has been decided that in partial modification of the instructions contained therein, the Empowered Committee may, taking into account the local conditions and the financials of a bank, permit a Regional Rural Bank, to open a Controlling Office, even if it does not have 75 branches.

Yours faithfully,

(C.S.Murthy) Chief General Manager-in-Charge