

**Chairman's Message**

Dear Shareholders,

It is an honor and privilege to present the 48th Annual Report of the Bank for the Financial Year 2023-24. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Management and the employees, I remain eternally grateful to you all for your continued trust and support.

Growth in Financial Year 2023-24 is estimated to exceed earlier forecasts. According to World Bank report, inflation in India has remained within the Reserve Bank of India's 2 to 6 percent target range since spike in mid-2023 and policy rate has remained unchanged since February 2023. World Bank projects Indian economy to grow @ 7.5% in 2024. Investment is envisaged to decelerate marginally but will remain robust, supported by higher public investment and improved corporate Balance Sheets, including the banking sector. In India, output growth is projected to reach 7.5% in F.Y. 2023-24 on the back of robust growth in Q3 of F.Y. 2023-24. Growth is expected to moderate to 6.6% in F.Y. 2024-25.

The banking sector is facing increasing cybersecurity threats, therefore making robust cybersecurity solutions is imperative. Bank is in the process of identifying threat detection, vulnerability assessment and proactive security measures to safeguard the critical systems and customer data. Bank is making all efforts to further strengthen its cyber security infrastructure. Bank has aligned its approach in NPA Management and recovery and introduced systems and procedures for monitoring follow up, review of approvals, and recovery measures to improve collection efficiency and curtail slippages.

Bank is required to make substantial provisions towards Security Receipts (SRs) pertaining to the assets assigned to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs). Thus for the F.Y. 2023-24, the profit amounts to ₹11.78 Crore after making the substantial provisions required as per the regulatory guidelines.

This journey has been possible only because of the unwavering support from customers, shareholders, employees and the well-wishers of the Bank to whom I express my gratitude and seek your continued support as we look forward to the challenges ahead. Bank will continue to focus on core business, with more emphasis on customer service with support of modern technology. We seek your continued support and encouragement to strengthen the future of the Bank.

With warm regards,

SURYAKANT J. SUVARNA