

Annexure A – Options for District Rationalisation based on principles

Options Overview:

Options	Pros	Cons
<p>1. Geographic - redistribute current DC boundaries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains familiar network and build on existing collegiality • Keeps DC to a localised area • Can be manipulated to equalise sub-Branch numbers across the State • Deployment of technology to facilitate connection across distances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will increase number of sub-Branches/DC • Increases distances in areas where there are fewer sub-Branches
<p>2. Member Numbers - even out sub-Branches to have equal member numbers in each DC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equalises member-based workload within DC • Connects metro and rural sub-Branches within a DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disparity in concentration of membership in metro and regional centres as opposed to rural areas • Difficult to distribute sub-Branch numbers within a DC • Natural fluctuations in member numbers will make it difficult to maintain the member-based workload
<p>3. Assets - distribute wealthy sub-Branches across each DC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each DC would have similar collective assets across the constituent sub-Branches • Possible provision of financial support to low-income sub-Branches from high income • Connects metro and rural sub-Branches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial sustainability is a difficult measure against which to distribute sub-Branches • Does not equalise the workload associated with managing assets • VSF is the preferred method of financial support for low-income sub-Branches • May exacerbate the divide between high and low income as well as metro and rural sub-Branches
<p>4. Metro/Rural link - Span DCs out from metro areas to cover wealthy metro sub-Branches and rural sub-Branches</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build connections between metro and rural sub-Branches • Diversifies membership within DC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distances would increase significantly • Difficult to maintain an obvious boundary for DC

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<p>5. Communication capability/reach - DC containing a core of well-connected sub-Branches and those with less capability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support to less connected sub-Branches• Access to support services for veterans within the DC area• Member access to information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficult to distribute based on capability• Capability reliant on willing volunteers• Communication capability should be overcome through training
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