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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**  
**Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare**  
**Cooperation Division**


Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated the 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Subject: - Central Sector Scheme of Financing Facility under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

The undersigned is directed to refer to subject cited above and to circulate minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with State nodal officers of Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand of AIF through Video Conferencing.

2 It is requested that immediate necessary action may kindly be taken on action point emerged during discussion of the meeting and action taken report in this regard be sent to this Department at the earliest.

**Enclosure-as above**

  
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To,

- (i) The Principal Secretaries Agriculture in the States
- (ii) The Principal Secretaries Cooperation in the States
- (iii) The RCS in the States
- (iv) The Nodal Officers of AIF in the States
- (v) Shri Manish Saxena, IT Consultant
- (vi) BCG Consultants
- (vii) NABCONS Consultants

Copy to :-

- (i) PPS to Joint Secretary (Cooperation), DAC&FW
- (ii) Portal of AIF/Website of DAC&FW

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with State nodal officers of Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand through Video Conferencing on Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.**

List of the participants is at Annexure – A

1. Mr. KR Meena, Director (Coop) set the context of the meeting and suggested that BCG team give a brief presentation on the current progress under AIF
2. BCG team set the format of the meeting – brief introduction by BCG on the all-India progress under AIF along with a summary of the four present states. Post that, state teams to give presentations on the progress in their state as well as bring forth any concerns that they have
3. BCG team presented the all India summary and suggested that given the four states are slightly behind, they must use the meeting to convey their offline progress and what support they might need to accelerate investments in their states

**Telangana**

4. NABARD RO, Telangana gave the presentation on the request of RCS office in Telangana. NABARD has been tasked with preparing and implementing strategy related to cooperatives; the progress wrt. commercial banks to be communicated by the concerned authority at a later stage. NABARD conveyed that it has received projects from Karim Nagar (64 projects worth 21 crores across 33 PACs) and Nagonda (22 projects worth 7 crores across 15 PACs). NABARD RO, Telangana assured that it will be able to communicate sanction till next week so that the amount can be disbursed. Projects in pipeline from 3 more CCBS - Mehbubnagar, Adilabad, Hyderabad (total 56 project, 33 PACs, 37 crore). NABARD RO confirmed that by next weekend 142 projects worth 64 crores across 81 PACs will be sanctioned
5. BCG conveyed that currently only 2 applications from Telangana on Platform. NABARD took note of the concern and assured that offline applications will be uploaded by state cooperative banks
6. NABARD RO, Telangana committed to bring 200 crore worth of projects and change the face of agriculture infrastructure in state especially wrt. warehouses
7. Ministry conveyed that rice mills are not eligible under the scheme. NABARD RO, Telangana ensured that it will recheck the DPRs and ensure only primary

processing is included. Ministry asked NABARD Telangana to share queries related to eligibility on email

8. NABARD RO Telangana requested for PMU funds. Ministry expressed that it is working towards releasing the funds by end of December. Telangana to get in touch with ministry directly.

## Odisha

1. Odisha conveyed that they are unable to check the reasons for rejection. Ministry to communicate the reasons for rejection as well as the procedure to check these reasons on platform for in future
2. BCG asked regarding the eligibility of identified projects like bakery and confectionary, frozen fruits and honey processing units. Odisha conveyed that only primary processing will be undertaken for these. Ministry confirmed that honey processing units are not covered under AIF
3. Odisha asked for support from Ministry in preparation of project proposals under different products identified in their blueprint. Further, the state has established district level targets and requested if these could be incorporated on the platform. Ministry to check feasibility. Odisha conveyed that beneficiary bifurcation not available on platform. BCG suggested that it can be checked on platform. Ministry to share a platform guideline to help self-train.
4. BCG inquired regarding the measures being taken to mobilise PACs in Odisha. Odisha assured that it is in touch with NABARD RO to take it forward.
5. Ministry confirmed that MOUs have been signed with Odisha State Cooperative Bank and Odisha Grahmin Bank. Odisha requested for these to be updated in list of banks on AIF Platform.
6. Odisha conveyed that subsidy under MKUY being directly linked to AIF. Odisha suggested convergence under eight schemes. BCG asked whether the convergence undertaken is in-principle or process. Odisha requested Ministry to test process convergence for one scheme.
7. Odisha requested for fund assistance from Ministry for awareness generation and PMU. Ministry confirmed that by this month-end, financial support will be given for formation of PMU, capacity building and for hand-holding support
8. Odisha requested for assistance in using platform. Ministry confirmed that a guideline for self-training will be prepared and shared

## **Chhattisgarh**

1. Chhattisgarh has appointed MD Mandi Board as state nodal officer. Projects worth Rs. 81 crores identified; to be uploaded on platform.
2. Chhattisgarh requested Ministry to direct local NABARD to provide more assistance to the state and provide PMU assistance. Odisha requested for capital subsidy to be provided to backward areas, esp. for basic infrastructure for small PACs, under the scheme; Ministry conveyed that capital subsidy will not be incorporated in the scheme and requested the state to find viable investors for the project
3. Chhattisgarh requested the PMU assistance to not be linked to size or number of projects. Ministry assured Chhattisgarh that it will take this into consideration.
4. Chhattisgarh requested BCG to share the presentation of all states. BCG agreed to do the same.

## **Jharkhand**

1. Jharkhand proposed scheme of convergence with Johar Pariyojana for building custom hiring centers. The state has planned 138 CHCs, 100 cold rooms running on solar power to be covered under MIDH scheme and 2000 metric tonnes of godowns. Jharkhand in process of identifying these projects and establishing convergence.
2. Jharkhand requested for assistance in awareness generation. Jharkhand asked for details regarding DPR creation, calculation of unit costs and basis of rejection. BCG conveyed that DPR format available on website.
3. Ministry conveyed that no formal approval required from DLMCs and SLMCs for sanctioning of projects.

## Annexure-A

### Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup>December 2020 with State nodal officers of Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand through Video Conferencing on Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.

List of the participants is as under :-

#### **DAC&FW**

1. Shri K. R. Meena, Director (CPC), DAC&FW
2. Shri Chandra Shekhar Prasad, Section Officer (I&P/CPC), DAC&FW
3. Shri Manish Saxena, IT Consultant

#### **States**

SNOs of States of Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand and other senior officers

#### **BCG**

1. Ms Aparna Bijapurkar- Principal
2. Shri Pawan Makadia, Team lead
3. Ms Simaran Ahluwalia, Consultant