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04th December, 2023

To,
Presidents/ Secretaries,
PACS, Society and its Members

Sub: **Enrolment of PACS for World's largest Decentralized Grain Storage Program
in Cooperative sector to ensure food security - Reg**

Sir/ Ma'am,

Wishes from National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF).

NCCF is an Apex Federation of Consumer Cooperative in the country, functioning under the administrative control of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India New Delhi. NCCF is conducting its commercial operations through its 27 branches and offices located in various state capitals and other places in the country with its headquarters at New Delhi. Government of India is majority shareholder in NCCF and the audited statement of accounts and annual report of NCCF are laid down on the table of both the houses of Parliament.

India holds 11% (16 Crore Hectare) of World's total Cultivable Area (138 Crore Hectare) and 18% (140 Crore) of Total World Population (790 Crore). This means that to meet the food requirement of the 18% of World Population, India only has 11% of Cultivable Land. Based on the FAO Statistical Data 2021, total Food Grain Production in India is 311 MMT and total Storage Capacity in India is only 145 MMT, i.e, there is a shortage of 166 MMT of Storage. There is surplus Storage capacity in other countries 131%, while in India there is a shortfall of 47%.

In such circumstances, Ministry of Cooperation intends to create a Decentralized Grain Storage in India at PACS level while reducing the Post Harvest losses, drastic reduction on multiple handling and transportation cost, Prevention of distress sale by farmers at low rates, decentralized procurement by FCI/State Government, and Storage based "Hub" and "Spoke" model for efficiency and effectiveness.

Currently, NCCF is collaborating with Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India to implement this ambitious program at PACS level. Interested PACS are hereby encouraged to enrol with NCCF to be part of this program.

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All PACS with compliance of below mentioned criteria are eligible to avail the benefit/ subsidy under World's largest Decentralized Grain Storage Program in Cooperative sector.

1. Landbank of atleast 1 acre for Construction of Storage/ Warehouse.
2. The operational PACS shall be profitable.
3. Willingness of PACS to be part of the scheme
4. No diesel pump in vicinity of 500 metres
5. DCCB eligible under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
6. Able to contribute margin money of 20% of project cost for AMI benefit and 10% for AIF subvention.
7. Understanding of components for financing
8. Board resolution by the PACS

The below mentioned scheme subsidies are applicable for PACS to avail benefit:

1. Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) Fund
2. MOFPI-CEFPPC
3. SMAM
4. AIF subvention

Looking forward to serving the farming community with the best of our services at all times

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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