

Assistance to NCDC Programmes for Development of Co-operatives under the Central Sector Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Co-operation during 12th Five Year Plan

The Government approved the implementation of Central Sector Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Co-operation with an outlay of Rs.920.088 crores for the 12th Five Year Plan. The Integrated Scheme had been formulated by merging two erstwhile schemes of 11th Five Year Plan viz. (i) Restructured Central Sector Scheme for Assistance to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) Programmes for Development of Cooperatives; and (ii) Central Sector Scheme for Cooperative Education and Training.

2. The component of Assistance to NCDC Programmes for Development of Cooperatives under the Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Co-operation is being implemented by NCDC, a statutory Corporation set up in 1963 under an Act of Parliament under the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. The overall outlay approved for the component during 12th Plan is Rs.3535 crores, out of which subsidy of Rs.802 crores will be provided by the Government of India for the following components /activities and the remaining part will be provided by NCDC from its own corpus as term loan:-

- (i) Assistance for marketing, storage, processing etc.;
- (ii) Share capital participation in Growers'/Weavers' Co-operative Spinning Mills;
- (iii) Integrated Co-operative Development Projects in selected districts; and

3. Under the above components, financial assistance in the form of subsidy is being provided to NCDC for improving the economic conditions of cooperatives particularly in the less developed and under developed region, removing regional imbalances, to speed up cooperative development in agricultural marketing, processing and storage, computerization of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies(PACS), cotton development, establishment of new as well as modernization / expansion / rehabilitation of existing cooperative spinning mills, ginning and pressing units, promotion and development of selected districts in the country through cooperative efforts etc. Department of Agriculture & Cooperation released an amount of Rs.278.50 crores during XI Plan. The outlay approved for XII Plan is Rs.802 crores including Rs.10 crores for the component of Assistance to Multi-State Co-operative Societies.

Assistance to Multi State Co-operative Societies

The basic objective of the component is to strengthen the base of Multi State Co-operative Societies by providing grants restricted to 90% of the expenditure for activities like promotional, technical, consultancy services, research studies, conferences/seminars/workshops, skill development programmes, construction and maintenance of office buildings etc. The outlay approved for the component for the 12th Plan is Rs.10 crores
