

Government of West Bengal
Co-operation Department,
Writers' Buildings, Kolkata - 1.

No. 869-Coop./C/7S-33/2009.

Dated, Kolkata, the 17th March, 2010.

NOTIFICATION

The undersigned is directed by order of the Governor to say that the Governor is pleased to accord approval to the Project of Construction of sixty-four (64) Rural Storage Go-downs for various Co-operative Societies as detailed in Annexure-I, at an estimated cost of Rs.2,961.65 lakh (Rupees Twenty nine Crore sixty one lakh and sixty five thousand) only under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund-XV (R.I.D.F.-XV) Project of National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) during 2009-2010. The said project has a direct bearing with Agriculture and envisages in creation of additional storage capacity of 1,00,131 M.T. for storage of Food grains and Agricultural produces in thirteen (13) districts of West Bengal.

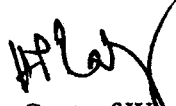
- 2 The Department of Co-operation will be the implementing Department for the Project.
- 3 Out of the total financial outlay of the Project estimated at Rs.2,961.65 lakh, NABARD under its Regional Office letter no. NB (WBRO)/6474/SPD-20(XV-107th PSC)/2009-10, dated 30.12.2009 and vide letter No. NB (WBRO)/212F/SPD-20(XV-108th PSC)/2009-10, dated 28.01.2010 has sanctioned the cumulative loan of Rs.2,813.57 lakh (Rupees Twenty eight Crore thirteen lakh and fifty seven thousand) only to the Finance Department of this Government. The balance amount of Rs.148.08 lakh (Rupees One Crore forty eight lakh and eight thousand) only will be contributed by the State Government. The Finance Department of this Government will place the said fund to the implementing Department, i.e., the Co-operation Department for implementation of the said project.
- 4 The charge on account of expenditure on this score will be debitable from the head of account, "2425-Cooperation-00-106-Assistance to Multipurpose Rural Cooperatives-SP-State Plan(Annual Plan and Eleventh Plan)-027-Construction of godowns/Cold Storages/Processing Units under RIDF(RIDF)(RIDF)[CO]-V-Voted-35 grants for creation of Capital Assets" under demand No.8, Department code (CO).
- 5 The undersigned is further directed to say that Governor is further pleased to approve that the West Bengal State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd. (BENFED) be appointed as the Project Implementing Agency (PIA) for implementation of the said project.
- 6 For speedy implementation of this Project, the Co-operation Department will release the fund to the BENFED in phases from time to time and will be subjected to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The PIA shall constitute a Steering Committee at the State Level to be headed by the Managing Director, BENFED for taking decision and for monitoring the implementation process.
 - b. Each of the beneficiary Co-operative Society shall execute an Agreement with the Government of West Bengal as may be approved by the Co-operation Department delineating the role, responsibilities and obligations of both the parties. The said Agreement shall also contain the conditionalities to be laid-down by the Government in regard to the construction of the said Storage Go-downs, post-construction handing over of the said go-downs to the Cooperative Societies and management, revenue sharing, maintenance and repairing of these go-downs.

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- c. The PIA shall constitute a Tender Committee comprising all the members of the Steering Committee, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, West Bengal or his representative and one representative from each of the beneficiary Co-operative Societies (to be nominated by respective Co-operative Society excepting BENFED). The said Tender Committee shall execute all work related to the invitation of Tender, process the Tenders and finalize the appointment of Contractors for implementation of the Project. All Tenders shall be invited for each Sub-Project Centrally and one Contractor shall be selected for one Sub-Project.
- d. Ordinarily the presence of minimum six members of Steering Committee will make the quorum in any meeting of Tender Committee but the presence of the Engineers of this committee and the representative of the beneficiary Co-operative shall be a must for any such meeting.
- e. After finalization of Tender, the PIA will issue Work Order for each project with a copy to this department for release of start-up fund for this project.
- f. The PIA will maintain a separate Bank Account and a separate Cash Book for recording the receipt and utilization of the fund through financial transactions for the Project. Separate Accounting Statements of the same should be prepared and Sub-Project-wise accounts are to be maintained.
- g. The PIA will have to furnish physical and financial reports on progress of implementation of the Sub-Project under the Project on monthly basis in prescribed Format-P, as enclosed, for release of fund for the Sub-Projects after the release of the 1st instalment of fund by the Project Implementing Department. Format-P and the Sub-Project wise Utilization Certificate should be furnished for all Projects against each tranche.
- h. There shall be a Range Level Monitoring Committee (RLMC) for RIDF Project of each Range comprising the following members :
- i) The Range A.R.C.S.-Chairman of RLMC
 - ii) The Director of BENFED of concerned District-Member
 - iii) The Engineer of BENFED (to be nominated by BENFED)-member
 - iv) One representative from each beneficiary co-operative Society (to be nominated by respective co-operative society except BENFED)-member
 - v) The District Manager, BENFED-member Convener.
- i. The said RLMC will monitor the implementation of the RIDF Project in the concerned Range, review progress, settle bottle necks, evaluate the quality of work thereof, ensure project implementation as per approved estimate, recommend on the release of fund of such works against interim and/or final bills and on furnishing of Completion Certificate. The RLMC will send its feedback to the Steering Committee.
- j. Ordinarily presence of minimum five members will be sufficient for quorum in any meeting of RLMC but the presence of the engineers of BENFED and the representative of the beneficiary Co-operative Society shall be a must for any such meeting.
- k. The assisted Co-operative Societies should clear up their dues to the Co-operative Education Fund and the arrears of Audit Fees, if any.
- l. The inventory of the assets created under the project should be carefully preserved.
- m. The financial rules of utilization of Government Fund are to be observed strictly.
- n. All work to be executed with due observance of the RIDF guidelines.
- o. The PIA shall submit the Project Completion Report along with complete Utilization Certificate for each of the sanctioned Sub-Project within fifteen days of its completion.
7. The projects are to be completed latest by 31st March, 2013.
8. To meet the contingent and overhead expenses on implementation of the Project, the PIA will be allowed Administrative Cost @ 4% of the Project's financial outlay.
9. To meet escalation in Project Cost, if any, additional fund will be given by the State Government/NABARD in due course.
10. These issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Budget) Department vide their No. 2347(16)-F.B. dated 30.05.2005, read with No. 648(24)-F.B., dated 07.07.2008 respectively.

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11. The Principal Accountant General (A & E), West Bengal and all concerned are being informed.

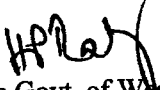

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.

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1. The Principal Accountant General (A & E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
2. The Finance Department (Group 'N') of this Government.
3. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, West Bengal.
4. The Planning & Development Cell of the Co-operation Directorate.
5. The Marketing Cell of the Co-operation Directorate.
6. The Managing Director, BENFED, Southend Conclave, 3rd Floor, 1582 Rajdanga Main Road, Kolkata - 700 107.
7. The C.E.O., CONFED, P-I, Hide Lane, Akbar Mansion, 3rd Floor, Kol - 73.
8. The A.R.C.S., Burdwan-I/Burdwan-II/Burdwan-III/North 24-Parganas/Birbhum/Jalpaiguri/South 24-Parganas/Nadia/Murshidabad/Howrah/Dakshin Dinajpur/Hooghly/Maolda/Purba Midnapur-I/Purba Midnapur-II/Paschim Midnapur.
9. The Guard File of Group 'C' of this Department


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