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COOPERATION DEPARTMENT

ORDER

The 16th December, 2019

No. 8903–COOP-CR1-CRSTC-0001/2019/Coop.— The Short Term Agricultural Credit to farmers is being provided by PACS/ FSCS/ LAMPCS. They in turn get refinance from District Central Cooperative Banks(DCCBs) and DCCBs get refinance from Odisha State Cooperative Bank (OSCB) in which share of NABARD is 45%. With a view to strengthening and bringing transparency in service delivery to the members, the State Government decided to go for computerization of PACS/ LAMPCS/ FSCS and their linkage to CBS of the Financing Banks. But it has come to the notice of the Government that because of non-completion of computerization at PACS level and the transactions are happening manually in offline mode, a number of complaints are being received from many farmers regarding manipulation of loan sanction and misappropriation of loan amount.

Now, it is felt necessary to issue directive to OSCB to bring administration of Short Term Agricultural Credit to the farmers only on online platform and direct cash transfer of sanctioned amount to the farmers Savings Bank Accounts and linkage or Co-ordination between related Co-operative activities like production, marketing & credit support.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by the Section 123-A of the Odisha Cooperative Societies Act, 1962, the State Government do hereby direct the OSCB, all CCBs and PACS/ LAMPCS/ FSCS to comply the following instructions as specified below:—

1. All Short Term Agriculture credit administration to farmers must be done on online mode only. The PACS/ FSCS/ LAMPCS which will not come to online transaction mode will not be eligible to get refinance from Kharif-2020 onwards. Their refinance may be restored only when they come to online platform and for online sanction of credit only.

2. All Crop loans sanctioned must be credited directly to Savings Bank Accounts of the farmers by the Banks.

3. All I.T. infrastructures and manpower required for computerization of PACS/ FSCS/ LAMPCS shall be put in place by OSCB on priority.

4. All DCCBs must open SB Accounts of farmers who approach them and proactively help them in opening of SB Accounts.

By Order of the Governor

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