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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 7th November, 2023

No.24665—DAFE-AB-MISC-0020/2020/A&FE.— In pursuant of Notification No.11207, dated the 16th July, 2020 of Department of Agriculture & FE, the Operational Guidelines on "BALARAM (Bhoomihina Agriculturist Loan And Resources Augmentation Model)" has been formulated and issued vide letter no. 13754, dated the 4th September, 2020. The Guideline is periodically reviewed/scrutinized and as such, the same is being modified from time to time for better ease of operation.

Now, after careful consideration, the Government have been pleased to modify the aforesaid guidelines of BALARAM by inserting the following special provisions in the Operational Guidelines of BALARAM:—

8A. Special enabling provision for forming/nurturing/financing JLGs under BALARAM by the three tier Short Term Credit Co-operative Structure (STCCS).

(i) The Short Term Credit Co-operative Structure (STCCS) includes PACS/LAMPCS, DCCBs and OSCB and the PACS/LAMPCS are those which actually form the JLGs and extend credit.

(ii) JLGs eligible as per the eligibility criteria mentioned in Operational Guidelines which are formed, nurtured and financed by PACS/LAMPCS are covered under BALARAM with immediate effect.

(iii) Certificate of Cultivation (CoC) in favour of individual members of existing JLGs are not to be insisted and as such one-time relaxation of CoC is given to such JLGs. However, the terms and conditions for formation of JLGs under BALARAM are to be followed by PACS/LAMPCS while forming new JLGs under the Scheme.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything contained in Section 19 of the Scheme as amended from time to time, the incentives for promotion of JLGs by NABARD would be released to the PACS / LAMPCS through MD, OSCB following the same procedure as stipulated in the said section only for those JLGs formed/nurtured/financed by PACS/ LAMPCS.

(v) The PACS/LAMPCS will also be responsible for formation/nurturing of the JLGs & recovery of loans, as are being done by the Krushak Sathis as in the Operational Guidelines.

(vi) Krushak Sathis to provide assistance to PACS and LAMPCS for formation/nurturing of JLGs under BALARAM as also facilitating recovery of loans.

This shall come into force with effect from the date of publication of the Notification in the *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor
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