

**No.1001/5/2023-AIF**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**  
**Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**  
**Agriculture Infrastructure Fund**

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,  
Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023

**ORDER**

With the approval of the competent authority, the *non-scheduled State / District Cooperative Banks* have also been included as participating institutions under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Scheme to provide financing facilities after signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)/Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

2. Accordingly, para-9 (Participating institutions) of the guidelines of AIF issued in January 2023 is hereby amended as under:

*All scheduled commercial banks, scheduled cooperative banks, Regional Rural Banks (RRBs), Small Finance Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), non-scheduled State/District Cooperative Banks, and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) may participate to provide this financing facility, after signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)/DA&FW.*



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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 21 Sept., 2023

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Clarification with regard to ORDER no. 1001/5/2023-AIF dated 31.08.2023-reg**

The undersigned is directed to say that with the approval of the competent authority, the non-scheduled State / District Cooperative Banks have also been included as participating institutions under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) Scheme to provide financing facilities after signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)/Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare by amending para-9 (Participating institutions) of the guidelines of AIF issued in January 2023.

2. Now, this department is receiving queries from many Cooperative Banks as well as from DCCBs for signing of the MoUs for sanctioning loans under AIF.

3. In this connection, **it is hereby clarified that District Central Cooperative Banks need not be required to sign MoUs with National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD)/ Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. Upon signing of the MoU by State Cooperative Banks, all District Central Cooperative Banks affiliated to the concerned State Cooperative Bank can automatically be eligible to participate under the scheme.**



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