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Subject: Constitution of Working Group on Outreach of Institutional Finance & Cooperative Reforms for Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012)

In the context of preparing Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012), it has been decided to constitute a Working Group on Outreach of Institutional Finance & Cooperative Reforms with the following Composition and Terms of Reference:

2. The composition of the Working Group is as under:

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(iii)	Prof. V.S. Vyas, Chairman, Institute of Development Studies, 8-B, Jhalana Institutional Area, Jaipur-302 004.	- Member
(iv)	Smt. Usha Thorat, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, Mumbai-400 001.	- Member
(v)	Prof. N. Rath, Indian School of Political Economy, Arthabodh, 968/21-22, Senapati Bapat Road, Pune-411016, Tele No. 5657132/5657210.	- Member
(vi)	Shri A.K. Garg, Managing Director, Agriculture Finance Corporation Ltd., Dhanraj Mahal, 1 st Floor, CSM Marg, Mumbai-400 001, Tele No. 022-22026771, 022-22029517, M-9821317747.	- Member
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(xi)	Shri S.S. Kohli, Ex-CMD, Punjab National Bank, 1201-1207, Naurang House, 12 th Floor, K.G. Marg, New Delhi-110001, Tele No. 23736354.	- Member
(xii)	Shri T.S. Bhattacharya, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Bandra Kurla Complex Mumbai-400 051.	- Member
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(xv)	Shri Nachiket Mor, Executive Director, ICICI Bank.	- Member
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(xxi)	Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, Government of Maharashtra, Central Building Annexe, Pune-411001.	- Member
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(xxviii)	Shri Bhagwati Prasad, Director, Vaikunth Mehta National Institute for Cooperative Management, University Road, Pune-411 007, Tele No. 020-25537974-78, Fax: 020-25537726, Email: info@vam.	- Member
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3. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Working Group will be as follows:

- (i) To review the flow of institutional (Cooperative Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Commercial Banks) credit to the agriculture sector during the 10th Plan, giving State-wise/ Region-wise and sub-sectoral break-up and identify the factors affecting the growth of such credit. To assess the short- term and long- term credit requirement for agricultural production and work out target for 11th Plan. Also suggest measures/strategies to fulfill the requirements especially investment credit.
- (ii) To review the efficacy and adequacy of the structure of agricultural credit and the relative performance of its major components including Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme, Self-Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme, Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP), etc. Also suggest the changes in these components to facilitate greater flow of agricultural credit to various categories of farmers.
- (iii) To assess the flow of credit to the disadvantaged sections such as small and marginal farmers, tenant farmers, oral lessees and landless labourers and identify the impediments in the flow of credit to them and suggest measures for easy availability of credit to them for agricultural production and other agricultural activities.

- (iv) To study the cost of funds to lenders, cost of borrowing and lending margins and their impact on the flow of agricultural credit and to suggest measures to reduce the cost of borrowing including rate of interest on agricultural credit.
- (v) To study the regional disparity in the flow of agricultural credit, identify the factors inhibiting the farm credit flow in the States and suggest suitable programmes for removing regional disparity in the flow of agricultural credit.
- (vi) To formulate strategy to meet gaps in supply of agricultural credit in relation to development needs of regions, sectors and client groups.
- (vii) To suggest procedural simplifications including relaxation in the collateral/security/margin requirements for devising a borrower-friendly and effective agricultural credit delivery system.
- (viii) To study the legal framework for recovery, its relevance/adequacy and suggest a better system for farm loan recovery which improves overall recovery climate without being harsh to the farmers.
- (ix) To evolve an appropriate mechanism to cover the risk in financing disadvantaged section and risk prone agricultural activities through creation of separate dedicated funds and other institutional arrangements other than insurance cover.
- (x) To review the magnitude of indebtedness of farmers (institutional and non-institutional sources) and its impact on the flow of agricultural credit and to suggest measures for covering all the farmers within institutional credit fold and meeting their entire credit requirements including consumption credit for reducing their dependence on informal sources.
- (xi) To review the present status of agricultural credit in the North-Eastern States, identify the constraints/bottlenecks in the flow of agricultural credit to the farmers of this region and suggest concrete measures for encouraging greater flow of bank credit for agricultural production and other agricultural activities in the Region.
- (xii) To critically evaluate the performance of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) and also suggest measures for its enhanced / better utilization for agriculture and allied activities.
- (xiii) To review the coverage of credit facilitation through extension network and suggest modalities for improvement.
- (xiv) To critically review the performance of the on-going schemes of the Department of A&C, RBI, NABARD and Department of Banking (M/o

Finance) and suggest any modifications/discontinuation of any new schemes to be taken up to meet the desired goal.

Cooperative Reforms

- (i) To review the status of Cooperatives and its role in the economic development of the country in general and in the agricultural economy of the country, in particular.
- (ii) To study the regional disparity in the development of cooperatives, identify the factors inhibiting the development of cooperatives in the states and suggest suitable programmes for encouraging cooperatives in the cooperatively underdeveloped states.
- (iii) To suggest measures for Human Resource Development in the Agricultural Cooperatives.
- (iv) To review the magnitude of agricultural indebtedness and also status of over dues, financial health of PACs (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) and Land Development Banks, identify the factors affecting financial health and efficiency of Cooperative Credit societies and suggest measures and institutional framework for making the Cooperative Credit Societies more efficient.
- (v) To study the progress of revamping/strengthening of rural cooperative credit institutions following the Report of the Task Force on Revival of Rural Cooperative Credit Institutions and to suggest measures for hastening the revamping process.
- (vi) To study the short term impacts of economic reforms on cooperative credit structure.
- (vii) To suggest suitable programmes, schemes and strategic reforms in cooperative sector for the 11th Plan to address agricultural growth and distress.

4. The Working Group may co-opt any other official/ non-official expert/ representative of any organization as member(s), if required.

5. The Working Group may also examine and address any other issues which are important but are not specifically spelt out in the ToR. The Working Group may devise its own procedures for conducting its business including meetings.

6. The expenditure of the official members on TA/DA in connection with the meetings of the Working Group will be borne by their respective Ministry/ Department/ State Government as per the rules of entitlement applicable to them. In case of non-officials, the TA/DA will be borne by the Planning Commission as admissible under SR 190 (a).

7. The Working Group will be serviced by NABARD.
8. The Working Group will submit its interim Report by the end of July, 2006 and Final Report by the end of October, 2006 to the Planning Commission.
9. Shri Vijay Kumar, Director (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Room No. 466, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi-110001, Tel. No. 011-23096543, e-mail: vijaykumarverma54@yahoo.com , and Fax No. 011-23096764/23096779 will be the nodal officer of this Working Group and any further query/correspondence in this regard may be made with him.



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To

The Chairman and all Members (including Member-Secretary) of the Working Group.

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1. PSs to Deputy Chairman / Minister of State (Planning)/Members/Member- Secretary, Planning Commission.
2. PS to Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, N. Delhi.
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