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Parliament Street, New Delhi,
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To

1. MD & CEOs of all PSBs
2. Chairman NABARD

Subject:- KCC for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries-reg.

Sir,

As you are aware, RBI vide their Master Circular dated 4.2.2018 extended the KCC facility to the farmers engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries for their working capital requirement. Further, keeping in view the importance of livestock sector and its contribution to overall GDP in agriculture, a separate target of Rs.61,650 crore has been earmarked for animal husbandry and fisheries within the overall term loan target of Rs.6,80,000 crore for agriculture during 2021-22.

2. To further streamline the process of credit delivery through KCC to the animal husbandry and fisheries farmers, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)/Guidelines for issue of separate KCC for animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries farmers have been finalised (enclosed at Annexure) in consultation with the stakeholders including Ministry of AHDF, RBI, NABARD and IBA.

3. PSBs and NABARD in respect of Cooperative Banks and RRBs are advised to use the SOP as a guiding document and determine the operational aspects of KCC in accordance with their board approved policies.

4. While issuing separate KCC for animal husbandry, dairy and fisheries, Banks may look into the operational aspects with respect to issuing KCC to crop or allied activities separately or together. It is clarified in this regard that stand-alone separate KCC for allied activities may be issued exclusively for animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries and other allied activities. In case of composite KCC, which includes credit facility for agriculture and allied activities or augmentation of credit limit on the existing KCC (agriculture) due to add on requirement for allied activities, no separate KCC should be issued.

Yours faithfully,


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Enclosure: as above

CC :

1. Ms.Varsha Joshi, JS (CDD), DAHD wrt d.o. letter dated 05.08.21
- 2.CEO IBA, with the request to issue similar advisory to Private Sector Banks.

Draft Guideline for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Kisan Credit Card -Applicant

S. No.	Title	Criteria
1	Purpose	KCC facility to meet the Short Term credit requirements of rearing of animals, birds, fish, shrimp, other aquatic organisms, capture of fish.
2	Eligibility	
	Fishery	<p>1. Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture: Fishers, Fish Farmers (individual & groups/ partners/ share croppers/ tenant farmers), Self Help Groups, Joint Liability Groups and women groups.</p> <p>The beneficiaries must own or lease any of the fisheries related activities such as pond, tank, open water bodies, raceway, hatchery, rearing unit, possess necessary license for fish farming and fishing related activities, and any other State specific fisheries and allied activities.</p> <p>2 Marine Fisheries: Beneficiaries listed above, who own or lease registered fishing vessel/boat, possess necessary fishing license/permission for fishing in estuary and sea, fish farming/mariculture activities in estuaries and open sea and any other State specific fisheries and allied activities.</p>
	Poultry and small ruminant	Farmers, poultry farmers either individual or joint borrower, Joint Liability Groups or Self Help Groups including tenant farmer of sheep/ goats/ pigs/ poultry birds/rabbit and having owned/rented/leased sheds.
	Dairy	Farmers and Dairy farmers either individual or joint borrower, Joint Liability Groups or Self Help Groups including tenant farmers having owned /rented/leased sheds.
3	Scale of Finance	<p>The scale of finance will be fixed by the District Level Technical Committee (DLTC)/State Level Technical Committee (SLTC) based on local cost worked out on the basis of per per unit/ per animal/per bird etc. The maximum period for assessment of working capital requirement may be based on the cash flow statement or completion of one production cycle.</p> <p>Fisheries and Animal Husbandry experts of the Govt. may be made members of the DLTC for giving technical inputs for assessing the cash credit requirement. Progressive entrepreneurs Of livestock/fisheries sector may also be included in the DLTC for providing field level inputs while assessing the working capital requirements</p>