

F. No. 3/6/2011-AC
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Finance Services
(AC Section)

Jeevan Deep Building, Parliament Street,
New Delhi, dated 13th June, 2012

To,

1. The Chairman, NABARD, Head Office, Mumbai
2. The Chairman/CMDs of all Public Sector Banks

**Subject: Women SHGs Development Fund – Operational guidelines,
clarification
regarding letter of even no. dated 30th March, 2012.**

Sir,

The WSHG project now includes 109 districts of the country and would be extended to cover 150 districts shortly. Banks/NABARD/State Governments have sought certain clarifications on the operational guidelines. I am directed to clarify as under:-

- (i) All the groups which are in existence before the commencement of the scheme should not be disturbed.
- (ii) The NGO may take up capacity building of the existing groups. Formation of new groups may be taken if proposed beneficiaries are not a member of any existing group.
- (iii) In case the NGO take up capacity building of the existing groups, NABARD/Banks before extending financial assistance for the group should ensure that the financial assistance from the State Government/ Central Government for the same group has not been granted before, for the same purpose.

2. These clarifications may be brought to the notice of all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

(M.S. Azad)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Tel. No.- 23748758

Email:- acsec-bkg@nic.in

Copy to: Secretary, MoRD for information