1 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 to 31 August 2020

Providing 2% Interest Subvention (IS) to Banks and 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) to farmers for loans due between 1st March 2020 and 31st August 2020

Please refer to our Circular reference No. NB.DoR.Policy /2899/ IS-1 / 2019-20 {Circular No.76/DoR-15/2020} dated 31 March 2020, conveying extension of benefit of 2% Interest Subvention (IS) to Banks and 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) to farmers for the extended period upto 31.05.2020 or date of actual repayment whichever is earlier, in respect of short term crop loans up to Rs.3 lakh per farmer extended by Banks @7% p.a., which have become due or shall become due between 1st March 2020 and 31st May 2020.

2. Since the COVID-19 threat is likely to continue beyond 31.05.2020, RBI vide its notification dated 23rd May 2020 has extended the moratorium by another 3 months i.e. from 1st June 2020 to 31st August 2020 in respect of all term loans (including agricultural term loans, retail and crop loans) and working capital loans taken from all Commercial Banks (including Regional Rural Banks, Small Finance Banks and Local Area Banks) and Co-operative Banks.

3. In order to ensure that farmers do not have to face the situation of paying higher...
In view of the above, we advise you to take appropriate action and continue providing the PRI benefit to farmers for the extended period of repayment of such short term loans upto 31st August, 2020 for agriculture including Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries, which have fallen due or shall fall due between from 1st March 2020 and 31st August 2020.
F. No. 1-9/2020- Credit-I
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Krish Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 1st June, 2020

Office Memorandum

Subject: Extension of repayment date upto 31.08.2020 for short term loans upto Rs.3 lakh advanced for agriculture including Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries by banks, which have become due or shall become due between 1st March, 2020 and 31st August, 2020 with continued benefit of 2% Interest Subvention (IS) to Banks and 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) to farmers.

In the wake of the lockdown due to Covid-19 pandemic and the resultant restrictions imposed on movement of people including farmers, Government of India had allowed the benefit of 2% Interest Subvention (IS) to Banks and 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) to farmers for the extended period of repayment of loans upto 31.05.2020 or date of actual repayment whichever is earlier, for short term crop loans upto Rs.3 lakh per farmer given by Banks @ 7% p.a., which have become due or shall become due between 1st March, 2020 and 31st May, 2020. It is seen that the COVID-19 threat is likely to continue beyond 31.5.2020.

2. The Government had already (through RBI notification dated 22nd May, 2020) extended the moratorium by another 3 months i.e. from June 1, 2020 to Aug 31, 2020 in respect of all term loans including agricultural term loans, retail and crop loans) and working capital loans taken from all commercial banks (including regional rural banks, small finance banks and local area banks) and co-operative banks.

3. In order to ensure that farmers do not have to face the situation of paying higher interest and they can continue getting the benefit of short term loan at concessional interest rate of 4% per annum which is applicable on timely repayment, Government has decided to further continue the benefit of 2% Interest Subvention (IS) to Banks and 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive (PRI) to farmers for agriculture including Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries for the extended period of repayment upto 31.8.2020 or date of actual repayment, whichever is earlier, for such short term loans upto Rs 3 lakh per farmer (upto Rs. 2 lakh for Animal Husbandry, Dairy &
Fisheries farmers) given by Banks @ 7% p.a. which have become due or shall become due between 1st March, 2020 and 31st August, 2020.

4. In view of the above, RBI and NABARD are requested to advise all concerned banks to continue providing the IS and PRI benefit to farmers for the extended period of repayment of such short term loans upto 31st August, 2020 for agriculture including Animal Husbandry, Dairy & Fisheries, which have fallen due or shall fall due between from 1st March, 2020 and 31st August, 2020.

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