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Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare
(Office of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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CIRCULAR

Subject: Collection of deposits by multi-state cooperative societies – reg.

This Department is receiving a number of complaints that some of the multi-state cooperative societies are not repaying the deposits after maturity or in case of pre-maturity. Further, it is observed from these complaints and RTI applications that these deposits are made in the society by the members/public with the impression that these societies are functioning under the administrative control of Central Registrar, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

2. Whereas, these multi-state cooperative societies are functioning as autonomous cooperative organizations accountable to their members as per the provisions of the MSCS Act, 2002 and rules made thereunder, the business matters such as accepting of deposits, giving loan to members and repayment of deposits fall under the powers and functions of the Board of Directors of the multi-state cooperative societies and office of the Central Registrar has no role to play on these matters.

3. As such, to make it clear to the members/investors/public, all multi-state cooperative societies (except multi-state cooperative banks) are hereby directed to display the following in the entrance of the society, branches, in the forms relating to various deposits and also to post in their websites, if any maintained :-

"Multi-state cooperative societies are functioning as autonomous cooperative organizations accountable to their members and not under the administrative control of the Central Registrar, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare. Therefore, the depositors/members are advised to take decision for investing deposits based on the performance of the society at their own risk. Central Registrar, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare does not provide any guarantee for these deposits."

4. In view of the above, all the multi-state cooperative societies are directed to file action taken report in this regard within a period of thirty days from the date of this circular.

This issues with the approval of Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies.

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Distribution to :

- a) All multi-state cooperative societies/federations;
- b) RCS of all States/UTs with the request to monitor and to submit the report within their jurisdiction.
- c) Shri Suraj, Senior Programmer, NIC, for uploading on the departmental website www.msac.dac.gov.in