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I. Foreword:

During this quarter (Apr-Jun, 2022) WDRA saw a slew of outreach programmes and interactions with banks and financial institutions. Truly we were fully coming out of a long period of enforced isolation caused by the covid-19 pandemic and reaching out to stakeholders across the country. Training programmes and Farmer Awareness programmes were also held in right earnest. Undoubtedly these activities should translate into greater registration of warehouses and use of electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (eNWRs).

WDRA also said good bye to two long serving officers, Sh. Ganesh A Bakade, Director (A&F) and Sh. R K Tripathi, Sr. Consultant (Tech). But, we were also joined by two senior officers Sh. Dheeraj Sahu, Joint Secretary and Sh. Jeetesh Sharma, Director (A&F). Change is everywhere. It is inevitable in WDRA also. A high point of this quarter was the visit of a delegation from Kenya to learn about WDRA functioning and it is always a privilege to spread the message of safe and scientific warehousing with in the country and outside.

Sh. T. K Manoj Kumar, Chairman

II. Outreach Programmes:

To popularize eNWRs and spread awareness about it, WDRA officials conducted several outreach programmes in different parts of India as shown below:

1. Sh. Harpreet Singh, Member, Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member and Dr. R K Tripathi, Senior Consultant (Technical) attended the National Level Stakeholder Round table on Agri Infra Fund organised by Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare in collaboration with CII on 12.04.2022 and gave a presentation on WDRA Standards for warehouse infrastructure and SOPs required for registration of warehouses with WDRA.

2. Outreach programme at Tiruppur dated 19.04.2022: 95 participants from State agriculture department, Agri marketing, co-operative, Deputy Registrar's, PACS, Banks, FPOs, Traders, WHMs, CWC, SWC, and Repositories attended this session. Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA explained the benefits of e-NWR system and pledge finance through e-NWR.

3. Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA met Director, Agri Business Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University on 20.04.2022. During the meeting, Member, WDRA discussed various aspects related to WDRA, e-NWR eco system, Post-harvest management issues and Agri, impact of e NWR on rural finance, participation of FPOs in warehousing, modification of curriculum to include Functions of WDRA, Repository system and e-NWR.

4. Outreach programme at Bikaner dated 29.04.2022: 50 participants from SKR Agriculture University, SBI, PNB, HDFC, Yes Bank, RSKGB, DDM NABARD, Traders, WHMs, CWC, SWC and Repositories attended this programme. Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA informed importance and benefits of e-NWR system and pledge finance through e-NWR.

5. Outreach programme on 06.05.2022 in Morena, Madhya Pradesh : 52 participants from Central Bank of India, Punjab and Sindh Bank, HDFC, IOB, The Lead Bank Manager, WHMs,

CWC, FPOs and Repositories attended the outreach programme. Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA chaired this programme.

6. Interaction meeting on 10.05.2022 at Wardha : District Collector, Smt. Prerna Deshbhratar. Sh. H. K. Dabas, Under Secretary, WDRA and Sh. B. P. Yadav, Assistant Director, attended the session and discussed the requirements and benefits of warehouse registration with WDRA. 20 representatives of various Departments of State Govt., Banks and NABARD, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Rural Development, ATAMMA, SHG, District Registrar Cooperative were present in the meeting.

7. Sh. T. K Manoj Kumar, Chairman WDRA and Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA met with Smt. G Lakshmi Bai, Director, Agri Marketing Department, Government of Telangana on 11.05.2022 in Hyderabad to register warehouses of department with WDRA.



Sh. T. K Manoj Kumar, Chairman WDRA and Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDRA with Smt. G Lakshmi Bai, Director, Agri Marketing Department, Government of Telangana on 11.05.2022 in Hyderabad alongwith other officers.

8. A meeting was held on 19.05.2022 between officers of WDRA and NIPHM (National Institute of Plant Health Management) to plan various outreach and training programmes for Financial Year 2022-23.

9. Sh. Animesh Kumar, Deputy Director (SA), WDRA and Sh. K V Ramana Murthy, RM/ Secretary FAC, Telangana State Warehousing Corporation had a meeting at Hyderabad on 21.05.2022 regarding registration of all warehouses operated by TSWC with WDRA.

10. Meeting on 26.05.2022 at Chennai: Discussed about registration of 86 warehouses of 22 APMCs with WDRA. Dr. S. Natarajan, IAS, Director, Dept. of Agricultural Marketing, APMC Secretaries, and Sh. H K Dabas, Under Secretary and Sh. Brijendra Pratap Yadav Assistant Director from WDRA were present in meeting.

11. Chairman, WDRA had a VC with Sh. Nitin Deshpande, GM, BoI on 30.05.2022 for onboarding the bank on WDRA Repositories to extend pledge finance against eNWRs.

12. Sh. Sai Pradeep Gopisetty, AD (SAO) and Sh. Dinesh Pabshetwar SO (A&F) visited Odisha State Warehousing Corporation on 02.06.2022 to give a presentation on Pledge finance through e-NWR. They also given handholding support in processing warehouse applications. They also met MD, OSWC, Odisha SLBC Convener, CGM, NABARD, and GM, Odisha State Agri Marketing Board discussed matters related to Pledge Finance and registration of WIF financed warehouses.

13. Sh. A. Allen Samuel, AD (SR&R) and Sh. Neerupal Yadav, AD (SA), WDR A visited West Bengal State Warehousing Corporation (WBSWC), Kolkata on 02.06.2022 to provide training to WBSWC officials on WDR A registration.

14. A meeting with Odisha State Cooperation Department was convened on 14.06.2022 through Video Conference to discuss various issues relating to registration of warehouses in Odisha. MD, Odisha State Warehousing Cooperation (OSWC), officers from Odisha State Cooperation Department and OSAM Board etc. participated in the meeting. Various issues were discussed like registration of warehouses of OSWC, registration of warehouses funded under Warehouse Infrastructure Fund (WIF) and opportunities of pledge finance through e-NWR.

15. Sh. H.K. Dabas US (Tech) and Sh. B.P. Yadav AD (OPs), WDR A attended a meeting under the chairmanship of Commissioner(Agriculture), Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan on 17.06.2022. The meeting was also attended by the representatives of FPCs, NABARD and APMCs. The purpose of the meeting is to register warehouses covered under FPCs, NABARD and APMCs. WDR A officers also demonstrated the process of WDR A's registration to the participants.

16. AD (SR&R), WDR A gave a presentation on warehouse receipt financing through e-NWR during NABARD structured meet for cluster officers and District Development Managers at NABARD Regional Office, Chennai on 17.06.2022. AD (SR&R), WDR A during the session informed the participants about the benefits of e-NWR and regulation undertaken by WDR A. The session was attended by senior officers from NABARD including Sh. T Venkatakrishna, CGM.

17. Officials of WDR A visited metal storage warehouses at Raipur to review the infrastructural facilities & storage practices in Non-agri warehouses. Officials also visited the cold storage and interacted with Cold Storage Service Providers at Raipur, Chattisgarh to make them aware about the benefits of registration with WDR A and e-NWR pledge financing.

18. Sh. B. P. Yadav, AD (OPs), WDR A visited Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation (KSWC) on 22.06.2022 and met Sh. Richard D'Souza, IAS, MD KSWC. AD (OPs) explained WDR A's registration process to the officers of KSWC and resolved their queries. He also provided handholding support to them in submitting applications for WDR A registration. AD (OPs), WDR A also met Smt. Rajshree, Joint Director, Smt. Geeta Bhatt, Licensing officer, Sh. Som Sundra Chief Engineer and Sh. Shiva Shankar superintendent, APMC, Karnataka. AD (OPS) informed the benefits of e-NWR and pledge financing to the officers of APMC besides the process of registration of warehouses with WDR A. He requested the officers to get the warehouses of APMC registered with WDR A at the earliest.

Sh. Lalit Singh (Assistant)

III. Meetings with Banks:

Banks are very important stakeholders in WDR A's activities. WDR A has now been directly interacting with banks to persuade them to usher in an era of post-harvest finance against digital warehouse receipts i.e., the e-NWR issued by WDR A registered warehouses. The following interactions were held in this quarter:

1. A meeting was held between officers of WDR A and ICICI Lombard on 01.06.2022 in WDR A office, New Delhi. Various issues related to insurance were discussed during the meeting.

2. A meeting was held between Officers of WDR A and Punjab and Sindh Bank on 07.06.2022 in WDR A office. Issues related to post harvest finance and benefits of e-NWR eco system and functioning of WDR A Repository system were discussed.

3. Sh. T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman and Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDR A had a meeting with Sh. Matam Venkata Rao, MD & CEO and other officer of Central Bank of India on 10.06.2022 through VC for improving pledge finance against eNWR.

4. Sh. T K Manoj Kumar, Chairman and Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDR A had a meeting with Sh. Soma Sankara Prasad, MD & CEO, UCO Bank on 10.06.2022 through VC for improving pledge finance against eNWRs.

5. WDR A had a virtual meeting with Indian Bank Association (IBA) on 16.06.2022. Various members of IBA viz SBI, HDFC, Bank of Baroda and Karur Vysya Bank have participated in the meeting and offered their views/comments on the issue of rationalization of Dynamic Security deposited by registered warehouseman.

6. Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jain, Member, WDR A, Sh. Bhoopendra Singh, DD (IT) and Sh. Sai Pradeep, AD (SAO) visited Mumbai and Pune from 22 Jun to 25 Jun 2022. They held meetings with Repositories, exchanges IBA, IDFC, MD, Yes Bank MD followed by visit to MSWC Pune.

Sh. Sai Pradeep G. (Assistant Director)

IV. Training Programmes held during the quarter:

1. Chairman, WDR A delivered the Special Address on 'Sustainable Solutions to build post-harvest Maize supply chain' at the FICCI in 8th India Maize Summit 2022 on 12th May, 2022. He urged warehouses storing maize to register with WDR A to give depositors the benefits of electronic Negotiable Receipts (eNWRs).

2. WDR A has conducted a training programme through Video Conference on 27.05.2022 with all empaneled Inspection Agencies on Automatic allotment of Inspection.

3. During the quarter Apr-Jun 2022, total seventy five (75) One day Farmers Awareness Programmes (FAPs) for farmers/traders/mill owner were organized by WDR A through various training partners, including Institute of Cooperative Management (ICM) Hyderabad, Indira Gandhi Institute of Cooperative Management (IGICM) Lucknow, Madhusudan Institute of Cooperative Management (MICM) Bhubneshwar, Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (RICM) Chandigarh, Udaybhan Singh ji Regional Institute of Cooperative Management (URICM) Gandhinagar and National Institute of Plant Health Management Hyderabad in the states of Gujarat, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. About 3809 participants took part in these awareness programmes.

4. Two Warehouseman Training Programme for In-charges/Managers/Supervisors/representatives of warehousemen registered with WDR A were organised during the quarter through National Cooperative Development Corporation and 77 participants took part in this programme. Participants were made aware about scientific storage, quality control of stocks, stack planning, Rules and Regulations of WDR A, eNWR features & regulatory framework and inspection of warehouses during these five day training programmes.

5. M/s Rati Finance conducted a session on Personal Finance on 29th April, 2022 for employees of WDR A.

6. National Productivity Council (NPC) conducted an Online Programme of Two Half Days Specialized e-Training Programme on General Financial Rules (GFRs) 2017 on 28-29 June, 2022 for employees of WDRA.

Ms. Navneet Sandhu (Deputy Director)

V. Visit of Kenyan Delegation to WDRA

Many countries have evinced interest in the e-NWR system developed by WDRA. In this regard, a Kenyan Delegation led by Mr. Lawrence Omuhaka, Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock Fisheries and Cooperatives (MoALF&C) along with high ranking Kenyan Government Officials including CEO of Warehouse Receipt Council of Kenya visited WDRA on 17.05.2022 to understand the Indian Warehouse Receipt eco-system and its impact in India to help them to use the same in Kenya to improve the Kenyan Warehouse Receipt System. During the meeting, Ms. Navneet Sandhu, Deputy Director (AFC) gave a detailed presentation about the functioning of WDRA while Sh. Sai Pradeep, AD (SAO) gave a detailed presentation on e-NWR eco-system before the delegation. Thereafter, a round of discussion was also held with the Authority to address the queries of the delegation.



WDRA officers alongwith Kenyan Delegation at WDRA office, New Delhi on 17.05.2022.

Sh. Varun Kumra (Private Secretary)

From the Technical Division

VI. Know Your Depositor (KYD) records

A warehouseman must adopt processes to ensure the identity of the depositor or / and ownership of the goods to be deposited in registered warehouses, and obtain documents from depositor to verify the :

- i. identity of the depositor,
- ii. ownership of the commodity (in case the depositor is an agent of the actual owner),
- iii. beneficiary (in case the depositor and the beneficiary are different).

Relevant documents for establishing identity and address proof as described under Schedule 7 (Rule 24) of the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 are also to be obtained. Additional records that establish the status of the depositor (being a farmer/trader and other entity) as well as specimen signature of depositor/his authorised representative for signing various records in the warehouse shall also be maintained.

Sh. Animesh Kumar (Deputy Director)

VII. Infrastructure requirements of a warehouse for registration

WDRA has set up the following infrastructure requirements for the registration of warehouses:

- (i) Connectivity of the warehouse with State/National Highways and nearest railhead. The warehouse should be accessible by an all-weather motorable road and may preferably be situated near a transport head or the main road. If the Warehouse is located in the interior, it must have accessibility through an approach road.
- (ii) Godown(s) are to be constructed as per BIS/ CWC/ FCI Standards. As per BIS Standard No. IS16144:2014, the godown should be located on a raised and well-drained site not liable to flooding.
- (iii) Flooring should be rodent-proof, damp proof, rigid, durable, and free from cracks and crevices.
- (iv) Plinth height - The WDRA has a prescribed plinth height of 61 cm from the internal road level for the road-fed godowns as a standard, which may vary according to topography. In the case of rail-fed godowns, a minimum plinth height of 91 cm above the top of the rail is required.
- (v) There should not be any tree within 3 meters of the godown platform.
- (vi) The warehouse should not be located near any of the following:
 - a) Within 500 meters from a bone-crushing mill, garbage dumping ground, slaughterhouse, tanneries and hide curing center or sewage treatment plant, or such other places, the vicinity of which is deleterious to the safe storage of non-perishable agricultural commodities.
 - b) Within 300 meters of kilns, dairies (processing units) and poultry farms.
 - c) Within 150 meters of Factories and other sources of fire hazard such as workshops, haystacks, timber stores, petrol pumps, CNG stations, LPG bottling plants, etc.
- (vii) There should be sufficient parking space and maneuvering space for vehicles.
- (viii) Doors of sufficient width and adequate ventilators and air inlets are to be provided.
- (ix) There is a requirement for adequate arrangements for drainage of rainwater to avoid flooding.
- (x) Walls should be properly plastered, whitewashed and free from cracks and crevices.
- (xi) Sufficient lighting should be available in the godown to facilitate stacking, loading, unloading, and other operations.
- (xii) Provision of turbo ventilators is desired.
- (xiii) Provision of translucent sheets on the roof for natural lighting is desired.
- (xiv) Cleanliness and hygienic condition are to be maintained in warehouse.
- (xv) The warehouse should be storage worthy.
- (xvi) The warehouse should be well-protected either by pucca boundary wall and/or barbed wire fencing.
- (xvii) Doors are to be constructed with locking arrangements.
- (xviii) At least one entry gate is desired.
- (xix) At least one exit gate is desired.
- (xx) Entry and exit gates are to be manned by trained security guards.

- (xxi) Distance of the warehouses from the Nearest Police Station or Check Post is required.
- (xxii) There should be proper night lighting arrangements for security purposes.
- (xxiii) Adequate fire-fighting arrangements are required as per the capacity of the warehouse.
- (xxiv) Number and type of fire extinguishers, fire buckets, etc. are required to be mentioned in the registration application.
- (xxv) The name of the nearest Fire Station and distance from the warehouse are sought for registration.
- (xxvi) Telephone numbers of the nearest Fire Station are to be displayed at prominent places in the warehouse.
- (xxvii) Fire hydrant, static water tank, etc. are required for the storage of fire hazardous commodities like cotton bales, jute bales, etc.

Sh. Dinesh V. Pabshetwar (Section Officer)

VIII. दिनांक 24.06.2022 को भांडागारण विकास और विनियामक प्राधिकरण में हिन्दी कार्यशाला का आयोजन भौतिक और ऑनलाइन दोनों रूपों में किया गया। डब्लूडीआरए के सभी अधिकारियों/कर्मचारियों ने उक्त कार्यशाला में भाग लिया। श्रीमती किरण कपूर, सेवानिवृत्त राजभाषा अधिकारी द्वारा कार्यशाला का संचालन किया गया। कार्यशाला के दौरान हिन्दी तिमाही रिपोर्ट और हिन्दी में नोटिंग और ड्राफ्टिंग के



श्री भूपेन्द्र सिंह (उप निदेशक)

IX. Milestones

A. Adieu

1. Sh. Ganesh A. Bakade, former Director (A&F) worked for a term of seven years in WDR A from 03.03.2015 to 02.03.2022.
2. Ms. Priti Kumar, former Under Secretary (A&F) was relieved from the services of WDR A on 18.04.2022.
3. Ms. Rashmi Agnihotri, former Solution Architect (contractual basis) was relieved on 18.04.2022.



4. Sh. V. Kannan, former Consultant (Tech) term ended in WDR A on 11.06.2022.



5. Dr. R. K. Tripathi, former Sr. Consultant (Tech.) completed his term in WDR A on 30.06.2022.



B. New Appointment

1. Sh. Sachin Singh joined as Deputy Director (Legal) on 13.05.2022.



2. Sh. Dheeraj Sahu (IAS) joined WDR A on 03.06.2022 as Joint Secretary. Prior to joining the Authority, he worked as Transport Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh for more than three years. During a major part of this period, he also held the post of MD, UP State Road Transport Corporation. Having a career spanning 26 years in the Indian Administrative

Service, he has wide ranging experience in diverse sectors. He has been MD of West UP Electricity Discom, UP Thermal Power Generation Corporation and Hydro Power Generation Corporation and Joint MD of UP Power Corporation Ltd. He has also worked as Commissioner, UP Housing Development Board, Commissioner, UP Revenue Board and Excise Commissioner. In the early part of his career, he worked as Chief Development Officer of Rae Bareilly and District Magistrate of Banda and Bhadohi besides working as Additional CEO, UP Rural Roads Development Agency. Shri Dheeraj Sahu graduated from IIT Kanpur with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He later earned a Master's degree in International Development Policy from Duke University in US. He has also done MA in Economics, besides completing a certificate programme in Leadership and Strategic Thinking from the University of Cambridge, UK.



3. Sh. Jeetesh Sharma, joined WDR A on 20.05.2022 as Director (A&F). He is from the Department of Telecom (DoT) and worked in Dharamshala, Shimla, Jaipur, Agra, Dehradun and Sangrur districts. Prior to his joining in WDR A, he worked as General Manager, BSNL, Sangrur, Punjab. He worked as Network Head of Uttarakhand from Apr 2009 to Oct 2018. He is BE (Electronics and Communication Engineering) from MBM Engg. College Jodhpur. Post his selection in the Indian Telecom Service, he joined the Department of Telecommunication in the year 1999.

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