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Happy New Year 2022

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I. Chairman's Desk

It gives me great pleasure to pen this foreword on assuming charge of Chairperson, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA) for this quarterly newsletter, October to December 2021 edition. The newsletter contains an overview of the activities and initiatives undertaken by the Authority during the quarter that has gone by, these include workshops, awareness programmes, high level meetings, policy changes in rules and regulations, superannuation, appointments, training programmes, etc.

WDRA is continually striving for rationalization of its registration process for warehouses and helping holders of electronic negotiable warehouse receipts (e-NWRs) to reap its benefits. Thanks to the efforts of its personnel. WDRA has now installed a state of the art web portal for quick and hassle free registration of warehouses. The sanctity of the e- NWR is ensured by a system of inspection using external agencies and internal staff. Our endeavour has always been to improve the status of warehousing in the country both in terms of infrastructure and standard operating practices. To contribute further to the development of the warehousing sector, we under take awareness and capacity building programmes across the country. I am confident that WDRA will play a key role in the development of logistics across India. This bulletin outlines some of the activities that WDRA has undertaken towards this end.

TK Manoj Kumar, IAS, (Retd.)

II. Recent Activities

1. Concessions for State Warehousing Corporations for registering with WDRA

In order to encourage registration of warehouses belonging to State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs), it has been decided to waive the registration fee for all warehouses owned and/or operated by SWCs for a period of one year with immediate effect. After the last date, i.e. from 20.09.2022, normal charge of application fees would be applicable. An indemnity bond from SWCs will be accepted in lieu of security deposit in respect of SWC warehouses. The indemnity bond must cover the value of goods stored in each warehouse of the respective SWC.

HK Dabas (Under Secretary)

2. Reduction in Registration Fees

Registration fees for warehouses belonging to Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies (PACCS) were limited to Rs. 5000 per warehouse for a period of 5 years regardless of the capacity of the warehouse. Now, vide Gazette Notification dated 03.11.2021, the registration fee has been substantially reduced to Rs. 500/- only per warehouse to encourage all such FPOs/PACCS who intend to register their warehouses with WDRA. The reduction in registration fees is also extended to warehouses belonging to Self Help Groups (SHGs) as well.

A. Allen Samuel (Assistant Director)

3. Non-Agri Commodities

WDRA till date has notified 130 agricultural commodities and 26 Horticulture commodities. Further, the Department of Food and Public Distribution, GoI has granted in principle approval to the Warehousing Development & Regulatory Authority for notification of 9 metals and alloys namely Aluminium, Brass, Copper, Lead, Nickel, Zinc, Tin, Steel and Iron Ore. A discussion paper had been published to register and regulate non-agri and combined warehouses on 13.09.2021 to invite comments from public and various stakeholders. Further discussions were held with stakeholders like BIS and relevant entities such as SEBI, MCXCCL, NCCL, and other warehousing firms vide Virtual Conference on 29.10.2021. The proposed revisions as well as the concerns of the various participants were discussed

Animesh Kumar (Deputy Director)

4. Capacity-Building Programmes

WDRA conducts one-day Farmers' Awareness Programme (FAPs) for awareness of farmers, traders, millers, etc. For the year 2021-22, 165 FAPs have been allotted to 12 training partners, which are to be conducted in various states in the country.

Till December 2021, a total of 97 Farmers' Awareness Programmes have been organised where in more than 4800 farmers participated.



ICM, Bhopal FAP 07-12-2021 in Mandi Deep, Dist. Raipur, Madhya Pradesh.

For capacity building in the warehousing sector, training programs for the warehousemen of the registered warehouses are being regularly organised by the Authority through various Training Partner institutions. For the year 2021-22, 12 (five days) Warehousemen Training Programmes (WTPs) have been allotted. Four WTPs have been conducted till December, 2021 wherein 143 warehouse representatives participated.

Various training programmes have also been organised for private warehouses hired under various schemes by FCI and SWC.

Neerupal Yadav (Assistant Director)

5. Foundation Day Celebration

WDR A celebrated its 11th Foundation Day on 26th October, 2021. During the programme the then Chairman (i/c), Shri Harpreet Singh outlined the journey of WDR A since its inception. WDR A was constituted by the Government of India on 26th October, 2010 under section 24 of the warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007 to implement the provisions of the Act and to exercise the powers conferred on and to perform the functions assigned to it under the Act. The mission of the Authority is to establish a NWR system for all commodities including agricultural commodities through a network of registered warehouses throughout the country. The e-NWR is a prime tool of trade that facilitates finance against it and at the same time allows the banks to improve the quality of their lending portfolio and enhance their interest in their lending in respect of goods deposited in the registered warehouses.

Rakesh Yadav (Assistant Director)



Foundation Day Celebration at WDR A office.

6. हिन्दी पखवाड़ा

प्राधिकरण में 14 सितम्बर, 2021 से 30 सितम्बर, 2021 तक हिन्दी पखवाड़ा मनाया गया तथा विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताएँ जैसे हिन्दी नोटिंग ड्राफ्टिंग, राजभाषा प्रतियोगिता, निबंध लेखन, अनुवाद एवं सामान्य ज्ञान, स्वरचित कविता पाठ प्रतियोगिता, भाषण प्रतियोगिता और हिन्दी टंकण प्रतियोगिता आयोजित की गई। प्रतियोगिताओं के विजेताओं को अध्यक्ष द्वारा प्रथम, द्वितीय और तृतीय पुरस्कार प्रदान किये गये। हिन्दी टंकण और कंठस्थ टूल से संबंधित कार्यशाला का भी आयोजन किया गया।

प्रीति कुमार (अवर सचिव)

मैं किसान हूँ

हमें महलों से क्या लेना,
रहता खेत खलिहान हूँ,
मैं किसान हूँ।
पिज्जा, बर्गर हमें भाता नहीं,
करता दाल-रोटी जलपान हूँ,
मैं किसान हूँ।
आह्लाद नहीं ऐसी, हीटर से,
हर मौसम उपजाता खाद्यान्न हूँ,
मैं किसान हूँ।
नई तकनीकों से अवगत कराने को,
शिक्षाविद को करता प्रणाम हूँ,
मैं किसान हूँ।
जीवनस्तर बेहतर करने को,
करता अथक प्रयास अविराम हूँ,
मैं किसान हूँ।

अवनीश कुमार झा

Adieu

Shri Deepak Arya, Deputy Director (Legal) and Shri Vinay Kumar Chauhan, Deputy Director (M&C) were repatriated to their parent departments on 13.09.2021 and 13.12.2021, respectively. Also, Shri A K Walia, Consultant (Technical) completed his term and was relieved from the services of WDR A on 31.12.2021.



हिन्दी पखवाड़ा के दौरान नोटिंग ड्राफ्टिंग की प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेते हुए प्रतिभागी

हिन्दी

हिन्दी हैं हम वतन है हिन्दोस्तान हमारा,
सारे जहाँ से अच्छा हिंदोस्तान हमारा,
कितना अच्छा व कितना प्यारा है ये नारा।
सरलता है सबलता है सहज संस्कार है हिन्दी,
माँ की गोद है हिन्दी पिता का प्यार है हिन्दी,
मेरा अधिकार है हिन्दी मेरा व्यवहार है हिन्दी,
भवन भाषा है जिसपर वो दृढ़ आधार है हिन्दी।
कभी मीरा कभी तुलसी कभी रसखान है हिन्दी,
हमारी संस्कृति साहित्य की पहचान है हिन्दी,
प्रगति पथ प्रथम सोपान है उत्थान है हिन्दी,
हमारी जान है हिंदी हमारी शान है हिन्दी,
जन-जन की भाषा है हिंदी,
भारत की आशा है हिंदी,
जिसने पूरे देश को जोड़े रखा है,
वो मजबूत धागा है हिंदी।

हम हिन्दी है, हिन्दी पर हम सबको अभिमान है,
सारी भाषाएँ प्यारी है, पर हिन्दी हमारी जान है,
जन में हिन्दी मन में हिन्दी, हिंदी हो हर ग्राम में,
हिन्दी का उपयोग करे हम अपने हर काम में।
राष्ट्र प्रेम की जन-जन के अंदर ज्योत हम जगाएंगे,
समस्त विश्व में हिन्दी भाषा को सम्मान दिलायेंगे,
लेते हैं संकल्प स्वदेशी भाषा में बतलाएंगे,
समस्त विश्व में हिन्दी भाषा को सम्मान दिलायेंगे।

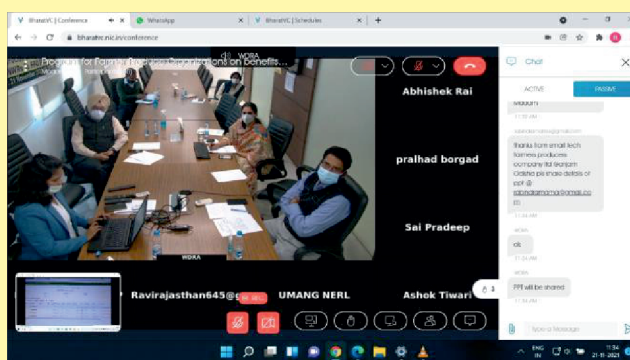
चन्दन का वन सुर उपमई फूलों की क्यारी हिंदी है,
वंदन पूजन महिला मंडल की अधिकारी हिन्दी है,
पर अपने घर हुई पराई हिन्दी है।
इसके गौरव को गा-गा कर फिर इसका मान बढ़ाएंगे,
समस्त विश्व में हिंदी भाषा को सम्मान दिलायेंगे।

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7. Webinar on Importance of warehousing registration and benefits of e-NWR to FPOs/PACS was organized on 21 November, 2021

During the celebration of the iconic week of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence, a webinar was organised on 21 November, 2021 by WDR A with the representatives of FPOs/PACCS, NABARD, SFAC and Repositories of WDR A.

Shri Harpreet Singh, Chairperson (i/c), WDR A inaugurated the webinar with his address to the participants from the PACS/FPOs from the different states. He emphasized the importance and natural advantage of the PACS/FPOs in providing warehousing facilities at the farm gate. He suggested a business model for PACS/ FPOs by providing composite services of aggregation, sorting/grading, assistance in providing pledge finance through financial institutions and sale at appropriate times as a collective lot to get the best price and thereby increasing the income of



Webinar on Importance of warehousing registration and benefits of e-NWR to FPOs/PACCS.

the farmers. PACS/FPOs can hire unutilized warehouses in their localities in case they don't own warehouses and upgrade them to WDRA standards to extend benefits to the farmers.

Ms. Navneet Sandhu, Deputy Director (AFC), WDRA gave a detailed presentation on process of registration with WDRA, concessions and e-NWR benefits extended to the PACS/FPOs. It was informed that registration fees are substantially reduced to Rs. 500 for FPOs/PACCS/SHGs as compared to Rs. 5000 to Rs. 30,000 for other conventional warehouses along with reduction in other charges. A short film on development of warehousing sector and benefits of e-NWR was launched. A presentation regarding repository eco-system was made by M/s NERL.

Shri Jainendra Aloria, NABARD gave an extensive presentation on different Central Government schemes for promoting PACS and FPOs. He explained about various subsidies and assistances provided for construction of Warehouses by NABARD. Sh. Vishal, SFAC explained about e-NAM ecosystem and highlighted the benefits of Agri marketing through e-NAM and e-NWR integration. He reiterated the benefits of regulated warehousing and illustrated the benefits like SMS, tracking, weather forecasting available in mobile app launched by SFAC fore-NAM. 120 participants from different states attended this webinar.

Navneet Sandhu (Deputy Director)

8. Workshop on proposed Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act (Amendment) Bill 2021

The Department of Food and Public Distribution, GoI and WDRA organized a workshop on Introduction of Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act Amendment on 3rd December, 2021 at the India International Centre, New Delhi to discuss the proposed amendments in Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act. The workshop was organized in hybrid mode, both offline and online. The workshop was chaired by Sh. Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, DFPD. Various States and Departments including CWC, FCI, SWC, State Food and Civil Supplies departments etc. participated in this workshop. Ms. Nandita Gupta, Joint Secretary (Storage), DFPD welcomed the participants. Secretary, DFPD explained the significance of regulated warehousing system in the country and development of e-NWR

ecosystem. Sh. TK Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA gave an overview about WDRA, concessions and relaxations given to FPOs/PACCS/SHGs and benefits of registration with WDRA.



Sh. Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, DFPD addressing the audience during the workshop.

Sh. Ganesh A Bakade, Director (A&F) gave a detailed presentation about the proposed Amendments to the Act. After the presentation, a discussion round was held with all the participants and their inputs about the proposed amendments were taken. JS (Storage), DFPD summed up the proceedings and thanked the participants.

Animesh Kumar (Deputy Director)



Sh. TK Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA, Sh. Harpreet Singh, Member, WDRA, Ms. Nandita Gupta, JS (Storage), DFPD and Sh. Arun Kumar Shrivastava, MD, CWC with other guests and officers during the Workshop at ICC.

9. High Level Meeting held with Secretary, DFPD and MD, SFAC

WDRA conducted a high level meeting with Sh. Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, DFPD and Ms. Neelkamal Darbari, MD, Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) on 07.12.2021. Sh. TK Manoj Kumar, Chairman, WDRA expressed the need for registration of small agricultural warehouses of FPOs and SHGs with WDRA to enable farmers to get more pledge finance and sell their goods at later date at better pricing. Sh. Harpreet Singh, Member, WDRA explained about the warehouse registration process, e-NWR ecosystem and its benefits to the stakeholders.

Secretary, DFPD appreciated the initiatives by WDRA and SFAC to work together for the benefits of farmers and emphasized giving wide publicity. MD, SFAC explained that they will make a platform for FPOs to be registered with WDRA for the benefit of farmers and also explained that FPOs can reach out to large number of buyers competitively. The kisan mandis, warehouses and private markets can enable farmers to



High level meeting held at WDR A office.

collectively enhance their incomes through enhanced productivity, deployment of cost effective production techniques, competitive and convenient access to inputs, adoption of improved practices and technology and collective bargaining as well as better access to market and credit. During discussions it was also suggested that those warehouses registered with WDR A may be declared as collection centres where small farmers can sell their produce and get money instantly.

Bhoopendra Singh (Deputy Director)

10. आज़ादी के अमृत महोत्सव के उपलक्ष्य में संविधान दिवस का समारोह

भारत के माननीय राष्ट्रपति ने 26 नवम्बर, 2021 (पूर्वाह्न) को संसद के केन्द्रीय कक्ष से संविधान दिवस समारोह को संबोधित किया। माननीय राष्ट्रपति ने अपने भाषण के बाद, संविधान की प्रस्तावना को पढ़ा जिसका सीधा प्रसारण किया गया। डब्ल्यूडीआरए के अधिकारियों तथा कर्मचारियों ने भी माननीय राष्ट्रपति के साथ संविधान की प्रस्तावना को पढ़ा।

वरुण कुमरा (निजी सचिव)

11. राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति बैठक

श्री गणेश ए बाकड़े, निदेशक की अध्यक्षता में भांडागारण विकास और विनियामक प्राधिकरण की राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक दिनांक 27.12.2021 को की गयी। जिसके दौरान तिमाही रिपोर्ट पर चर्चा की गई और नोटिंग/पत्राचार हिंदी में किये जाने के निर्देश दिए गए।

नम्रता दास (निजी सहायक)

III. WDR A Eco System

1. WDR A created an electronic-NWR ecosystem by establishing Repositories similar to the depositories (M/s NSDL and CDSL) in the securities market. e-NWR has several advantages over paper-based warehouse receipts. The WDR A licensed two Repositories namely M/s National e-Repository Ltd (NERL) and M/s CDSL Commodity Repository Ltd (CCRL), for creation and management of electronic-Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (e-NWR) issued by registered warehouses on repository platform. e-NWR system was launched in September 2017. Repositories provide access to all the registered warehouses, depositors banks, clearing corporations of commodity exchanges, etc.

Sai Pradeep (Assistant Director)

2. WDR A has empanelled nine Inspection Agencies to carry out Physical Inspection, Stock Inspection, and General Inspection on behalf of WDR A. Empanelled Inspection Agencies include TQ Services Limited, National Productivity Council, Bureau Veritas, NABCONS, OneCert International Private Limited, True Quality Certifications Private Limited, SSRA & Co., Synergy Technofin Pvt Ltd and SGNG & Associates.

Dr. Rachana Shalini (Deputy Director)

3. PACCS/FPO के स्वामित्व वाले भंडागारों के लिए विशेष छूट:

प्राथमिक कृषि सहकारी साख समितियां (PACCS) और किसान उत्पादक संगठन (FPO) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में किसानों के नजदीक छोटे क्षमता वाले गोदामों का संचालन करते हैं। ये किसान नेतृत्व वाली संस्थाएं मुख्य रूप से सदस्य किसानों की वेयरहाउसिंग जरूरतों को पूरा करने के अलावा उन्हें उनके द्वारा जमा किए गए माल के लिए वित्त प्राप्त करने में सहायता प्रदान करती हैं। उनकी बाधाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए उन्हें डब्ल्यूडीआरए के साथ पंजीकरण के लिए कई वित्तीय रियायतें और ढांचागत आवश्यकताओं में छूट प्रदान की गई है। PACCS / FPO से संबंधित गोदामों के लिए उपलब्ध वित्तीय रियायतें:

- पंजीकरण शुल्क केवल रु 500/-, पांच साल की अवधि के लिए है जबकि अन्य वेयरहाउस के लिए रु 5000/- से 30,000/- तक है।
- नेटवर्थ केवल सकारात्मक होना आवश्यक है, जबकि अन्य के लिए यह वेयरहाउस की क्षमता के अनुरूप में निर्दिष्ट है।
- मात्र रु 50,000 की प्रतिभूति जमा प्रति गोदाम बी.जी. या बैंक एफ.डी. के रूप में जमा करने की आवश्यकता है जबकि अन्य वेयरहाउस के लिए स्थिर और गतिशील (उनके द्वारा जारी e-NWR के अनुरूप) प्रतिभूति जमा दोनों की आवश्यकता है।

डब्ल्यूडीआरए के साथ पंजीकरण के लिए PACCS के स्वामित्व वाले गोदामों को विभिन्न बुनियादी ढांचे में छूट भी प्रदान की जाती है।

आर. के. त्रिपाठी (वरिष्ठ सलाहकार)

IV. Milestones

1. **Shri T K Manoj Kumar** took charge as Chairman, WDR A on 22nd November, 2021. Prior to this, he was Special Secretary in WDR A, a post from which he retired on 31.10.2021. Shri Manoj Kumar was a member of the Indian Administrative Service (Kerala Cadre: 1987) and has worked in various capacities at State level and in the Ministry of Overseas India Affairs (now merged with the Ministry of External Affairs) and the Department of Food and Public Distribution. He has administrative experience spanning 34 years which includes several years in the food and logistics sectors ranging from field duties to policy making.

2. **Shri Harpreet Singh**, joined WDR A as Member w.e.f. 21.02.2020. He belongs to the Indian Railway Services Mechanical Engineers. He was also assigned the additional charge of Chairman, WDR A by the Government of India with effect from June 10, 2021 till the appointment of a regular Chairman. He has worked in various capacities in the Railways and was involved in setting up of Greenfield projects, including inventory management, storage and control. He has vast experience of working in the Board of Directors of Container Corporation of India and as MD, CWC.

Pooja Magoo (Deputy Director)



Retirement day of Special Secretary on 31 October, 2021.

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