Dear [Name],

You are aware that the Hon'ble Finance Minister announced Rs.1 lakh crore Agri Infrastructure Fund for farm-gate infrastructure for farmers under which financing facility will be provided for funding Agriculture Infrastructure Projects at farm-gate & aggregation points (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies, Farmers Producer Organizations, Agriculture entrepreneurs, Start-ups, etc.)

Accordingly, the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) has formulated the Central Sector Scheme of Financing facility under ‘Agriculture Infrastructure Fund’ to mobilize a medium – long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects relating to post harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through incentives and financial support.

As per the guidelines of the scheme, all loans under this financing facility will have interest subvention of 3% per annum up to a limit of Rs. 2 crore. This subvention will be available for a maximum period of 7 years. In case of loans beyond Rs. 2 crore, the interest subvention will be limited up to 2 crore. The extent and percentage of funding to private entrepreneurs out of the total financing facility may be fixed by the National Monitoring Committee. A Credit guarantee coverage will be available for eligible borrowers from this financial facility under Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) scheme for a loan up to Rs.2 crore.

As per the existing guideline of National Bamboo Mission, financial assistance for market infrastructure and primary processing components *inter alia* are being given to Farmers, Entrepreneurs, FPCs/FPOs, SHGs, JLGs and Cluster Groups under the provision of Credit Linked Back Ended Subsidy (CLBS). As per the CLBS, 50% of the project cost (40% in respect of North Eastern Region) is to be met by the beneficiary through bank loan. However, the implementation of NBM is subjected to the Approved Annual Action Plans of the States and it was found unable to cater the growing demand of the bamboo sector through this scheme only. Therefore, it may be appropriate that the benefits of the recent scheme of ‘Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)’ to be made available to the eligible parties in the bamboo sector for the components as annexed. The Department has also launched a separate portal to facilitate the beneficiaries for applying for loan under AIF scheme.

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In view of the above, the State Bamboo Missions are requested to accord necessary actions for taking advantage of the AIF scheme for achieving the objectives of NBM which includes convergence with all the possible programmes of Central as well as State Governments.

I would be grateful to you, if you would be kindly bring the above to the knowledge of the field officers of your State for wider dissemination of this information for the expansion of interventions in the Bamboo Sector.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

(Chhavi Jha)

To

All State Mission Directors of NBM implementing States
(as per list)

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List of NBM Components suitable to be taken up under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

i. Bamboo treatment and seasoning plants
ii. Processing units for value addition of bamboo
iii. Bamboo depots and go down
iv. Bamboo Mandi (market place) and E-trading
v. Rural Haat
vi. Bamboo Bazaar
vii. Common Facility Centre (CFC)
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