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NCDC gets ₹2k cr, farmers' scheme outlay up ₹1.9k cr

New Delhi: The Cabinet on Thursday approved a grant of Rs 2,000 crore for the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for a period of four years from 2025-26 to 2028-29, and increased the budgetary outlay for the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) by Rs 1,920 crore to Rs 6,520 crore to boost the food processing sector.

The grant to NCDC will help the corporation to raise Rs 20,000 crore from the open market during the period. These funds will be utilised for granting loans to cooperatives for setting up new projects/ expansion of plants and loans for meeting working capital requirements.

The enhanced funds for the PMKSY, to be provided this fiscal, will be utilised for setting up 50 multi-product food irradiation units and 100 food testing labs. The scheme, launched in 2017, was extended for one more year till the end of the current 2025-26 fiscal. TNN

Railways, farmers in focus as Centre okays 19K-cr projects

Railways, farmers in focus as Centre okays ₹19K-cr projects

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NEW DELHI: The Union cabinet on Wednesday approved six proposals with a cumulative outlay of ₹19,688 crore to strengthen cooperatives, boost food processing and expand railway connectivity.

With a special focus on strengthening India's farmers, a grant of ₹2,000 crore over four years has been approved for the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), said IT, railways and I&B minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, while announcing the decisions. NCDC gives loans to about 8.5 lakh cooperatives, which have 290 million members. About 94% of India's farmers are associated with these cooperatives, he said. The funding will allow NCDC to mobilise an additional ₹20,000 crore for lending to sectors such as dairy, fisheries, textiles and women-led cooperatives, benefiting over 13,000 societies with nearly three crore members.

The cabinet also cleared ₹6,520 crore for the Pradhan Mantri Kishi Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) to boost agro-processing and cold



Ashwini Vaishnaw

chain facilities. This includes ₹1,000 crore for 50 food irradiation units and 100 testing labs to cut post-harvest losses and meet export standards. Irradiation is a process that uses controlled radiation to kill germs and extend the shelf life of food. Having more food testing labs reduces time for sample analysis, improves compliance with domestic and international standards and boosts exports, said the government. "Under the Narendra Modi government, in his third term itself, the government has taken decisions worth ₹9 lakh crore to improve the livelihoods of farmers," said Vaishnaw, adding that processed food exports have more than doubled in 11 years, from \$5 billion to \$11 billion.

Four major railway projects

were also cleared. The ₹5,451 crore Itarsi-Nagpur fourth line, right in the heart of India, will improve capacity on the high density networks of the Delhi-Chennai corridor and Mumbai-Howrah corridor. The 297 km stretch will feature 37 stations, 36 major bridges, 415 minor bridges, two road-over-bridges, 74 road-under-bridges, four tunnels, and two rail-over-rail bridges.

Meanwhile, the ₹1,786 crore Aluabari Road-New Jalpaiguri third and fourth lines, spanning 57 km, will strengthen connectivity to the Northeast. It is vital, as this route lies close to the only rail link connecting the region to the rest of India and is near the international borders with Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal, making it crucial for movement of both civilian and defence forces. It also lies near the vulnerable Siliguri corridor, or "Chicken's Neck." The ₹2,179 crore Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar-Parbhani linedoubling will strengthen links in Maharashtra, and the ₹1,752 crore Dangoaposi-Jaroli third and fourth lines will aid iron ore transport, crucial for steel production, the government said.

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The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved a total outlay of Rs 6,520 crore, including an additional outlay of Rs 1,920 crore, for the ongoing central scheme "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana" (PMKSY) during 15th Finance Commission cycle (FCC) 2021-22 to 2025-26.

The approval includes Rs 1,000 crore to support setting up of 50 multi-product food irradiation units under the component scheme - Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure (ICCVAI) — and 100 food testing laboratories with NABL accreditation under the component scheme - Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI) — of PMKSY. Secondly, Rs 920 crore was released for sanctioning projects under various component

₹11,169-CRORE RAIL PROJECTS CLEARED

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has approved four major railway projects worth approximately Rs 11,169 crore.
- These projects will add 574 kilometres to the Indian Railways network across six states — Maharashtra, MP, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand.
- According to a Railway Ministry official, these initiatives will provide rail connectivity to 2,300 villages, benefiting 43.6 lakh people.
- The augmentation work will also help reduce oil imports by 16 crore litres and lower carbon dioxide emissions by approximately 515 crore kilograms (equivalent to planting 20 crore trees).

schemes of PMKSY.

The expression of interests (EOIs) would be floated for inviting proposals from eligible entities across the country. The proposals received against the EOI would be approved after proper scrutiny as per eligibility criteria as per the extant scheme guidelines.

The implementation of the proposed 50 multi-product food irradiation units is expected to create total preservation capac-

ity ranging from 20 to 30 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) per annum, based on the type of food products irradiated under these units. The setting up of the proposed 100 NABL-accredited food testing laboratories under the private sector will lead to the development of advanced infrastructure for testing food samples, thereby ensuring compliance with food safety standards and supply of safe foods.

In yet another decision, the Cabinet also cleared the Central sector scheme "Grant in aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)" with an outlay of Rs 2,000 crore for a period of four years from 2025-26 to 2028-29.

On the basis of grant in aid of Rs 2,000 crore to NCDC from FY 2025-26 to FY 2028-29, NCDC will be able to raise Rs 20,000 crore from the open market over a span of four years. These funds will be utilised by NCDC for granting loans to cooperatives for setting up new projects and for expansion of plants and loan for meeting the working capital requirements.

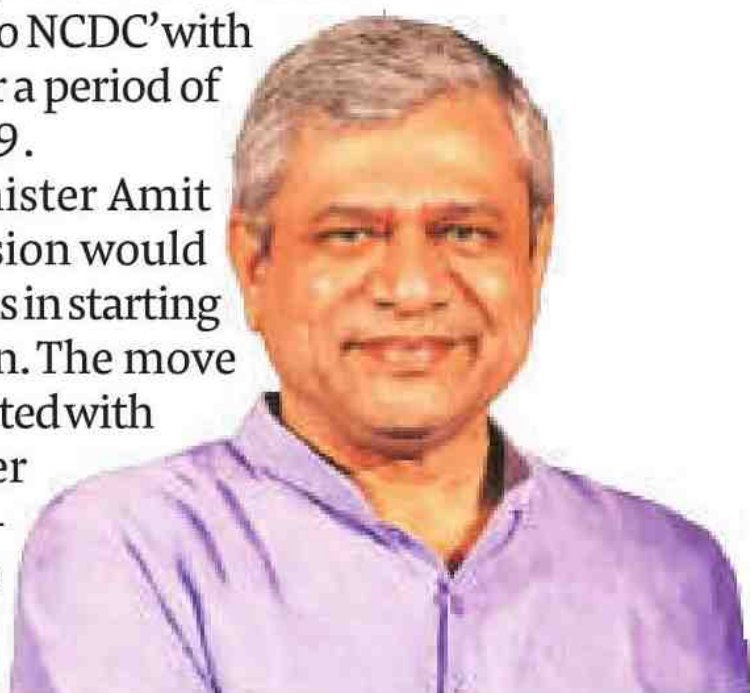
Approximately 2.9 crore members of 13,288 cooperative societies of various sectors like dairy, livestock, fisheries, sugar, textile, and food processing across the country are likely to benefit from the decision, official sources.

Rs 2K-cr grant for NCDC approved

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THE UNION CABINET on Thursday approved a ₹2,000 crore grant-in-aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for four years, a move that will help the organisation mobilise more funds for lending to cooperatives. The Cabinet has approved the central sector scheme 'Grant in aid to NCDC' with an outlay of ₹2,000 crore for a period of four years from FY26 to FY29.

Union cooperation minister Amit Shah said the Cabinet decision would assist cooperative institutions in starting new projects and expansion. The move will benefit members associated with cooperatives, empower women, and provide employment opportunities for the youth, he added. **PTI**



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Agri Value Chain Gets Twin Push With Outlay on Processing and Co-ops

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50 irradiation units and 100 labs to be set up; 2.9 crore cooperative members to benefit from NCDC scheme

Our Bureau

New Delhi: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has raised the outlay for the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) to ₹5,320 crore, adding ₹1,920 crore till FY26 to bolster the food processing sector.

Launched in 2017, PMKSY has been extended by a year till the end of FY25 with an initial outlay of ₹4,600 crore. The ₹1,920 crore enhancement aligns with the Union Budget announcement to scale up support for the food processing industry.

The implementation of the proposed 50 multi-product food irradiation units is expected to create total preservation capacity ranging between 20 and 30 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) per annum, depending on the type of food products irradiated," the government said in an official statement.

It added that 100 NABL-accredited food testing labs in the private sector will "develop advanced infrastructure for food sample testing, ensure compliance with safety standards, and facilitate the supply of safe food."

NOD TO ₹2,000-CR SCHEME FOR NCDC
The Cabinet also approved a cen-

tral sector scheme titled 'Grant-in-aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)' with an outlay of ₹2,000 crore for four years from FY26 to FY29.

This funding will allow NCDC to raise ₹20,000 crore from the open market over the same period. These funds will be deployed as loans to cooperatives for new projects, plant expansions, and working ca-

pital requirements.

"Approximately 2.9 crore members of 13,288 cooperative societies across sectors like dairy, livestock, fisheries, sugar, textiles, food processing, storage, cold chains, labour, and women-led cooperatives are expected to benefit," the statement said.

India has over 8.25 lakh cooperatives with more than 29 crore members, and 94% of farmers are associated with cooperatives in some form.

FOUR MULTITRACKING RAIL PROJECTS WORTH ₹11,169 CR APPROVED

The CCEA also cleared four multi-tracking railway projects in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, and Jharkhand worth around ₹11,169 crore.

According to an official release, these projects will expand the Indian Railways network by 574 km and are expected to be completed by FY29.

The routes are critical for transporting coal, cement, clinker, gypsum, fly ash, containers, agricultu-

ral commodities, and petroleum products. The capacity expansion will allow an additional ₹5.91 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) of freight movement.

Projects approved include the Itarsi-Nagpur 4th line, Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar)-Parbhani doubling, Aluabari Road-New Jalpaiguri 3rd & 4th lines, and Dang-oasposi-Jaroli 3rd & 4th lines.

The increased track capacity will significantly improve mobility, operational efficiency, and service reliability for Indian Railways.



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Prabhudatta Mishra
New Delhi

The Cabinet on Thursday approved a ₹2,000 crore grant-in-aid to National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), a move that will help the organisation mobilise ₹20,000 crore from the market for lending to co-operative societies.

The Cabinet also decided to increase the allocation for the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) by ₹1,920 crore to ₹6,520 crore for creating 50 multi-product food irradiation units and 100 food testing labs. The 'grant-in-aid to NCDC' will be for four years from 2025-26 to 2028-29 -- ₹500 crore each year, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters. Stressing that NCDC has 99.8 per cent loan recovery rate and zero NPA, Vaishnaw said that the decision will help it to mobilise an additional ₹20,000 crore.

NEW PROJECTS

The credit to cooperatives will help them set up new projects or carry on expansion of plants we well as meet part of working capital requirement.

Funds provided to these cooperatives will lead to the creation of income-generating capital assets, the government said.

According to an official statement, the decision will benefit around 2.9 crore members of 13,288 cooperative societies of various sectors such as dairy, livestock, fisheries, sugar, textile, food processing, storage and cold storage.

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some form or the other. The minister also said that the outlay of PMKSY, launched in 2017 and to continue until 2025-26 (unless further extended), has been increased to ₹6,520 crore from ₹4,600 crore.

In 2024-25 Budget, there was an announcement to set up 50 multi-product food irradiation units and 100 food testing labs.

DEMAND DRIVEN

The decision will help the government to meet the expenditure of about ₹1,000 crore for setting up 50 multi-product food irradiation units under the Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure scheme (ICCVAI) and 100 labs under the Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure (FSQAI) scheme under the PMKSY umbrella.

About ₹920 crore will be utilised to adjust expenditure already incurred during the 15th Finance Commission Cycle. Both ICCVAI and FSQAI are demand-driven component schemes of PMKSY.

The implementation of 50 multi-product food irradiation units is expected to create a total preservation capacity of 20-30 lakh tonnes (lt) per annum, based on the type of food products irradiated under these units.

The expenditure of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana has been increased by Rs 1,920 crore

प्रधानमंत्री किसान संपदा योजना का खर्च 1,920 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ाया

पीएमकेएसवाई के लिए 6,520 करोड़ मंजूर

नई दिल्ली। केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने 2021-22 से 2025-26 के दौरान प्रधानमंत्री किसान संपदा योजना (पीएमकेएसवाई) के लिए 1,920 करोड़ रुपये के अतिरिक्त खर्च सहित कुल 6,520 करोड़ रुपये के खर्च को मंजूरी दी है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में मंत्रिमंडल की बृहस्पतिवार को हुई बैठक में यह मंजूरी दी गई।

कैबिनेट ने बजट में की गई घोषणा के अनुरूप पीएमकेएसवाई के अधीन चलने वाली घटक योजना- एकीकृत शीत श्रृंखला और मूल्य संवर्धन अवसंरचना (आईसीसीवीएआई) के तहत 50 बहु-उत्पाद खाद्य विकिरण इकाइयों के कार्यान्वयन, और दूसरी घटक योजना- खाद्य सुरक्षा और



गुणवत्ता आश्वासन अवसंरचना (एफएसक्यूआई) के अंतर्गत एनएबीएल मान्यता प्राप्त 100 खाद्य परीक्षण प्रयोगशालाओं (एफटीएल) की स्थापना के लिए 1000 करोड़ रुपये खर्च की मंजूरी दी। इसके अलावा इसी अवधि के दौरान

राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम को दो हजार करोड़ रुपये का केंद्रीय अनुदान

कैबिनेट ने राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम (एनसीडीसी) को चार वर्षों की अवधि के लिए दो हजार करोड़ रुपये की केंद्रीय अनुदान सहायता योजना को मंजूरी दी। इसमें वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 से लेकर हर वर्ष 500 करोड़ रुपये की सहायता दी जाएगी। इस वित्तीय अनुदान की मदद से एनसीडीसी इसी चार वर्षों की अवधि में खुले बाजार से 20,000 करोड़ रुपये जुटा सकेगा। गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने कहा कि अनुदान से सहकारी संस्थाओं को नए प्रोजेक्ट शुरू करने, संयंत्रों के विस्तार तथा ऋण देने में सहायता मिलेगी। इससे सहकारिता से जुड़े करोड़ों सदस्य लाभान्वित होंगे, महिलाएं आत्मनिर्भर बनेंगी और युवाओं को रोजगार के अवसर मिलेंगे।

कैबिनेट के फैसले

पीएमकेएसवाई की विभिन्न घटक योजनाओं के अंतर्गत परियोजनाओं को मंजूरी देने के लिए 920 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किए जाने को मंजूरी दी। आईसीसीवीएआई के तहत प्रस्तावित 50 बहु-उत्पाद खाद्य विकिरण इकाइयों के कार्यान्वयन से प्रति वर्ष

20 से 30 लाख मीट्रिक टन तक की कुल संरक्षण क्षमता सृजित होगी। निजी क्षेत्र के तहत प्रस्तावित 100 एनएबीएल-मान्यता प्राप्त खाद्य परीक्षण प्रयोगशालाओं की स्थापना से खाद्य नमूनों के परीक्षण के लिए उन्नत बुनियादी ढांचे का विकास होगा। यूरो

छह राज्यों में चार रेलवे परियोजनाओं को हरी झंडी

कैबिनेट ने भारतीय रेलवे के मौजूदा नेटवर्क में लगभग 574 किलोमीटर की वृद्धि करते हुए महाराष्ट्र, मध्य प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल, बिहार, ओडिशा और झारखंड के 13 जिलों से गुजरने वाली चार मल्टीट्रैकिंग परियोजनाओं को अनुमति दी। कुल 11,169 करोड़ रुपये (लगभग) की अनुमानित लागत वाली ये परियोजनाएं वर्ष 2028-29 तक पूर्ण होंगी। परियोजनाओं के निर्माण के दौरान लगभग 229 लाख मानव दिवस के प्रत्यक्ष रोजगार भी सृजित होंगे। इन परियोजनाओं में इटारसी - नागपुर चौथी लाइन, औरंगाबाद (छत्रपति संभाजीनगर)-परभणी दोहरीकरण, अलुआबारी रोड-न्यूजलपाईगुड़ी तीसरी और चौथी लाइन, डोंगोपोसी- जारोली तीसरी और चौथी लाइन शामिल है।

अगली पीढ़ी के अवसंरचना को मिलेगी मजबूती : पीएम



प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कहा कि चार प्रमुख रेल परियोजनाओं से अगली पीढ़ी के बुनियादी ढांचे को मजबूती मिलेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि 11,000 करोड़ रुपये से अधिक की इन परियोजनाओं से महाराष्ट्र, मध्य प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल, ओडिशा और झारखंड के लोगों को फायदा होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि इन राज्यों के 11 जिलों को लाभ होगा।

Cooperatives and food processing sectors will get more money

सहकारिता, फूड प्रोसेसिंग क्षेत्रों को मिलेगा ज्यादा पैसा

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पीएम मोदी की अध्यक्षता में गुरुवार को मंत्रिमंडल ने दो ऐसे कदमों को मंजूरी दी, जिनसे सहकारी क्षेत्र और खाद्य प्रसंस्करण क्षेत्र को मजबूती मिलेगी। साथ ही, 4 रेलवे प्रोजेक्ट को भी मंजूर किया गया। सूचना एवं प्रसारण मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने इन फैसलों की जानकारी दी। कैबिनेट ने नैशनल कोऑपरेटिव डिवेलपमेंट कॉरपोरेशन (NCDC) को 2000 करोड़ रुपये की केंद्रीय अनुदान



सहायता को मंजूरी दी। वैष्णव ने बताया कि यह सहायता वित्त वर्ष 2025-26 से अगले 4 वर्षों में मिलेगी और हर वर्ष के लिए 500 करोड़ रुपये होंगे। उन्होंने बताया कि इस सहायता से NCDC सहकारी

समितियों के लिए ज्यादा कर्ज देने का इंतजाम कर पाएगा और 20 हजार करोड़ रुपये का ऋण देने में सक्षम होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि अभी NCDC का कोई भी कर्ज फंसा हुआ नहीं है, NPA नहीं है और 99.8% का रिकवरी रेट है। उन्होंने कहा कि इस कदम से डेयरी, पशुपालन, मत्स्यपालन, चीनी, टेक्सटाइल्स सहित विभिन्न क्षेत्रों की 13288 सहकारी समितियों के करीब 2.9 करोड़ सदस्यों को लाभ होगा।

फूड टेस्टिंग लैब्स और इरेडिएशन यूनिट्स: मंत्रिमंडल ने प्रधानमंत्री किसान संपदा योजना (PMKSY) का बजटीय आवंटन बढ़ाने का फैसला भी किया। वैष्णव ने बताया कि इसे 1920 करोड़ रुपये बढ़ाकर 6520 करोड़ रुपये करने की मंजूरी दी गई। यह वित्त वर्ष 2022 से वित्त वर्ष 2026 तक के 15वें वित्त आयोग की अवधि के लिए है। इससे फूड प्रोसेसिंग सेक्टर को मदद मिलेगी।

Cooperative corporation plays an important role in strengthening the rural economy: Shah

एनसीडीसी को 2000 करोड़ के अनुदान पर पीएम का जताया आभार ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था को मजबूत बनाने में सहकारी निगम की अहम भूमिका: शाह

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नई दिल्ली. केन्द्रीय गृह एवं सहकारिता मंत्री अमित शाह ने कैबिनेट की ओर से राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम को आगामी चार वर्षों के लिए कुल 2000 करोड़ रुपये की अनुदान सहायता को मंजूरी दिए जाने पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी का आभार प्रकट किया।

एक्स प्लेटफॉर्म पर पोस्ट में शाह ने कहा कि पीएम मोदी के 'सहकार से समृद्धि' के मंत्र पर चलते हुए 'राष्ट्रीय सहकारी विकास निगम' ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था को सशक्त बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा

रहा है। आज केंद्रीय कैबिनेट ने आगामी चार वर्षों के लिए 2000 करोड़ प्रति वर्ष की दर से कुल 2000 करोड़ की अनुदान सहायता को मंजूरी दी है। इससे सहकारी संस्थाओं को नए प्रोजेक्ट शुरू करने, संयंत्रों के विस्तार तथा ऋण देने में सहायता मिलेगी, जिससे सहकारिता से जुड़े करोड़ों सदस्य लाभान्वित होंगे, महिलाएं आत्मनिर्भर बनेंगी और युवाओं को रोजगार के अवसर मिलेंगे। इस कल्याणकारी निर्णय के लिए देश भर के सहकारी क्षेत्र की ओर से मोदी जी का हार्दिक आभार व्यक्त करता हूं।

शाह ने एक अन्य पोस्ट में कहा,

'किसानों का कल्याण मोदी सरकार की सर्वोच्च प्राथमिकता रहा है और इसी दिशा में एक और महत्वपूर्ण निर्णय लेते हुए केंद्रीय कैबिनेट ने 'प्रधानमंत्री किसान संपदा योजना' के लिए कुल 6,520 करोड़ के व्यय को स्वीकृति दी है, जिसमें 1,920 करोड़ की अतिरिक्त राशि भी शामिल है। इस योजना के तहत 50 मल्टी-प्रोडक्ट फूड आयरडिएशन यूनिट्स और 100 खाद्य परीक्षण प्रयोगशालाएं स्थापित की जाएंगी, जिससे खाद्य संरक्षण को बढ़ावा मिलेगा, खाद्य सुरक्षा व गुणवत्ता में सुधार होगा और किसानों को उनके उत्पादों का बेहतर मूल्य प्राप्त होगा।'
