

Key Amendments / Subsequent Policy Decisions

Subsequent to the issuance of the “**Margdarshika**” (**Standard Operating Procedure**) for implementation of the **World’s Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector**, various measures have been introduced to facilitate wider participation of Cooperative Societies, improve access to institutional credit, enhance financial viability of projects and promote effective utilization of storage infrastructure created under the Plan.

The major amendments and policy measures introduced in this regard are as follows:

1. Enhancement of Credit Guarantee Period under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

With a view to facilitate access to institutional credit and provide greater flexibility in repayment of loans availed for creation of agricultural infrastructure, the **credit guarantee period under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)** has been enhanced from **2+5 years to 2+8 years**, vide [**Letter/Circular No. 1010/01/2024-AIF dated 24.09.2025**]. (*Annexure 1*)

Accordingly, Cooperative Societies implementing eligible projects under the Plan may avail the benefit of the enhanced credit guarantee period, subject to fulfilment of the applicable eligibility criteria and other conditions prescribed under AIF.

2. Credit Guarantee Support through NABSanrakshan

In order to further facilitate access to institutional credit for infrastructure projects undertaken by Cooperative Societies under the Plan, **credit guarantee support through NABSanrakshan** has also been made available, vide [**Letter/Circular No. R-11016/10/2024-CTP dated 13.03.2025**], subject to applicable guidelines and conditions. (*Annexure 2*)

Under the arrangement, eligible Cooperative Societies undertaking projects under the Decentralised Grain Storage Plan may avail credit guarantee coverage through **NABSanrakshan**. The facility is intended to provide risk mitigation support to lending institutions and facilitate enhanced flow of credit to eligible Cooperative Societies for undertaking infrastructure development.

The availability of such credit guarantee support is expected to strengthen the confidence of **District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and State Cooperative Banks (StCBs)** in extending credit support for projects under the Plan. This would facilitate wider access to institutional finance and support the implementation of the Plan in a time-bound manner.

3. Expansion of the Scope of the Plan to All Eligible Cooperative Societies

With a view to broadening the coverage of the Decentralised Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector and enabling greater participation of the cooperative sector the scope of the Plan has been expanded beyond **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)**, vide **[Letter/Circular No. R-11016/42/2025-CTP dated 12.11.2025]**. (*Annexure 3*)

Accordingly, **all eligible Cooperative Societies** are made eligible in the Plan for creation of grain storage and other eligible agricultural infrastructure, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility criteria, applicable guidelines and approval of the competent authority.

4. Relaxation of PACS selection parameters for the plan

Further, in order to facilitate wider participation of PACS having financial constraints, **PACS having negative net worth and not profitable may also be considered for participation under the Plan [Letter/Circular No. R-11016/31/2025-CTP-Part (1) dated 05.01.2026]**. (*Annexure 4*)

The expansion of eligibility is intended to enable a larger number of Cooperative Societies to participate in the Plan and facilitate creation of decentralized storage capacity across the country, while ensuring that the projects remain technically and financially viable and are implemented in accordance with the prescribed norms.

5. 9 year Hiring Assurance by Food Corporation of India (FCI)

With a view to ensuring assured utilization of the storage capacity being created under the Plan and strengthening the financial viability of the projects, **Food Corporation of India (FCI) has agreed to provide hiring assurance for a period of 9 years**, vide **[Letter/Communication No. 16-04/2020-STG-III (389201) dated 22.09.2025]**, subject to the applicable terms and conditions. (*Annexure 5*)

Accordingly, eligible godowns constructed under the Plan may be considered for hiring by FCI for the assured period, subject to fulfilment of the applicable technical, quality, capacity, location and other prescribed requirements and the terms and conditions governing such hiring.

The concerned State/UT authorities, Cooperative Societies and other stakeholders shall facilitate timely completion of the requisite formalities for enabling hiring of eligible godowns under the Plan.

6. Relaxations in Requirements for WDRA Registration

With a view to promoting registration of warehouses created under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan with the **Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority (WDRA)** and facilitating Cooperative Societies in obtaining WDRA registration, various relaxations have been provided in the prescribed registration requirements, vide **[Letter/Communication No. Member-DKD/Coop/624 dated 04.06.2026]**. (*Annexure 6*)

The key relaxations provided for warehouses of Cooperative Societies under the Plan include the following:

- a. The **registration fee has been prescribed at ₹500 per warehouse**;
- b. The requirement relating to **positive net worth shall apply irrespective of the capacity of the warehouse**, as per the applicable provisions;
- c. A **fixed security deposit of ₹50,000 per warehouse** shall be applicable; and
- d. Relaxations have been provided in certain **prescribed physical infrastructure requirements** for registration of eligible warehouses.

The above measures are intended to reduce the compliance burden for Cooperative Societies and facilitate registration of warehouses created under the Plan with WDRA. The concerned Cooperative Societies shall, however, continue to ensure compliance with the applicable WDRA norms and other requirements prescribed for scientific storage, preservation and safety of stocks.

No.1010/01/2024-AIF
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Agriculture Infrastructure Fund

New Delhi , Dated : 24 .09.2025

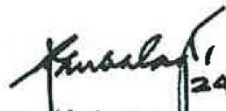
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With the approval of the competent authority, the Credit Guarantee coverage for the loans taken by Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies(PACS) under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund(AIF) scheme for warehouses/godowns construction projects is extended from the existing (2+5) years to (2+8) years. The extended coverage will be applicable to prospective projects only.

2. Accordingly, the following paragraph is inserted after paragraph 13 of the guidelines of AIF issued in September 2024.

13.A The Credit Guarantee coverage for the loans taken by Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies(PACS) under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund(AIF) Scheme for warehouses/godowns construction projects is extended from existing (2+5) years to (2+8) years.

3. The extended coverage will be applicable to prospective projects only from the date of issue of this order.


(Anbalagan P.)
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy To:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation
2. NABARD
3. PS to Hon'ble AM/PS to Hon'ble MoS(R.N.T)/ PS to Hon'ble MoS(B.C)
4. PPS/PS to Secretary/AS(MKD)/AS(PKM)
5. CPMU, AIF/State PMUs with the request to circulate it among all stakeholders for wider publicity and also upload the same on AIF portal.

File No. R-11016/10/2024-CTP
Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
CTP Division

Annexure 2

Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 13.3.2025

To

1. The ACS/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Cooperation Department of all the States/ UTs
2. Registrar of Cooperative Societies of all the States/ UTs

Subject: Inclusion of PACS under NabSanrakshan for availing Credit Guarantee, under Grain Storage Plan - reg.

Madam/ Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to forward herewith communications received from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, along with the addendum to the Operational Guidelines of the Scheme (copy enclosed) wherein PACS participating in the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector, have been made eligible to avail of the NabSanrakshan credit guarantee facility under 'Formation & Promotion of 10,000 FPO' scheme, at par with FPOs.

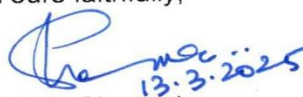
2. The following modifications have been made in the Operational Guidelines of the scheme:

- In case of project loans up to Rs. 1 crore, credit guarantee cover will be 85% of bankable project loan with ceiling of Rs. 85 lakh.
- In case of project loans above Rs. 1 crore and up to Rs. 2 crore, credit guarantee cover will be 75% of bankable project loan with a maximum ceiling of Rs. 1.5 crore.
- However, for project loan over Rs. 2 crore of bankable project loan, credit guarantee cover will be limited maximum up to Rs. 2 crore only.

3. In view of the above, it is requested to kindly ensure wide dissemination of the modifications made in the operational guidelines, and ensure participation of suitable PACS approved by their respective DCDCs, in the Grain Storage Plan for creation of decentralized storage capacity.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,


(Sucheta Sharma)
Deputy Director (CTP-I)

Copy, for information, to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India
2. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India
3. Joint Secretary (CTP), Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India

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सहकारिता एवं नागर विमानन राज्य मंत्री, भारत सरकार
MINISTER OF STATE FOR COOPERATION
AND CIVIL AVIATION, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



D.O. No. R-11016/42/2025-CTP

Dated: 11 November, 2025

Hon. Naidu Ji,

The "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector" being implemented by the Ministry of Cooperation is a transformative initiative aimed at strengthening Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS), generating rural employment, enhancing foodgrain storage capacity, and improving supply chain efficiency across the country.

2. A review meeting on "Action Taken on the 14 Priorities Identified by the Hon'ble Minister" was held on **29th September 2025** under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Union Home and Cooperation Minister. During the meeting, the Hon'ble Minister, under the *world's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector* directed that— "Along with PACS, all cooperative institutions and federations (including Multi-State Cooperative Societies) should also be included for the construction of grain storage godowns in the cooperative sector."

3. In accordance with the above direction, it is requested that the **State Government/ Union Territory Administration** may encourage the participation of various cooperative institutions and federations of the State in this Plan. This will facilitate the creation of decentralized foodgrain storage infrastructure at a larger scale and help strengthen the rural economy through the cooperative sector.

4. It is further requested that the progress of implementation of the "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector" in the State/ UT be reviewed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during review meetings held at the State/ UT level, so that the objectives of the Plan can be achieved in a time-bound manner.

5. I am confident that with your guidance and cooperation, the goal of "Sahkar Se Samridhhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation) will be realized through this national initiative.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Murlidhar Mohol)

Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu Ji,
Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Andhra Pradesh

F. No. R-11016/31/2025-CTP-Part(1)
Government of India
Ministry of Cooperation
CTP Division

Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 05.01.2026

To,
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies of all States/ UTs

Subject: World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector/Request to relax the positive net worth criteria -reg.

Ma'am/ Sir,

The World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in the Cooperative Sector is being implemented in mission mode to create decentralized scientific storage and transform Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) and other cooperatives into viable multipurpose enterprises.

2. At present, as per "Margdarshika" there is requirement of "positive net worth for the last two years" for identification of PACS. The issue of requirement of "positive net worth for the last two years" is being raised by many States with a request to relax this condition on account of recent policy changes in favour of the plan which support the cash flow of the plan and would enable large scale participation and timely achievement of targets. State of Haryana in the meeting held on 24.12.2025 between Secretary (Cooperation) and Chief Secretary, Haryana requested the same.

3. The matter has been examined and it is evident that several recent strategic policy decisions have been taken which mitigates the financial risk associated with the projects significantly, justifying the request of relaxation of the net worth requirement. The changes are as under:

- i. Enhancement of subsidy for PACS under the Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) Scheme to 33.33% with additional support for ancillary infrastructure;
- ii. Reduction of margin money requirement from 20% to 10%;
- iii. Extension of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) credit guarantee and repayment period from (2+5) years to (2+8) years; and
- iv. Provision of a uniform 9-year hiring assurance by the Food Corporation of India (for godowns of 2,500 MT and above), with similar arrangements being institutionalized by NAFED and NCCF.

Together, these measures ensure predictable cash flows, assured utilisation and long-term project viability.

4. In view of the above measures and after careful examination, to expedite the progress of these Storage facilities, it is to convey that though the requirement of positive

net worth for projects under this Plan is desirable, this may not be treated as a mandatory requirement, for those PACS godowns locations where the Agencies such as FCI, NAFED, NCCF, and agencies under Department of Food and Public distribution or any other state government agency have given hiring assurance. Accordingly the cases can be processed for DCDC approval.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours sincerely,



(Pankaj Srivastava)

Director (CTP), Ministry of Cooperation

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No.16-04/2020-STG-III (389201)
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution
(Storage-III Section)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 22/09/2025

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: World's Largest Grain Storage Plan-reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Ministry of Cooperation's D.O. letter No. R-11016/18/2024-CTP, dated 14.07.2025 regarding recommendation for extending a uniform 9-year hiring assurance to all PACS godowns with a capacity of 2,500 MT and above under the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan.

2. The matter has been examined in consultation with FCI. FCI has conveyed that they have no objection to extend 9-years hiring assurance to all PACS godowns being constructed under the said Plan with a capacity of 2,500 MT and above. This Department concurs with the position of FCI.

3. It is, accordingly, conveyed that the decision recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 03.07.2025 (circulated vide this Department's letter of even number dated 08.07.2025) **(Copy enclosed)** stands altered to the extent indicated at para 2 above, and the same may be read in the revised manner.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Encl : As above


(Jitendra Kumar)
Under Secretary (Storage-III)
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To

The Secretary
Ministry of Cooperation
Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi-110003

Copy to:-

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Dr. DAVENDRA KUMAR DHODAWAT (IAS)
MEMBER

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भारत सरकार

Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority
Department of Food & Public Distribution
Government of India

No.Member-DKD/Coop/624

Date:- 04 June 2026

Dear Sh. Siddarth Jain ji,

I am to invite your attention to an email dt 03.06.2026 received from CTP division of the Ministry of Co-operation enclosing a table regarding targets assigned to agencies for the Sahkarita Saptah. A D.O. letter referred in this mail is yet to be received in this office.

As you are aware the registration of warehouses with WDRA is governed by the Warehousing (Development & Regulation) Act, 2007 and the Warehousing (Development & Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017. The registration process is carried out through an online portal.

Registration of warehouses with WDRA is voluntary though it is mandatory for warehouses issuing e-NWRs.

WDRA registration requires some compliances pertaining to registration fee, net worth requirement, security deposit, manpower, building infrastructure and effective control of the warehouse. Such requirements/ relaxations for PACS warehouses have also been explained by WDRA in the meetings/ workshops organized by the Ministry of Co-operation attended by various stakeholders.

A table exhibiting the relaxations for PACS warehouses along with the copy of circulars, is enclosed for ready reference.

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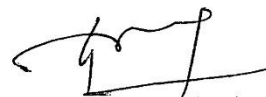
In this regard, you are requested to undertake necessary measures to encourage the PACS to complete the qualification criteria as per the above-mentioned Act /Rules and submit the application through the online portal of WDRA for registration.

WDRA assures to process the applications fulfilling the required qualifications on priority basis to enable your office to achieve the targets.

This is for your kind information and necessary action at your end.

With Regards.

Yours faithfully



Dr. Davendra Kumar Dhodawat
Member

Enc: As above.

To,
Shri Siddharth Jain,
Additional Secretary,
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Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan,
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Table for Comparison of PACS relaxation V/S others entities

S. No.	Registration requirement	Other Entities	PACS
1	Registration fee	Depend on Warehouse capacity (Rs.5,000/- to Rs.30, 000/-)	Only Rs. 500/-
2	Net Worth requirement	Depend on Warehouse capacity (Rs. 0.04 to Rs. 50 Crores)	Should not have negative Net worth
3	Security deposit (SD)	FSD: Rs.50,000 (<2000MT) Rs. 1 Lakh (>2000 MT) DSD: 1% of peak value of previous month.	Only Rs.50, 000/- for total Security deposit (Dynamic and Fixed SD)
4	Minimum limit of the capacity	500 MT	100 MT
5	Manpower requirement	Deployment of adequate trained manpower like full-time Manager, Supervisor, Personnel adequate number of functional staff for carrying out activities like Quality grading, Weighing sampling, Account keeping, Record management and Security arrangement.	The Secretary with 01 more person
6	Availability of parking & maneuvering space for vehicle	Mandatory	Not mandatory
7	Boundary wall/ Barbed wire fencing	Mandatory	Only adequate arrangement of locking of Godown & safety/Security of stocks
8	Minimum Fire-fitting requirement	Depend on Warehouse capacity - For up to 1500 MT (03 fire extinguisher & 15 fire buckets) - For above 25000 MT (25 fire extinguisher & 125 fire buckets)	- For up to 500 MT (01 fire extinguisher & 06 fire buckets) - For more than 500 MT (03 fire extinguisher & 15 fire buckets)
9	Minimum Plinth height	61 cm.	- For older PACS (30 cm with Bund at all entrances). - For new PACS (61 cm)

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क्र संख्या. T-21/1/2023-IT/1194

दिनांक: 20.06.2025

1. All Empaneled Inspection Agencies.
2. All Registered Warehousemen

सन्दर्भ: - PAACS गोदामों के पंजीकरण के लिए अवसंरचनात्मक आवश्यकताओं पर संशोधित दिशानिर्देश---
के संबंध में

Subject: - Revised Guidelines on infrastructural requirements for registration of PAACS
Warehouses---regarding

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the Revised Guidelines with respect to amendment
in plinth height requirements, given by the Authority for Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies
(PACS) warehouses, which shall be taken care of, while conducting physical inspection of PACS
Warehouses.

An Advisory for older PACS Warehouses is also enclosed for your reference.

Encl:- As above

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रचना शालिनी
(डॉ रचना शालिनी) 20.6.25
निदेशक (तकनीकी) प्रभारी

प्रतिलिपि: - Deputy Director (IT), WDRA with the request to upload the guidelines on the official
website of WDRA.

प्राथमिक कृषि पंजीकरण के लिए बुनियादी ढांचे की आवश्यकता पर संशोधित दिशानिर्देश

सहकारी समिति (पीएसीएस) गोदाम

Revised Guidelines on infrastructural requirement for registration of Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS) warehouses

The Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS) warehouses are small capacity warehouses; hence, many infrastructure requirements prescribed for big warehouses may not be essentially present in such godowns/warehouses. With a view to make more and more warehouses of PACS available to farmers, registered with WDRA, there has been a thrust from the Government to register more cooperatives warehouses providing them relaxations in terms of infrastructural requirements, registration fees, net worth requirements and security deposit. Following revised relaxation in infrastructure requirements for registration are provided to the PACS warehouse (s) by the Authority under the powers available as per Rule 20 of the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017:

- i. For new PACS warehouses, a minimum plinth height of 61 cms shall be accepted as a prerequisite for road fed godowns to register with WDRA.
- ii. The minimum limit for capacity to be registered in case of PACS warehouses will be 100 MT.
- iii. Availability of parking and maneuvering space for vehicles shall not be insisted upon in the case of PACS warehouses as these are small capacity units operated for the benefit of the member farmers.
- iv. The warehouse should have a stack plan drawn, leaving reasonable space for alleyways.
- v. Other than the Secretary of the society one more staff of the PACS shall be engaged (on full or part time basis) for storage and preservation of the goods in the warehouse. Availability of security guards may be desirable but not insisted upon for registration of the warehouse.
- vi. Availability of a pucca boundary wall/barbed wire fencing shall not be insisted upon. However, the warehouse should have adequate arrangements for locking of godown and safety/security of stocks.
- vii. PACS warehouses up to 500 MT capacity shall have at least one fire extinguisher (of requisite type) and six fire buckets. For warehouses having capacity more than 500 MT the prescribed norms for other warehouses shall be followed, which is three fire extinguishers and fifteen fire buckets for capacity up to 1500 MT.

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दिनांक: 20.06.2025

ADVISORY ON PLINTH HEIGHT REQUIREMENT FOR OLDER PACS WAREHOUSES

Please take reference of WDRA's office letter no-14-16/2011/WDRA/1241 dated 29.06.2018 which outlines the guidelines on infrastructural requirements for registration of PACS Warehouses. In reference to Point No. (i) of the guidelines concerning plinth height, the following clarification is reiterated:

"In case of older PAACS warehouses, where a plinth height of 30 cm was previously accepted, in case the warehouse is located on a well-drained site not liable for flooding / inundations and is away from a place likely to be affected by seepage water. In such warehouses, to ensure the safety of stored material, it is advised to create Bund at all entrances."

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डॉ. रचना शालिनी 20.6.25
निदेशक (तकनीकी) प्रभारी

Annexure-I

[भाग II—खण्ड 3(i)]

भारत का राजपत्र : असाधारण

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[फा. सं. टीएफसी-04-2016]

नन्दिता गुप्ता, संयुक्त सचिव

नोट: मूल नियम भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग-II, खण्ड-3 उप-खण्ड (i) में सा.का.नि. संख्या 165 (अ) तारीख 23 फरवरी, 2017 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए थे और तत्पश्चात सा.का.नि. संख्या 1040 (अ) तारीख 22 अगस्त, 2017 तथा सा.का.नि. संख्या 251 (अ) तारीख 20 मार्च, 2018 द्वारा और संशोधित किए गए।

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(Department of Food and Public Distribution)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 21st December, 2020

G.S.R. 782(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (a), (b) and (c) of sub-section (2) of section 50 of the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2007 (37 of 2007), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses (Amendment) Rules, 2020.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 (herein after referred to as the said rules), for the Third Schedule, the following schedule shall be substituted, namely:—

“The Third Schedule

[See rules 5 and 13 (3)]

Application fees for registration and renewal with the Authority

Unit of registration	Fee
Each warehouse with a capacity of upto 500 Ton	Rs. 5,000/-
Each warehouse with a capacity of more than 500 Ton but less than or equal to 1,000 Ton	Rs. 7,500/-
Each warehouse with a capacity of more than 1,000 Ton but less than or equal to 2,500 Ton	Rs. 10,000/-
Each warehouse with a capacity of more than 2,500 Ton but less than or equal to 5,000 Ton	Rs. 15,000/-
Each warehouse with a capacity of more than 5,000 Ton but less than or equal to 10,000 Ton	Rs. 20,000/-
Each warehouse with a capacity of more than 10,000 Ton but less than or equal to 25,000 Ton	Rs. 25,000/-

Each warehouse with a capacity of more than 25,000 Ton	Rs. 30,000/-
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Where the applicant or warehouseman is a Farmer Producer Organisation or a Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society, the fee shall be Rs. 5,000 per warehouse."

3. In the said rules, for the Seventh Schedule, the following schedule shall be substituted, namely:-

"The Seventh Schedule

[See rule 18 (1) and (2)]

Minimum net worth requirements for registration with the Authority

Storage capacity (in Tons)	Net worth (Rupees in crores)
Upto 500	0.04
501 – 1,000	0.08
1,001 – 1,500	0.12
1,501 – 2,000	0.16
2,001 – 2,500	0.20
2,501 – 3,000	0.40
3,001 – 4,000	1.00
4,001 – 5,000	2.00
5,001 – 10,000	5.00
10,001 – 15,000	10.00
15,001 – 25,000	20
25,001 – 75,000	30
75,001 – 1,50,000	50
1,50,001 – 5,00,000	100
5,00,001 and above	

✓ Where the applicant or warehouseman is a Farmer Producer Organisation or a Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society, the net worth shall be positive."

[F. No. TFC-04-2016]

NANDITA GUPTA, Jt. Secy.

Note : The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 165(E), dated the 23rd February, 2017 and amended vide number G.S.R. 1040(E), dated the 22nd August, 2017 and further amended vide number G.S.R. 251(E), dated the 20th March, 2018.

WDRA, NOTIFICATION
NEW DELHI, 14 JUNE 2024.

No. - 514
JULY, 12, 2024 / ASHADHA 21, 1946

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	up to Rs. 250 crore			warehouse
3.	T is above Rs. 250 crores and up to Rs. 2,500 crore	Rs. 1.937 Crores	0.50% of T	Rs. 1 lakh per warehouse
4.	T is above Rs.2,500 crore	Rs. 13.187 Crores	0.25% of T	Rs. 1 lakh per warehouse

Note : T is the maximum value of negotiable warehouse receipts, in all the registered warehouses of the warehouseman on any day during the preceding month.

- ii. The fixed security deposit shall be maintained for a period of six months beyond the registration period whereas the dynamic security deposit shall be updated at the end of each month and submitted to the Authority, which shall be duly acknowledged and the validity of dynamic security deposit may be kept for a period of minimum six months so as to take care of any changes in the requirement of security deposit during this period.
- iii. The Authority may, adjust the security deposit already furnished by the warehouseman against the amount required to be furnished as security deposit.
- ✓ iv. Where the applicant or warehouseman is a Farmer Producer Organisation or a Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies or a Self Help Group, the total security deposit shall be fifty thousand rupees (total) per warehouse covering both the dynamic and fixed security deposit.
- v. The security deposit shall be in the form of Bank Fixed Deposits or in the form of Bank Guarantee (as per the format given in the First Schedule), or surety insurance policies or contracts or any other instrument decided by the Authority favouring Warehousing Development & Regulatory Authority.
- vi. The Authority may allow any entity created under an Act of Parliament or of a State Legislature to provide, an Indemnity Bond for the amount required as security deposit (as per format provided in the Second Schedule).
- vii. An entity allowed by the Authority to submit an Indemnity Bond shall submit, along with its application for registration, a resolution from its Board of Directors authorising to furnish such Indemnity Bond.
- viii. The security deposit shall be released as per the guidelines issued by the Authority from time to time.
- ix. The Authority shall refund the security deposit in respect of a warehouse, if—
 - a. an application for renewal of registration of the warehouse has been rejected and if the Authority is satisfied that the warehouseman has discharged his obligations as per the requirements of the rules; or
 - b. a warehouseman surrenders his certificate of registration, and the Authority accepts such surrender; or
 - c. the certificate of registration of a warehouse is cancelled, and the Authority is satisfied that the warehouseman has discharged his obligations as per the requirements of the rules.
- x. Notwithstanding such revision of the security deposit as specified in sub-paragraph (i) and (ii), if any, the warehouseman shall not increase the charges payable by the depositors within the period of validity of negotiable warehouse receipts issued to them.

FIRST SCHEDULE**(Format for bank guarantee for security deposit payment to be submitted by the Warehouseman)**

Director (Administration and Finance)

Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority

National Cooperative Union of India Building (4th Floor),

3, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, New Delhi –

110016 (With due stamp duty as applicable)

OUR LETTER OF GUARANTEE Number:-

1. In consideration of Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority, having its office at National Cooperative Union of India Building (4th Floor), 3, Siri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg, Hauz Khas, Delhi- 110016 (INDIA) (hereinafter referred to as the WDRA which expression shall unless repugnant to the content or meaning thereof include all its successors, administrators and executors) and having considered granting or granted registration of the warehouse (s), namely, _____ or as per list annexed with this schedule (duly endorsed by the Bank) belonging to M/s _____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Warehouseman" which expression unless repugnant to the content or meaning thereof, shall include all the successors, administrators, and executors).
2. WHEREAS, the Warehouseman having unequivocally accepted to conduct business of warehousing as per terms and conditions provided in the Warehousing (Development and Regulation) Registration of Warehouses Rules, 2017 (hereinafter referred as the said rules) and having agreed to furnish to the WDRA a security deposit in the form of a Bank Guarantee for Rs. (Rupees.....only) for the faithful performance of the entire registration with the WDRA, we....(hereinafter referred to as the Bank) at the request of the warehouseman do hereby undertake to pay to the WDRA an amount not exceeding Rs against any loss or damage caused to or suffered by the holder of the negotiable warehouse receipt due to breach by the warehouseman of any of the terms and conditions contained in the said rules and the notification number.....dated the.....on "Requirement of Security Deposit for registration of warehouses with the WDRA" (hereinafter referred as the notification).
3. We(Name of the Bank) do hereby undertake to pay the amount due and payable under this guarantee without any demur merely on a demand from the WDRA stating that the amount claimed is due by way of loss or damage caused to or suffered by the holder of the negotiable warehouse receipt due to breach by the warehouseman of any of the terms and conditions contained in the rules and the notification. Any such demand made on the bank shall be conclusive as regards the amount due and payable by the Bank under this guarantee. However, our liability under this guarantee shall be restricted to an amount not exceeding Rs.....
4. We undertake to pay to the WDRA any money so demanded notwithstanding any dispute or disputes raised by the warehouseman in any suit or proceeding pending before any Court or Tribunal relating thereto, our liability under this present being absolute and unequivocal. The payment so made by us under this bond shall be a valid discharge of our liability for payment thereunder and the warehouseman shall have no claim against us for making such payment.
5. We..... (Name of the Bank) further agree that the WDRA shall have the fullest liberty without our consent and without affecting in any manner our obligations hereunder to vary any of the terms and conditions of the said agreement or to extend time of performance by the Warehouseman from time to time or to postpone for any time or from time to time any of the powers exercisable by the WDRA against the warehouseman and to for bear or enforce any of the terms and conditions relating to the said agreement and we shall not be relieved from our liability under terms and conditions relating to the said agreement and we shall not be relieved from our liability by reason of any such variation, or extension being granted to the Warehouseman or for any forbearance, act or omission on the part of the WDRA or any indulgence by the WDRA to the warehouseman or by any such matter or thing whatsoever which under the law relating to sureties would, but for this provision, have effect of so relieving us.
6. This guarantee will not be discharged due to the change in the constitution of the Bank or the Warehouseman.