



Visit to BIRD, Lucknow by Dr. Bhagwat Karad, Hon. MoS, Finance, GoI

For achieving the economic prosperity of people and women in rural areas the stakeholder institutions need to focus on capacity building of the microfinance delivering intuitions as well as their clients, said Dr. Bhagwat Karad, Minister of State for Finance, GoI. He further said that women clients of SHGs and MFIs in the country are striving to setup rural micro enterprises for enhancing their family incomes, however their capacities need to be improved in the area of skills, operational aspects of running micro enterprises, handling finances and marketing of their products. Dr. Karad was speaking at the Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow, a premier learning centre setup by NABARD for capacity building of stakeholders and research in agriculture and rural sectors and development financing.

Lauding the relentless policy and financial support extended by NABARD over the past three decades for developing SHG bank linkage programme as worlds' largest microfinance system, he exhorted banks and other stakeholders to capitalise on NABARD's extensive presence in each district and strong partnership with NGOs and other peoples' organisations for orderly development of rural micro enterprises using financial resources available from the microfinance system. He also appreciated the professional role being played by BIRD in capacity building of various stakeholders such as banks, MFIs, NBFCs, Govt agencies, Non-govt organisations etc. in promoting various models of microfinance and development of agriculture and rural sectors. He further suggested that institutions of excellence such as BIRD may further enhance their training outreach by conducting programmes at various locations in the country as also using digital means for training delivery to benefit maximum people.

Shri Shankar A Pande, Director, BIRD while outlining various activities of BIRD, informed that bird played pivotal role in capacity building of rural financial institutions, MFIs, NGOs and community based organisations in the past for strengthening of rural credit and MF delivery system. The current focus of BIRD was on extending training to various stakeholders for promoting rural livelihoods and micro-entrepreneurial activities by small farmers, women and youth either individually or through their collectives such as SHGs, SHG federations, producers organisation, etc. He also informed that BIRD operates specialised centres for

cooperatives, climate finance and microfinance. BIRD works closely with various ministries of GOI for capacity building of FPO stakeholders, rural financial institutions and international participants. BIRD also organises training programmes for officials of various central and state services.

The interface with the Minister was also attended by Shri S K Dora, Principal, NBSC, Shri Brajesh Kumar Singh, GM, BOB and SLBC, faculty and senior bankers.

Some photographs;






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