

National Seminar on Financing of Agriculture Value Chains: Challenges and Opportunities (27th and 28th November, 2015)



CALL FOR PAPERS



The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), New Delhi jointly organizing the ‘**National Seminar on Financing of Agriculture Value Chains: Challenges and Opportunities**’ at **BIRD, Lucknow on 27th and 28th November, 2015**. Papers are invited from researchers/practitioners/ economists/ policy makers/other stakeholders in the agriculture sector on the following broad themes:

- (a) Re-visiting the provisions under model APMC Act 2003 and identifying the factors hindering the growth of agricultural markets in India
- (b) Structure & Regulatory framework for the proposed National Common Agricultural Market
- (c) Critical gaps in Storages/Warehouses in India and implementable models to bridge the gaps
- (d) Institutional support required to integrate small farmers to a given agri-commodity value chain
- (e) Ways to co-integrate issues of finance into the value chain framework to improve efficiency

Interested persons may submit their papers on any of the above themes **by 31 September 2015** to the Chief General Manager, Department of Economic Analysis and Research (DEAR), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, C-24, G Block, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra(E), Mumbai- 400 051 at nabard.valuechain@gmail.com. The paper should not be more than 6000 words (20 double space typed pages of size 8½ by 11 inches), including tables, diagrams and appendices (with margins on all sides of at least 1½ inches). Abstracts not exceeding 200 words should be submitted along with the papers. Papers submitted should be exclusively written for the seminar and should not have been published or sent for publication elsewhere. The authors are required to submit a declaration in this regard.

Authors of the selected papers will be invited to present their papers in the proposed seminar. II AC rail/air fare by economy class by the shortest route will be paid. The papers selected for presentation in the seminar will be published in an edited book brought out by NABARD & IFPRI. The authors of the papers published in the book will be awarded a cash incentive of Rs.10,000/- as our recognition to and acknowledgement of the work.