



5.11 Primary Agricultural Credit Societies as Multi-Service Centre



Tools for Success: Equipping Farmers with the Right Resources

Name of the PACS: Hipparagi PACS Ltd
Hipparagi, Bagalkote

Implementing Entity: Bagalkot DCCB

Total Financial Outlay: ₹13.45 million

NABARD's Support: ₹10.75 million

Location of the Project: Bagalkote,
Karnataka

Impact

- ✘ During 2022-23 around 102 farmers availed the services of combine harvester for harvesting sugar cane crop.
- ✘ PACS is entering into agreement with sugar factories to avoid direct dealing with farmers by the private players which reduced handling charges for farmers. Apart from timely harvesting and preventing weight loss/recovery of sugarcane, each farmer saved around ₹2,000-₹2,500/trip.
- ✘ Profit of PACS has increased from ₹7.01 million during 2021-22 to ₹7.51 million for the year 2022-23.

Challenges Addressed

- ✘ Shortage of labour for harvesting sugar cane during the peak harvesting season.
- ✘ Combined Harvesters come from distant places such as Belagavi, Maharashtra.
- ✘ Delay in a week's time may lead to post harvest loss and delay in preparing the land for next cultivation.

Strategies

- ✘ Custom Hiring Centre with sugar cane harvester, two tractors and transportation vehicle.

