

To  
The Editor,  
'EENADU' News Daily,  
Somajiguda,  
Hyderabad

**Lr.No.CGG/EENADU/Clarification, dated 11.09.11**

**Sir,**

Sub: Article published in the news daily 'Eenadu' today (11.09.11) titled  
*"Prapancha Bank Dunnesthundhi" –Clarification issued-reg*

This has reference to the article titled *"Prapancha Bank Dunnesthundhi"* featured on the front page of the news daily 'EENADU' today i.e., on September 11, 2011.

Among other things, the said article mentions the following:

- The Agriculture Governance Cell of Centre for Good Governance (CGG), Hyderabad will be funded by the World Bank
- That the cell proposes to engage in the activities from agricultural production to agricultural marketing of the State of A.P.
- Therefore, by inference, all the activities of the state's agriculture will be dictated by the World Bank.
- The cell is aimed to promote corporate agriculture, PPP in agriculture and commercialization of agriculture.

The proposed activity is a small experimental project for increasing farm incomes. This is still at a design stage. CGG has applied for a funding of Rs. 3 crores only from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana of the Government of India and from no one else, least of all, from the World Bank. This project does not influence the policies of the government or bring about corporate farming in place of individual farming. Nothing can be farther from the facts.

This cell held a 1-day workshop on August 25, 2011 in CGG, to which the media were also invited. Representatives from electronic media, including ETV 2 were present all through the meeting. The recording of the entire proceeding, not just the excerpts from the meeting, available with them is the best proof of the envisaged role of the cell.

Therefore, the assertion made in the said article that the Agriculture Governance Cell of CGG is to be funded by the World Bank, is **without any basis.**

The Cell will not have a direct bearing on the governance of the agricultural schemes/programmes of the State of Andhra Pradesh, which, as you are aware, is the exclusive domain of the government.

In short:

The Agriculture Governance Cell of CGG, will be funded by RKVY. The World Bank has nothing to do with the Agriculture Governance Cell of CGG. Hence, no external agencies **will either advice or have any control on the activities of the Cell.**

- The Cell will undertake pilot projects in the Agriculture and Allied Sectors based on the request from various Governmental agencies/research bodies etc. It will not have a definitive role in the governance of agricultural schemes/programmes of the State.
- The proposed cell will study agricultural practices of other states also if requested by them.
- The cell, being well aware of the fact that the AP government's focus is on the 120 lakhs of the farmers in the state, especially the small and marginal farmers, licensed cultivators, would strive to improve their well being.

- It is incorrect and baseless to state that the cell aims to promote corporate agriculture. On the contrary the cell's objective is to work for the welfare of the farmers by protecting them against natural calamities, market machinations of the unscrupulous middlemen etc.

I shall be thankful if this clarification is published equally prominently in the interests of fairness.

Yours sincerely,  
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