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Scheme for the organisation of Block Level  
Village Artisans' (Balutedars) Multipurpose  
Cooperative Societies.

Government of Maharashtra  
Agriculture and Cooperation Department,  
Resolution No. LCS.1771/42052.C.2.II,

Sachivalaya Annexe, Bombay 32, 23rd August 1972.

Recd. Government Circular Agriculture and Cooperation  
Department No. LCS.1771/42052.C.2(II) dt. 10th July '72.

Government letter No. LCS.1771/42052.C.2(II) dt. 10.5.72.

Resolution: With a view to providing gainful avenues of self employment to individual artisans and with a view to boosting up production by undertaking industrial activities, it is proposed to organise Block Level Village Artisans' Multipurpose Cooperative Societies in Maharashtra State, which will give assistance, technical as well as financial to the village artisans at the Block Level. Government is accordingly pleased to sanction the scheme for organisation of Block Level Village Artisans' Multipurpose Cooperative Societies for implementation during the year 1972-73.

2. Government is also pleased to sanction an amount of Rs. 20.00 l-khs on account of the scheme, during the year 1972-73 as per details given below:

Sr.No.	Item of expenditure	Cost for 7 months during 1972-73 (Rs. in l-khs.)
I	Staff Auditors.	

II	Total	0.87
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II	Grant in aid to the Block Level Coop.Socys for appointing of clerk cum typists and peons.	6.33
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III	Grant in aid to the Block Level Multipurpose Cooperative Socys for contingencies (Rs. 1000 per unit)	1.20
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IV.	Total	7.68
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IV.	Grant in aid to Khadi & Village Industries Board for appointment of non technical staff & recurring & non recurring contingent expdtr. for implementing the scheme.	3.60
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IV.	Total	3.60
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Sr.No. Item of expenditure. Cost of 7 months during  
1972-73 (Rs. in l-khs)

V.	<u>Share capital</u>	
	Government Share capital	Rs. 8.00
	contribution to Block Level	
	Multipurpose Coop.Socys.	
	Total	8.00
	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>20.00</u>

3. The District Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Socys. are authorised to draw and disburse the amounts of share capital and Grant in aid to these societies on the recommendation of the Officers authorised by the Maharashtra State Khadi and Village Industries Board. The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies should draw and disburse the amount of Rs.3.60 l-khs to the Maharashtra State Khadi and Village Industries Board as grant in aid.

4. Sanction is also accorded to the creation of the following posts under the scheme.

Sr.No. Name of the Post & pay scale. No.of posts.

1. Auditors. 25  
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4(a) The above posts of auditors should be attached to the office of the District Special Auditor concerned and their Head Quarters should be the district head quarters of each district except in case of Osmanabad district where it should be at Latur.

4(b) The Extension Officers(Cooperation) who are at present under the Zilla Parishads should be treated as employees of the Cooperative Bodies, with effect from 15th August 1972 and attached as Managers of the Multipurpose Cooperative Societies of Village Artisans at Block Level, to work as Managers/Assistant Managers, as per the orders of the District Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Socys. and to look after the day to day working of the society, as may be entrusted to them by the society with the approval of the Maharashtra State Khadi and Village Industries Board and the District Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies. The question of creation of these posts of Executive Officers, payment of their salaries and allowances etc. is under consideration of Government. In the meanwhile these persons should be continued to be paid by Zilla Parishads their normal pay and allowances as adhoc arrangements.

5. The question of transferring posts of Extension Officer(IND) at present with the Zilla Parishads to the Cooperative Department will be considered after 1st April 1973, for attaching to these societies, so that the Extension Officers(IND) will be able to give technical guidance to the Artisans, when these societies commence working.

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6. The Rural Development Department should issue suitable instructions to Zilla Parishads in regard to paragraphs 4 and 5 above.

7. To avoid unnecessary and avoidable expenditure on the staff mentioned in paragraphs 4 to 6 above, care should be taken to see that the posts mentioned above are created and filled in as and when necessary.

8. The audit of these societies should be carried out by the Cooperative Department free of cost, for which necessary staff has been provided in the scheme.

9. The financial assistance available under the scheme will be as follows:

i) Share capital contribution to each society equal to twice the amount of share capital collected by the society to be disbursed in suitable instalments, during the year 1972-73, the share capital contribution to each society should be subject to the maximum of (Rs. 4,000/-) dated 16-9-72.

ii) Grant in aid to the society for appointment of clerks and peons.

iii) Subsidy to the society on account of contingency (Rs. 1000/- each society);

iv) Loans to individual members and affiliated societies as per pattern and schemes of the Khadi & Village Industries Commission;

v) The benefit of grants and subsidies of the schemes of Khadi and Village Industries Board & Khadi and Village Industries Commission for tools and equipments, working shed etc., would be available to the societies.

10. The Working Capital will be provided through the institutional structure by the District Central Coop. Banks with refinance facilities from the Reserve Bank of India, and this will be covered under the Credit Guarantee Scheme of Government of India.

11. Technical guidance, Managerial expertise, Marketing facilities would be provided by the society to the artisans with the assistance of the Khadi and Village Industries Board and Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

12. For the successful implementation of the scheme, assistance from various agencies concerned with the scheme mentioned below is absolutely necessary:

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- 1) The Khadi & Village Industries Commission.
- ii) The State Khadi & Village Industries Board.
- iii) State Government.
- iv) The Banks - The Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank.  
The Reserve Bank of India.

13. All concerned with the implementation of the scheme should put in best of their efforts and extend necessary assistance in order to see that the working of the scheme becomes successful, bearing in mind that the scheme is mainly meant for the amelioration of the weaker section of the society and so far neglected village artisans.

14. The Model By-laws of the scheme in English, which have been approved by Government under Government letter No. LCS.1771/42052.II dated the 19th May 1972 & which have subsequently amended by the Board in consultation with the Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Reserve Bank of India and the Cooperative Department, should be adopted and followed by the societies.

15. The charge on account of share capital contribution of Rs.8.00 lakhs should be debited to the budget head '96 Capital Outlay' and charge on account of expenditure of Rs.12.00 lakhs should be debited to the budget head '34 Cooperation' and expenditure should be met from the grants sanctioned thereunder respectively during the year 1972-73.

16. These orders issued with the concurrence of Rural Development Department and Finance Department vide the letter's No.1874/F.5 dated the 16th August 1972.

By order & in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

Y.S. Shinde,  
Section Officer, Government of Maharashtra.

No. IND/IV/BLV/ORG/72 Poona, the 14th September 1972.

- Copy for information & necessary action to-
1. The Divisional Special Auditor, C.S.(11)(W.Cs)
  2. The District Special Auditor, C.S.(11).

As per the original scheme one post of Auditor is sanctioned for each district(except Bibay) for attending to concurrent and continuous audit of the block level societies in the district. The names of the societies and detailed addresses may be obtained from the office of the Cooperation & Industries Officer, Zilla Parishad or the District Deputy Registrar, C.S.

for Commissioner for Cooperation  
and Registrar, C.S.M.S., Poona - 1.