Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare  
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Ministry of Finance  
Government of India  
North Block  
New Delhi 110001  

Dear Mr. Khare:  

India: Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (Loan No. 8780-IN)  
Amendment to the Financing Agreement and the Project Agreement

We refer to the Loan Agreement (“Loan Agreement”) between India (“Borrower”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Association (“Bank”) and to the Project Agreement (“Project Agreement”) between the Bank and the State of Assam (“Project Implementing Entity”) both dated October 30, 2017, for the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (“Project”).

We also refer to your letter no. 4/3/2015-Infra&Rural dated September 2, 2019, requesting the Bank to consider the restructuring of the Project. Accordingly, the Bank, after due consideration proposes to amend the above-mentioned agreements as follows:

I. Amendments to the Loan Agreement

1. Section I on Definitions in the Appendix is amended as follows:

   a. The following definition is added:

      “National Dairy Development Board” or “NDDB” means the National Dairy Development Board established under the Borrower’s National Dairy Development Board Act, 1987.”

   b. The following definitions are modified to read as follows:

      (i) “Participating Implementing Agencies” means NDDB and all agencies of the State of Assam responsible for implementation and execution of selected activities under the Project, including, but not limited to the agencies with PIUs (as hereinafter defined).

      (ii) “PIUs” or “Project Implementation Units” means the implementing units established in each of Participating Implementing Agencies (Department of Agriculture, Industries and Commerce, Fishery, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Public Works (Roads), Cooperation, Handloom, Textiles and Sericulture, and Panchayat and Rural Development, and NDDB); with the purpose of overseeing the implementation of their specific activities under the Project.

   c. The terms are renumbered in accordance with the insertion above.
II. Amendments to the Project Agreement

2. Section I.A.3 of the Schedule is amended to read as follows:

"3. maintain at all times during Project implementation, Project Implementing Units (PIUs) established within each of the Participating Implementing Agencies (Department of Agriculture, Industries and Commerce, Fishery, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary, Public Works (Roads), Cooperation, Handloom, Textiles and Sericulture, and Panchayat and Rural Development, and NDDB), each headed by the senior most Secretary of the agency in the case of a Department and the Executive Director in the case of NDDB, and each vested with the responsibility of overseeing the implementation of their respective activities under the Project, including, inter alia: (i) compiling the annual action plans prepared by the respective agencies and forwarding these to the PCU for approval; (ii) monitoring implementation of their respective activities; and (iii) coordinating actions among agencies under it;”

Except as specifically amended by this Amendment Letter, all other provisions of the Loan Agreement and the Project Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

The Bank will disclose this Amendment Letter and related information in accordance with the World Bank's Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Amendment Letter, the Borrower consents to disclosure of this Amendment Letter and related information.

Please confirm your acceptance to the foregoing by signing and dating the two originals, retaining one original for your records and returning the other original to the Bank. Upon receipt by the Bank of the original Amendment Letter countersigned by you, in a manner satisfactory to the Bank, unless indicated otherwise, this Amendment Letter will become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By Rinku Murgai
Acting Country Director, India

AGREED:

INDIA

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