

Extension of Modified Interest Subvention Scheme

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The **Union Cabinet** has approved the continuation of the **Modified Interest Subvention Scheme** (MISS) for FY 2025-26.

Under this scheme, 1.5% interest subvention will continue to be provided to banks for short-term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh issued through the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) platform.

Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)

- About: Launched in 2006-07 as Interest Subvention Scheme.
 - MISS is a Central Sector Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers'
 Welfare (MoA&FW).
 - It provides concessional short-term credit for agriculture and allied activities via KCC.
 - While loans are sanctioned at 7% interest, a 3% Prompt Repayment Incentive
 (PRI), given for prompt and timely repayment of loans reduces the effective rate to
 4%, making credit more affordable.
- Implementation: Jointly implemented and monitored by RBI and NABARD with Public Sector Banks, RRBs, Cooperative Banks and Private Sector Banks.
- Key Features:
 - Revolving credit facility under KCC for up to 5 years with flexible withdrawals.
 - Collateral-free loans up to Rs 2 lakh.
 - Interest relief up to 1 year during natural calamities, extendable to 5 years for severe disasters.
 - Targets small and marginal farmers, who account for 76% of agri-credit accounts.
 - The government launched the Kisan Rin Portal (KRP) to digitally track interest subvention claims.
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 - Launched in 2023 collaboratively by MoA&FW, Ministry of Finance, RBI, and NABARD.
 - KRP aims to track interest subvention claims digitally, ensuring faster disbursement, greater transparency, and accountability, benefiting both farmers and banks.

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