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Dear **Shri Haryanan,**

As you are aware, the responsibility for appointment and renewal of small savings agents to promote the various small savings schemes issued by Government of India, vests with the State Governments. Instructions have been issued by the Government of India for appointment of agents under the Standardised Agency System, the Mahila Pradhan Kshetriya Bachat Yojana and the PPF Agency Scheme. The existing instructions *inter alia*, provide for the appointment of juridical persons like registered cooperative societies, scheduled banks, registered social service organisations, universities, gram panchayats and institutions specially approved by the Government as agents.

Keeping in view the current strength of agents and the small savings mobilizations, it has been decided that fresh approvals for agencies to juridical persons may henceforth not be considered. Fresh approvals include extensions of existing agencies held by juridical persons on expiry of their tenure.

The above change may be given immediate effect.

Receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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