

PRESS RELEASE

Shri Jaiprakash R. Dandegaonkar takes over as the new President of NFCSF



New Delhi, 18th December 2020: Shri Jaiprakash R. Salunke Dandegaonkar was today unanimously elected as the President of the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd. at the Apex Sugar Body's 214th meeting of the Board of Directors. Shri Dandegaonkar succeeds Hon'ble Dilip Walse Patil, who had resigned as the President of NFCSF on becoming the Cabinet Minister of State Government of Maharashtra.

A former State Minister of Cooperation and Textile in the Govt. of Maharashtra & having put in many years in public service majority of which have been closely associated with the development of sugar sector, Shri. Jaiprakash R. Dandegaonkar is also the current Chairman of the Maharashtra State Cooperative Sugar Factories Federation Ltd. Mumbai. He is also the founder Chairman of Purna Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Ltd., Distt-Hingoli, Maharashtra. As a senior leader of the Cooperative Sugar sector, Shri Dandegaonkar has contributed significantly towards the growth and development of Indian Sugar sector, one of the few heavily controlled industries in India. As a senior Director of NFCSF, he has been advocating for dynamic reforms in this industry.

On his election as President, Shri Dandegaonkar said, ' I am thankful to the Directors of the federation for giving me such a big responsibility to lead the federation. I assure all

Directors and members of the federation to provide an effective voice to the Indian cooperative sugar sector. I will work with central and state Governments and other stakeholders to facilitate effective resolution of various issues that are confronting the cane growers and cooperative sugar millers which includes suitable MSP, reducing huge cane arrears, forming suitable modalities for timely payment of FRP, timely market/export assistance, diversification of sugar mills etc. I will also work with the Board of Directors to push for a customized financial package to enhance the general, financial and commercial efficiency of cooperative sugar mills across India.'

Shri Dilip Walse Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Excise and Labour, Government of Maharashtra and Former President of NFCSF said, "I welcome Shri Dandegaonkar Ji as the new President of NFCSF. He is one of the prominent cooperative sugar industry leaders and an able administrator. I am sure, under his leadership, the federation will bring in a new sense of dynamism and determination to create a strong and vibrant cooperative sugar industry pan India.

Shri Ketanbhai Patel, Vice-President, NFCSF said, 'The sugar industry is currently passing through a difficult phase and NFCSF has a key role in catalyzing the next phase of growth of the sector. I am sure, under Dandegaonkar Ji's leadership, NFCSF will play a crucial role in achieving it'.

Shri Prakash Naiknavare, Managing Director, NFCSF, said, 'Shri Dandegaonkar Ji is a seasoned leader and administrator. It will be my privilege to work under him to take NFCSF to new heights'.

Later, Shri Dandegaonkar interacted with the officers and staff of the federation. He praised them for their extra efforts put during the nationwide lockdown to meet various issues of members from across the country. He said that the federation is playing a parental role to the member cooperative sugar mills and urged all to continue working towards the benefits of the members. He further took a review of the various ongoing techno-commercial services being provided by the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd. to various clients.