

'Warehouse linkage will help ryots breathe easy'

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Farmers would be able to avoid distress sale and obtain better price for their produce only with the creation of a robust system of registered warehouses and introduction of eNWRs linked with pledge financing, commodity spot and derivative exchanges, Chairman, Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority, B.B. Pattanaik said on Monday.

Mr. Pattanaik was speaking at the Kissan Konnect 2019 held by the National E-Repository Limited (NERL), a repository for electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipts (eNWR) and promoted by the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) at Tenali.

Over 250 farmers, bankers and warehousemen took part in the event.

NERL was incorporated by the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) to provide a platform for issuing Negotiable Warehouse Receipts for commodities in electronic form.

Stating that the farmers have been forced to sell crops at low prices due to arrivals taking place within a short window for many years, Mr. Pattanaik said that the repository system allows them to store their crop in order to sell and realise better prices at a later date.

A.P. example

"I hope farmers of Andhra Pradesh will show the way to their counterparts across India to realise better prices in a similar manner," said Mr. Siraj Hussain, Chairman, NERL.

He said that over 62,000 eNWRs had been generated on the NERL platforms across India till date. More than 150 farmer accounts had been opened on the NERL platform out of which 57 accounts are from Andhra Pradesh.

As many as 40 eNWRs had been generated in A.P. till date. P. Srinivas, member, WDRA, K. Suresh Kumar, CGM, NABARD, AP, and Samuel Praveen Kumar, Regional Manger, Central Warehousing Corporation, were among those present.