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Subject: Constitution of National Advisory Committee for National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) - reg.

National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) has been approved for implementation during XII Five Year Plan with the objective of making agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient. NMSA has been conceptualized by subsuming Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP), National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI), National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility (NPMSH&F) and Soil and Land Use Survey of India (SLUSI).

2. The objectives of NMSA are as under:
- a) To make agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient by promoting location specific Integrated/Composite Farming Systems;
 - b) To conserve natural resources through appropriate soil and moisture conservation measures;
 - c) To adopt comprehensive soil health management practices based on soil fertility maps, soil test based application of macro & micro nutrients, judicious use of fertilizers etc.;
 - d) To optimize utilization of water resources through efficient water management to expand coverage and increase water use efficiency.
 - e) To develop capacity of farmers & stakeholders, in conjunction with other on-going Missions e.g. National Mission on Agriculture Extension & Technology, National Food Security Mission, National Initiative for Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) etc., in the domain of climate change adaptation and mitigation measures;
 - f) To pilot models in select blocks for improving productivity of rainfed farming by mainstreaming rainfed technologies refined through NICRA and by leveraging resources from other schemes/Missions like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), RKVY etc.; and

