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To

The Director (Agriculture)
Government of Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh, J&K & Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur & Sikkim.

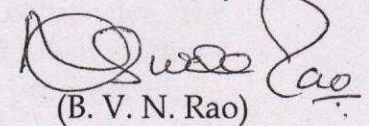
Subject: A review meeting for implementation of Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)-regarding.

Sir,

This has reference to the review meeting for implementation of Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) which was held on 24.03.2017 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NRM/RFS) at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. A copy of the minutes of the review meeting is enclosed for appropriate action.

Encl.: as above.

Yours faithfully,

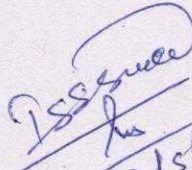

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Minutes of the Progress Review Meeting of Rainfed Area Development Component of NMSA.

To discuss tentative Action Plan for 2017-18 for implementation of Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of NMSA and progress made under the scheme during 2016-17, a review meeting with all the programme implementing states was held on 24th March, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NRM/RFS) at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The States namely Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura participated in the meeting. Joint Secretary (RFS&NRM) reviewed implementation of RAD with respect to progress made, status of utilization, linking of Aadhar with beneficiaries for availing the benefit of the scheme under the framework for implementation of DBT, tentative Annual Action Plan for 2017-18, Online Monitoring Information System of the scheme etc. List of the officers attended the meeting is at Annexure-I.

2. During the review, the following issues have emerged:-
 - i. During the year 2016-17, funds for implementation of RAD was released to States in different instalments in order to ensure timely implementation of the programme as per the approved Annual Action Plan (AAP). The States namely Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Mizoram, Nagaland have reported the progress and submitted utilization certificates for expenditure made against the 1st instalment released amount. However, these States need to submit the utilization certificate and detailed progress made during 2016-17 for entire released amount.
 - ii. The remaining States namely, Telangana, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam and Sikkim have indicated that they were not able to fully utilize the amount released during the current year and previous years. These States need to submit utilization certificate and detailed progress made during 2016-17 along with back log programme to this Department immediately.
 - iii. The tentative Annual Action Plan submitted by the States for implementation of the programme during 2017-18 was discussed in detail during the discussion, decision was taken that more focus on Integrated Farming System (IFS) to be given in the Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2017-18 and was advised all the States to modify the AAP accordingly for implementation of the programme during 2017-18. It was also advised to all the States to submit activity wise physical and financial progress and Utilization Certificate with respect to 2016-17 and that of funds utilised against the releases made in preceding years may also be submitted to this Department immediately for approval of AAP (2017-18) and for consideration of release of 1st Instalment.

- iv. Rainfed Area Development (RAD) has been identified for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) on boarding under DBT mission. Linking of Aadhar with the beneficiaries is required for availing the benefit of the scheme. The modalities of frame work for implementation, IT platform with capability to capture beneficiary details, integration with National DBT portal etc. were discussed. It was advised to the RAD States to initiate action in linking Aadhar identification for selection of beneficiaries and all beneficiaries to be registered with Aadhar number from the year 2017-18. The Gazette Notification in this regard will be issued shortly.
 - v. It is informed that the implementing agencies should revisit the IFS and Value Addition activities taken up under RAD and observe the sustainability of the activities and how it is benefitted to the beneficiaries. The same should be intimated to this Department for documentation and record. Further, Success Stories on achievements made on each Integrated Framing System (IFS) under RAD component of NMSA for the last three years needs to be compiled and sent to this Department for documentation and making accessible to others. It is also advised that short film of success stories with time frame of one to two minutes may also be produced with subtitles in English for the purpose of Doordarshan and other media usage.
 - vi. As per the Rule 86 (6) of the draft GFR 2016 issued by Ministry of Finance, Government of India, all grantee institutions shall submit Utilization Certificate on Public Finance Management System (PFMS). Accordingly, all the implementing States of RAD should start uploading the UCs on 'UC module' of PFMS only. The User Manual for submissions of UCs through UC Module of PFMS portal is given at Annexure-II of the draft GFR 2016 which is displayed on the website of Ministry of Finance (http://finmin.nic.in/the_ministry/dept_expenditure/GFRS/GFR_discussion_draft2016.pdf).
 - vii. For better project implementation and monitoring of the RAD scheme, a dynamic Monitoring Information System (MIS) portal has been developed. The website is available at www.nmsa.dac.gov.in. MIS will facilitate in submitting Cluster / Village / district / State wise the Information. During the meeting, experts have made a demonstration on use and functioning of the MIS. States should ensure to enter and submit the data / information from 1st April, 2017 in the MIS. Further information if any required on entering the information/data through MIS may be contact the NMSA Programmers (E-mail: programmernmsa@gmail.com).
3. It was observed that the following States have incurred higher expenditure beyond permissible norms on certain activities carried out against the approved AAP.

i. Chhattisgarh

- From the physical progress report received of 2014-15, it was observed that State has incurred higher expenditure on Livestock Based Farming System and Fishery Based Farming System activities beyond the permissible norms. Expenditure beyond upper limit of subsidy prescribed in the guidelines have to be borne by the beneficiaries.

ii. Uttar Pradesh

- From the physical progress report received of 2014-15 and 2015-16, it was observed that State has incurred higher expenditure norms on Lining of tank and Water Harvesting Tank activities respectively. The excess expenditure incurred on any activity beyond the permissible norm has to be borne by either State Government / beneficiary.

iii. Meghalaya

- From the physical progress report received of 2015-16, expenditure on Organic Compost Structure has been reported. However, the physical achievement has not been reported. Further, from the progress report of 2014-15 it is observed that State has incurred higher expenditure beyond permissible norms on Contour Bund activity.

iv. Tripura

- From the physical progress report received of 2015-16, it was observed that State has incurred higher expenditure beyond permissible norms of Agroforestry and Apiculture activities.

The excess expenditure incurred on any activity beyond the permissible norms of the Scheme Guidelines has to be borne by either State Government/beneficiary. These States need to regularise the progress report accordingly and submit the revised ones immediately.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.
