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To,

The Director (Agriculture)

Government of Uttrakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Tripura, Meghalaya & Nagaland.

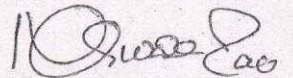
Subject: Minutes of the meeting to review the half yearly progress (2017-18) of Rainfed Area Development (RAD) component of NMSA- regarding.

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 04.12.2017 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NRM/RFS) at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. A copy of the minutes of the meeting is enclosed for appropriate action.

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,



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Minutes of Half Yearly Progress (2017-18) Progress Review Meeting of Rainfed Area Development Component of NMSA.

A meeting to review the half yearly progress of the implementation of Rainfed Area Development component of NMSA, with programme implementing states was held on 04.12.2017 under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (NRM/RFS) at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The officers from, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Utrakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Tripura, Nagaland, Meghalaya participated in the meeting. Joint Secretary (RFS/NRM) reviewed the implementation of RAD with respect to progress made & status of utilization, inclusion of information from Soil Health Card in the project clusters, impact & qualitative outcome of the project, documentation of best practices for dissemination, linking of Aadhar of beneficiaries for availing the benefit of the scheme under the framework for implementation of DBT, online monitoring information system of the scheme, Additional Action Plan for 2017-18, tentative annual action plan 2018-19, etc. List of the officers who have attended the meeting is annexed.

2. During the review, the following issues have emerged:-
 - (i) During the current year (2017-18), first instalment of funds for implementation of RAD was released to States in order to ensure timely implementation of the programme as per the approved annual action plan. Himachal Pradesh, Utrakhand, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura have reported the progress and submitted Utilization Certificate for expenditure made against the first instalment released. Accordingly, second instalment of the amount has also been released to these States. The remaining States need to submit utilization certificate and detailed progress made during 2017-18 by, 20th December 2017 along with progress of spill overworks of previous year to enable this Department to consider the release of second instalment of Central share.
 - (ii) Regarding, progress made under RAD during the last three years (2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17), Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, U.P. have not been able to utilize the total amount released during the previous years and still amount is lying unspent. All efforts be made to effectively utilise these fund for undertaking the approved activities.

- (iii) It was informed that the implementing agencies should revisit the IFS sites and assess value addition taken up under RAD to ascertain sustainability of the activities. The parameters of Soil Health Card in the project clusters should be used to assess the impact along with other indicators, as also laid in the scheme guidelines. The impact and qualitative outcome of the programme interventions should be shared with this Department in shape of Success Stories for specific clusters for documentation and using in awareness campaign. It is also advised that short film of success stories for duration of two/three minutes may also be produced with subtitles in English for the purpose of Doordharshan and other media usage, which should mainly focus on interview with farmers and his response.
- (iv) Regarding linking of Aadhar with the beneficiaries for availing the benefit of the scheme, it was advised to the RAD States to take up the action in linking Aadhar identification for selection of beneficiaries and all beneficiaries to be registered with Aadhar number without any delay.
- (v) Regarding information on women beneficiaries, physical & financial achievements made under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) and Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) components of RAD, only West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Odisha have submitted the information so far. This information is very much important and required for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of SCSP & TSP of GoI schemes. The remaining States should furnish the information at the earliest.
- (vi) Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Meghalaya States were advised to provide Progress report and Utilization Certificates against the releases made as 1st instalment immediately along with progress against the unspent balance of previous year if any, to enable this Department for considering the release of second instalment.
- (vii) Further, States were requested to provide suggestions to improve effectiveness of the scheme in terms of interventions, cost norms and strategies to facilitate effective restructuring of the operational guidelines of the scheme in the extended phase of the remaining period of 14th Financial Commission.
- (viii) To fasten of implementation process in the next financial year, States will be conveyed tentative allocation of Central share of the scheme well in advance. In the meantime States may prepare Annual Action Plan for 2018-19.

States were also advised to keep 25% of additional action plan based on the tentative allocation of Central share of current year. Initiatives may also be taken to keep provision for corresponding State share to ensure timely availability of funds to implementing agencies well in advance of Kharif season.

- (ix) The efforts taken by Nagaland for addressing shifting cultivation under RAD should be documented for sharing with other States also.

State specific issues emerged during the meeting is at Annexure-

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

State Specific Issues

1) Andhra Pradesh:

- During the year 2017-18, entire allocated amount of Central share Rs. 17.00 crore has been released to the State in two instalments for implementation of RAD. State has submitted the utilization certificate and progress report for total Rs. 10.20 crore (Central share Rs. 6.12 crore and State share; Rs. 4.08 crores) against 1st instalment release for taken up IFS activities in an area of 3890 ha.
- State has requested Additional allocation for 2017-18 to implement the programme. The State need to submit utilization certificate and detailed progress against the released amount to consider the release of additional fund of Central Share. In the meantime, State may keep the provision for corresponding State Share against the proposed additional Central Share.
- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not entered any information so far. In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

2) Telangana

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of Central Share of Rs. 5.40 crore has been released to the State as a first instalment for implementation of RAD against the allocation of Rs. 9.0 crores. State has submitted the utilization certificate and progress report for total Rs 4.50 crore (Central share Rs 2.70 crore and State Share Rs.1.80 crore) against 1st instalment release for taken up IFS activities in an area of 1080 ha. State has requested for release of second instalment.
- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not furnished any information sofar.

In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

3) Chhattisgarh:

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of Central Share Rs. 2.40 crore has been released to the State as a first instalment for implementation of RAD against the allocation of Rs. 6.0 crores. State has submitted the utilization certificate and progress report for total Rs. 1.38 crore (Central share Rs 83.03 lakh and State Share Rs.55.35 lakh) against 1stinstalment release for taken up IFS activities in an area of 2351 ha. State has requested for release of second instalment.
- State has an unspent balance of Rs. 112.18 lakh against the funds released during 2016-17. The State need to submit utilization certificate and detailed progress against the balanced amount to consider for release of second instalment during 2017-18.
- From the physical progress report received of the year 2014-15, it is observed that State has incurred higher expenditure beyond permissible norms on Livestock Based Farming System and Fishery Based Farming System activities. The excess expenditure incurred on any activity beyond the permissible norm has to be borne by either State Government/beneficiary. The progress report submitted by the State for the year 2014-15 is not as per the required format. The State has to submit the revised progress report in proper format addressing the issue.

4) Gujarat:

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of Central Share of Rs. 6.00 crore has been released to the State as 1stinstallment for implementation of RAD against allocation of Rs. 10.00 crore. State has submitted the utilization certificate for total Rs. 6.70 crore (Central share Rs. 4.02 crore and State Share Rs. 2.68 crore)

against 1stinstalment release for taken up IFS activities. However, the progress report submitted by the State is not as per the required format. The State has to submit the physical financial progress report of the balance amount in a proper format for considering the release of second instalment during 2017-18.

6) Jharkhand:

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of Central Share of Rs. 4.20 crore has been released to the State as 1stinstallment for implementation of RAD against allocation of Rs. 7.00 crore for taken up IFS activities in an area of 595 ha. The State has provided physical-financial progress of Rs. 3.67 crore (Central Share Rs. 2.20 crore and State Share Rs.1.47 crore). The State has to submit the Utilization Certificate of the aforesaid physical financial progress for considering the release of second instalment during 2017-18.
- The State has an unspent balance of Rs. 14.77 lakh from 2016-17. Further, State has not submitted proposal for revalidation for unspent balance of 2015-16 i.e. Rs. 24.05 lakh. State has to submit revalidation proposal with proper justification to utilize this amount for approved activities.

5) Karnataka:

- During 2017-18, an amount of ₹ 7.50 crore has been released to the State in two instalments for implementation of RAD against the allocation of Rs. 10.00 crore. The State has submitted the utilization certificate for total Rs. 5.36 crore (Central share Rs. 3.22 crore and State Share Rs. 2.14 crore) against 1stinstalment release for taken up IFS activities in an area of 2320 ha.
- State is having a total unspent balance of ₹ 56.01 lakh from previous years i.e. Rs. 18.06 lakh from 2016-17, 20.75 lakh 2015-16 and Rs. 7.20 from 2014-15. The same has also been revalidated for implementation during current financial year. The State has to submit the utilization certificate and physical-financial progress report for the aforesaid amount and amount released during current year for consideration of the release of balance amount during 2017-18.

6) Madhya Pradesh:

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs. 2.00 crore has been released to the State as 1st installment for implementation of RAD against allocation of Rs. 4.00 crore.
- Further, State has not submitted any progress / utilization certificate against revalidated amount of ₹401.47 lakh of 2015-16. State has to expedite the implementation and submit the utilization certificate and progress report at the earliest without any further delay.
- For implementation of RAD during 2014-15, an amount of ₹24.98 crore was released to the State. However, utilization certificate has been provided for only ₹23.65 crore. An amount of ₹1.32 crore is still available with State as unspent balance. State has indicated that the unspent balance is being surrendered to GoI. However, we have not received confirmation documents from the State in this regard.
- It is observed that the pace of implementation of the scheme is very slow and has not made any progress in implementation of the programme during the current year. The entire released amount of the current year and revalidated amount of previous years is still lying with the State.
- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not entered any information so far. In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

7) Maharashtra:

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of Rs. 12.50 crore has been released to the State as a first instalment for implementation of RAD against the allocation of

Rs. 25.00 crores for taken up IFS activities in an area of 2067 ha. The State has provided physical-financial progress of Rs. 8.14 crore (Central Share Rs. 5.10 crore and State Share Rs.3.04 crore).

- State has a total unspent balance of Rs. 651.88 lakh from previous years i.e. Rs. 45.01 lakh for 2014-15, Rs 69.84 lakh for 2015-16 and Rs. 537.03 lakh for 2016-17. State has to submit revalidation proposal with proper justification to utilize this amount for approved activities. Further, State has to submit the utilization certificate and physical-financial progress report for aforesaid amount and progress of the utilized amount of the current year, for consideration for the release of second instalment.

8) Odisha:

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of ₹ 6.00 crore has been released to the State as a 1st installments for implementation of RAD against allocation of 12.00 crore. State has submitted physical & financial progress report of Rs 6.17 crore (Central Share Rs. 3.7 crore and State Share Rs. 2.47 crore) against the released 1stinstalment for covering IFS activities in an area of 2061 ha. However, utilization certificate is not submitted.
- The State has an unspent balance of Rs. 663.94 lakh of 2016-17, State is requested to submit the Utilization Certificate and progress report of this balance amount and UC against current year expenditure for considering the release of second installment.
- The physical progress report submitted during review meeting doesn't coincides with the progress earlier submitted by the State for the year 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15.

9) Rajasthan:

- For implementation of RAD during 2014-15, an amount of ₹25.00 crore was released to the State. However, progress and Utilization Certificate has been

provided for only Rs.16.98 crore. An amount of about ₹8.02 crore is still available with the State as unspent balance even though more than three years have been over since the fund was released. The Revalidation order allowing utilization of the fund for the approved programme has been issued time to time by this Department. It is observed that pace of implementation is very slow. State has to expedite the implementation and submit the utilization certificate and progress for the balance amount of ₹ 8.02 crore released during 2014-15.

10) Tamil Nadu:

- During the year 2017-18, entire allocated amount of Central Share ₹34.00 crore has been released to the State in two installments for implementation of RAD. State has submitted utilization certificate and progress report of ₹17.02 crore (Central Share Rs. 10.21 crore and State Share Rs. 6.81 crore) for taken up of IFS activities in an area of 12353 ha.
- State has requested Additional allocation for 2017-18 to implement the programme. The State need to submit utilization certificate and detailed progress against the released amount to consider the release of additional fund of Central Share. In the meantime, State may keep the provision for corresponding State Share against the proposed additional Central Share.

11) Uttar Pradesh:

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of ₹10.00 crore has been released to the State as 1st installments for implementation of RAD against allocation of 20.00 crore. State has submitted the utilization certificate of ₹ 10.84 crore (Central Share ₹ 6.44 crore and State Share ₹ 4.40 crore) and physical financial progress report of 10.99crore (Central Share ₹ 65.90 crore and State Share ₹ 43.96 crore) for taken up of IFS activities in an area of 3571 ha against 1st installment of ₹ 10.00 crore. State has requested for release of 2nd instalment.

- Further, an amount of Rs.5.40 lakh is still available with State against the amount released under TSP category during 2015-16. State has to utilize this amount for the approved activities and submit the UC and progress without further delay.

12) West Bengal:

- During the year 2017-18, entire allocated amount of Central Share ₹ 7.00 crore has been released to the State in two installments for implementation of RAD. State has submitted utilization certificate and physical progress report of ₹4.08 crore (₹ 2.45 crore Central Share and ₹ 1.63 crore State Share) against the 1st installment release for taken up IFS activities in an area of 2894 ha.
- State is having an unspent balance of ₹ 11.00 lakh from the funds release during 2016-17. State has to submit the utilization certificate and physical financial progress report of balance amount.
- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not entered any information so far. In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

13) Himachal Pradesh

- During the year 2017-18, entire allocated amount of Central Share ₹ 6.00 crore has been released to the State in two installments for implementation of RAD. State has submitted utilization certificate and physical progress report of ₹ 5.39 crore (₹ 4.85 crore Central Share and ₹ 0.54 crore State Share) for taken up of IFS activity in an area of 1830 ha.
- State has requested Additional allocation for 2017-18 to implement the programme. The State need to submit utilization certificate and detailed

progress against the released amount to consider the release of additional fund of Central Share. In the meantime, State may keep the provision for corresponding State Share against the proposed additional Central Share.

- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not entered any information so far. In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

14) Uttarakhand

- During the year 2017-18, entire allocated amount of Central Share ₹ 5.00 crore has been released to the State in two installments for implementation of RAD. State has submitted the utilization certificate of ₹ 2.34. crore (Central Share ₹ 2.10 crore and State Share ₹ 0.23 crore) and physical financial progress report of 2.40 crore (Central Share ₹ 2.16 crore and State Share ₹ 0.24 crore) for taken up of IFS activities in an area of 1003 ha. State has to submit the utilization certificate and progress report for the remaining amount.

15) Meghalaya

- During the year 2017-18, an amount of ₹ 1.20 crore has been released to the State 1st installments for implementation of RAD against allocation of 2.00 crore. State has to submit Utilization certificate and physical financial progress report for the released amount for considering release of second instalment.
- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not entered any information so far. In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

16) Nagaland

- During the year 2017-18, entire allocated amount of Central Share ₹ 8.00 crore has been released to the State in two installments for implementation of RAD. State has submitted the utilization certificate and physical financial progress report of ₹ 8.00 crore (Central Share) for taken up of IFS activities in an area of 1836 ha against 1st installment of ₹ 4.00 crore. State has to submit the utilization certificate and progress report of the matching State Share against the 1st instalment. Further, State is requested to submit utilization certificate and progress report for the remaining amount.
- State has requested Additional allocation for 2017-18 to implement the programme. The State need to submit utilization certificate and detailed progress against both Central and State Share amount to consider the release of additional fund of Central Share. In the meantime, State may keep the provision for corresponding State Share against the proposed additional Central Share.
- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not entered any information so far. In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

17) Tripura

- During the year 2017-18, entire allocated amount of Central Share ₹ 4.00 crore has been released to the State in two instalments for implementation of RAD. State has submitted the utilization certificate and physical financial progress report of ₹ 2.01 crore (Central Share ₹ 1.81 crore and State Share ₹ 0.20 crore) for taken up of IFS activities in an area of 954 ha against 1st installment of ₹ 2.40 crore. State has to submit the utilization certificate and progress report for the remaining amount.

- State has requested Additional allocation for 2017-18 to implement the programme. The State need to submit utilization certificate and detailed progress against the released amount to consider the release of additional fund of Central Share. In the meantime, State may keep the provision for corresponding State Share against the proposed additional Central Share.
- Regarding submission of the progress made under the scheme through online MIS portal, it is observed that the State has not entered any information so far. In this regard, State has to submit the action plan and on the details of physical and financial progress made so far through online MIS Portal without any further delay for monitoring the effectiveness of implementation of the scheme.

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