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To,

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SPEED POST

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Convergence of raising and maintenance of Silkworm food plantations with Submission on Agroforestry (SMAF) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare - reg

You would appreciate that Silk Industry in India is growing at a pace of 5-6% annually to produce 32,000 MT of raw silk during 2017-18 and at present provides employment to around 8.60 million poor and marginal families. Keeping these trends in consideration, Govt of India has planned to produce 38,530 MT of raw silk by 2020, 50,800 MT raw silk by 2025 and 60,000 MT raw silk by 2030.

To achieve above targets in state, continuous efforts are being made to converge support to the sericulture sector from various schemes of Govt of India like, MGNREGS, RKVY, MKSP for expansion of the sector as resources available under SILK SAMAGRA scheme of Ministry of Textiles are limited and largely deployed to critical sericulture activities like seed production, post cocoon reeling/ twisting activities and training, etc that cannot be supported from other ongoing schemes of Govt of India/ State Govts.

Further, it may be informed that Ministry of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare, Govt India has been implementing **Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF)** under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA). The mission has main objectives to encourage and expand tree plantation in complementary and integrated manner with crops to improve productivity, employment opportunities, income generation and livelihoods of rural households, especially the small farmers.


The operational guidelines on **Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF)** emphasizes upon nursery development for quality planting material, raising low density and high density block tree plantations on farm lands including intermediate / strip plantations, as also the peripheral and boundary plantations on farmland along with crops/ cropping systems as an integral component of farming systems and synergize for convergence with the ongoing programmes, like, MIDH, RKVY, MGNREGA, PMKSY, NMSA, etc for land and water management, reclamation of waste lands/ problem soils, precise irrigation, value additions and processing. A copy of the detailed operation guidelines of SMAF including cost norms and pattern of assistance is enclosed for reference.

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The objectives of the SAMF are synergistic to Sericulture sector especially for augmentation of sericulture food plants e.g. Mulberry, Asan, Arjuna, Som, Soalu, Kesseru, Bada Kesseru, Phanat (Quercus), etc that are cultivated in tree form both as block tree plantations and border or peripheral bund plantations on farm lands. It is to further emphasize that planting sericulture based tree species on agri bunds and rearing silkworm has potential of providing additional income to farmers besides their agriculture income.

Keeping in view the above, we would request you to take up activities of nursery development and raising of tree plantations of silkworm host plants, etc by availing the provisions under Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF). Central Silk Board shall extend necessary technical support for providing suitable practices and model for implementing the Sub-Mission on Agro forestry in sericulture sector.

We would appreciate an acknowledgement on the communication and intimation of action initiated.


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