F. No. E-10/2018-SMAF

Government of India

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare) (Natural Resource Management Division)

Room No.118, B wing Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: 29th April, 2019

To

- 1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government of Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana
- 2. Agriculture Production Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Nagaland
- 3. Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra
- 4. Commissioner of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Rajasthan
- 5. Director(Agriculture), Government of Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Mizoram
- 6. Director(Horticulture & Farm Forestry), Govt. of Chhattisgarh
- 7. Mission Director (NMSA), Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Kashmir

Subject: Revalidation of unspent funds out of grants-in-aid released in previous financial year 2018-19 and accrued interest thereon for implementation of Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme during FY 2019-20-reg.

Sir,

It has been decided with the approval of competent authority that unspent balance in respect of funds released during previous financial year i.e. -2018-19 and accrued bank interest earned on central Grants-in-aid under Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) stands revalidated for utilization on approved activities of the scheme at the beginning of current FY *i.e.* 2019-20.

- 2. Revalidation of unspent balance will be adjusted against release of first/second installment and allocation of current financial year will be reduced to that extent. The Annual Action Plan (AAP) for 2019-20 have to include unfinished /spill over activities as also the committed liabilities of previous year.
- 3. Utilization Certificates, Balance sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts of State Governments/other implementing Agencies/Nodal designated agencies shall clearly indicate unspent balances and amount earned as interest carried forward to the next financial year

at the beginning of that financial year, so that these amounts are accounted for in a transparent and unambiguous manner.

4. As regards to unspent balance available from the funds released for implementation of SMAF before 2018-19, revalidation will be done only on receipt of the request from State Govt for which a proposal with full justification is required to be submitted separately for consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajpal Meena)

Assistant Commissioner (SMAF)

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