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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

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To

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.

Subject: Launch of Income Support Scheme - “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)” for augmenting the income of Small & Marginal farmers-reg.

Sir,

The Government of India has decided to implement a new Central Sector Scheme, namely “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)”, for augmenting the income of farmers by providing income support to all small and marginal landholder farmer families across the country. The scheme will be 100% funded by Govt. of India.

2. Under the scheme, financial benefit of Rs.6000 per year will be provided to all small and marginal farmer families having total cultivable holding of upto 2 hectare. This will be provided in 3 equal installments of Rs.2000 each in a period of every four months in a financial year. **The benefit shall be admissible for the transfer w.e.f 01.12.2018.**

3. A small and marginal landholder farmer family for the purpose of the calculation of the benefit is defined as “a family comprising of husband, wife and minor children (upto 18 years of age) who collectively own cultivable land upto 2 hectare as per land records of the concerned State/UT”.

4. The existing land-ownership system in the concerned States/UTs will be used for identification of beneficiaries. **Those whose names appear in land records as on 01.02.2019 shall be eligible for benefit.** If a Landholder Farmer Family (LFF) has land parcels spread across different village/revenue records, then land will be pooled for determining the benefit. Accordingly, it is of utmost importance that the land records are clear and updated and the State/UT Governments are requested to complete updation of land records for the purpose expeditiously. All States/UTs shall endeavor to complete the identification of beneficiaries and facilitate quick distribution of the benefit to the farmers.

5. In some of the North Eastern States, the land ownership rights are community based and it might not be possible to assess the quantum of LFFs. In such States, an alternate implementation mechanism will be developed and approved by the Committee of Union Ministers of Ministry of DoNER, Ministry of Land Resources, Union Agriculture Minister and concerned State Chief Ministers or their Ministerial representative. The Concerned North Eastern States are requested to send their proposal as soon as possible for finalization of modalities for identification of beneficiaries.

6. The States shall prepare database of beneficiary Small and Marginal landholder farmer families in the villages capturing the Name, Gender, whether belonging to SC/ST, Aadhaar Number (Aadhaar Enrollment Number in case Aadhaar Number has not been issued), Bank Account Number and Mobile Number of the beneficiaries. For transfer of first installment of benefit for the period 01.12.2018 to 31.03.2019, Aadhaar number shall be collected wherever available and for others alternate prescribed documents namely driving licence, voters' ID card, NREGA Job Card, or any other identification document issued by Central/State/UT Govts or their authorities etc. can be collected for identity verification purposes. However for transfer of subsequent installments, Aadhaar number shall have to be compulsorily captured.. States/UTs shall ensure that there is no duplication in the names of the eligible families. Speedy reconciliation in case of wrong/incomplete bank details of the beneficiary should be ensured by State/UT Govts.

7. **The cut-off date for determination of ownership of land (as per land records) under the scheme as mentioned above is 01.02.2019** and changes thereafter in land records shall not be considered for eligibility of the benefit to the new land holder for next 5 years. However the Scheme benefit will be allowed on transfer of ownership of cultivable land on account of succession.

8. The benefit shall be transferred by Government of India to the bank account of the beneficiaries through State Notional Account. For transfer of benefit, District-wise beneficiaries lists shall be certified and uploaded by the States/UTs on the PM-KISAN Portal of Govt. of India and the funds will be electronically transferred to the beneficiary's bank account by Gol through State Notional Account on a pattern similar to MNREGS. The funds pertaining to income support benefit shall be released from Gol periodically based on receipt of fund transfer order through the concerned State/UT Govt with the eligible beneficiaries' details. States shall also notify District Level Grievance Redressal Committees for redressing all grievances related to implementation of the scheme.

9. A Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) at Central level will be set up in DAC&FW. This PMU shall be tasked with the responsibility of overall monitoring of the scheme and shall be headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO). PMU shall also undertake publicity campaign (Information, Education and Communication-IEC).

10. States/UTs will also designate a Nodal Department for implementation of the Scheme. Maximum @ 0.25% of the funds transferred to beneficiaries in the first installment and thereafter maximum @ 0.125% for the subsequent installments shall be provided as administrative expenses to State/UT Govts to cover the expenditure on their PMUs, if established and for meeting other related administrative expenses including cost to be incurred for procurement of stationary, field verification, filling of prescribed formats, their certification and its uploading as well as incentive for field functionaries, etc. States/UTs will furnish the details of the account to which Administrative Charges are to be credited by the Central Government.

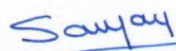
11. The beneficiary lists should be displayed/verified at Gram Panchayats to ensure greater transparency and accuracy of the list. States/UTs are also requested to ensure adequate publicity of the scheme as the intended beneficiaries are located in rural/remote areas.

12. Detailed Operational Guidelines of the scheme including details of PM-KISAN portal, modalities of uploading beneficiaries details on the portal, transfer of benefit to the eligible beneficiaries and specific eligibility criteria and exclusion criteria are being sent separately. They would also be uploaded on the website of the Department (www.agricoop.gov.in). All the State/UT Governments are requested to take timely further action for the identification of eligible beneficiaries to ensure the transfer of benefits under the scheme.

13. As outlined above, there is an urgent need to put in place a mechanism for providing structured support to the most vulnerable sections of farming community i.e. Small and Marginal land holder farmer families in the country for meeting their various inputs and other needs and provide assured supplemental income to such farmer families. Hence, State/UT Govts are requested to immediately initiate the work of identification of beneficiaries and uploading the relevant data for release of funds by Govt. of India in the bank accounts of eligible farmer families.

14. “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)” is an important flagship scheme of the Government of India for the benefit of farmers which requires constant monitoring to ensure timely preparation of accurate beneficiary list and transfer of benefit into the account of beneficiaries. Hence it is requested that Chief Secretaries may personally monitor the progress of implementation and do periodic reviews at their level for effective implementation.

Yours sincerely,


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Secretary to the Government of India

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