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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana Cell

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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To

The Chief Secretary
All States / UTs

Sub: Amendments in Guidelines of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Regarding

Sir,

The Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana was launched during 2007-08 to incentivize the States to enhance public investment to achieve the envisage 4% growth rate in agriculture and allied sectors during 11th Five Year Plan. The guidelines for implementation of RKVY were circulated during August-September, 2007.

2. In view of the experience of implementation of the Scheme and the interaction with States / UTs during reviews, following amendments to the RKVY guidelines have been approved by the Competent Authority:

I. The eligibility criteria under RKVY have been made more broad-based. Under **para-2.3** of the RKVY guidelines following special dispensation for the purpose of calculating the baseline expenditure under agriculture and allied sectors in the State Plan for determining the eligibility criteria under the RKVY has been made:

- a. Expenditure on shallow Tube Well (STW), Deep Tube Well (DTW), Drip Irrigation (DI), Sprinkler Irrigation (SI) and Dug Wells (DW) or other similar small irrigation activities which are budgeted under Agriculture Department of the State shall be taken into consideration;
- b. Authenticated figures of expenditure by the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) / Administrative Units on agriculture and allied activities shall be taken into consideration;

- c. In order to enable the State which has an External Aided Projects (EAPs) or similar other project, the State may exclude such expenditure from agriculture and allied sector's as well as from the total plan expenditure beginning from 2003-04, the first year from which the baseline is reckoned for working out the eligibility criteria; and
- d. The Non-Plan items of expenditure may be worked out retrospectively and excluded beginning from 2003-04 onwards.

While reworking their outlay / expenditure on agriculture and allied sectors for the purpose of the RKVY, the States would have the option to adopt any of the dispensations (a) to (d) mentioned above **but would not** include expenditure on irrigation (except as mentioned in sub-para-a), debt relief to farmers, power to farmers and other one time relief measures to farmers. The dispensation opted for by the State shall be observed throughout the Plan period and no change from the stand once taken by the State shall be allowed.

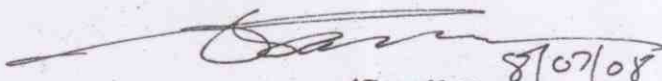
- II. Under **para-6** (relating to State Level Sanctioning Committee), Director level officer(s) from Government of India can attend the SLSC Meetings to complete the quorum in the absence of Joint Secretary level officer if the agenda of the SLSC meeting is to review / monitor the implementation of the projects under RKVY.
- III. The following new para will be added at the end of the guidelines.

Para-8. Constitution of the Committee under Chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner

- 8.1 A Committee under the Chairmanship of the Agriculture Production Commissioner shall be constituted which would *inter-alia* review the implementation of RKVY on a monthly basis and submit reports to the SLSC. Further, it would also finalize the agenda for the SLSC meeting and any other work(s) assigned by the SLSC from time to time.

It is requested that the above mentioned amendments may kindly be brought to the notice of all concerned involved in implementation of the RKVY.

Yours faithfully,



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