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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation  
(Crops Division)

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To

The Mission Directors,  
National Food Security Mission,  
Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana,  
Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,  
Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal,  
Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

**Subject: Implementation of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) including  
A3P during 2012-13 -Action Plan-Regarding.**

Sir,

This is regarding implementation of National Food Security Mission-Rice/Wheat/Pulses including A3P (as the case may be) during the year 2012-13. For taking up various activities under NFSM, it is necessary that a State Annual Action Plan is received in this Ministry immediately in order to finalize the programme of 2012-13 so that the necessary approval could be accorded in time well before the start of season.

2. To facilitate the State Government in preparing their State Annual Action Plan for NFSM, an intervention-wise tentative physical targets and outlays for implementation of the programmes during 2012-13, for each of the components (Rice/Wheat/Pulses) including A3P, has been worked out by GOI based on the area in identified districts for a particular crop and also keeping in view the feasibility of particular intervention and past performances of the State during earlier years. The State specific Annual Action Plan for each of the components (Rice/Wheat/Pulses), indicating intervention-wise tentative physical targets and outlays has been uploaded on the NFSM website of DAC ([www.nfsm.gov.in](http://www.nfsm.gov.in)). The State may prepare/propose the intervention-wise physical targets and outlays concerning to respective States.

3. It is, requested to kindly examine these tentative targets & outlays and suggest the targets proposed by your State against each of the interventions/components in relevant columns of the formats (as available on NFSM website) and **the said action plan may be E-mailed at neerajasastry@gmail.com and cyb\_20007@yahoo.co.in** followed by hard copy through Speed Post. These Action Plans will be discussed in detail with States before issue of the Final Sanction. The date for discussions will be intimated separately.

4. Further, a proforma for reporting the area, production and productivity of crop(s) for the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 in identified districts of NFSM as well as other districts (Non-NFSM Districts) is also enclosed, which may also kindly be furnished along with the information duly filled in. (Also by E-mailed at neerajasastry@gmail.com and cyb\_20007@yahoo.co.in.

5. While preparing the Annual Action Plan for 2012-13, it may kindly be ensured that the physical targets proposed by State are realistic, based on area in identified districts for a particular crop taking into consideration the past performance during last three years and duly approved by State Level Executive Committee to avoid frequent revisions during the course of implementation of the programme. Similarly, the financial outlays should also be proportionate with the physical targets in accordance to norms and rate of assistance approved by GOI. While preparing the Action Plans, the unspent balances of 2011-12 may also be considered for finalising the technical plan.

6. As regards local initiatives, certain amount has been indicated by GOI. The States are to take up activities under local initiatives on water harvesting structures for water storage / recycling of water / life saving irrigation/water harvesting structure for promotion of SRI and providing irrigation / water charges for two protective irrigation to the farmers / groups given mobile sprinklers under NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses (as the case may be). You are requested to send the activity-wise break-up of this amount indicating details such as physical targets, rate of assistance proposed etc. with justification for taking up the activity(s). However, while proposing the targets under local initiatives, it may kindly be ensured that only those activity(s) are included for assistance under Local Initiatives which have, so far, not been covered under any of the programme(s) of GOI and should be part of Strategic Research Extension Plan (SREP) drawn up by ATMA of the districts and duly approved by SFSMEC.

7. As regards **Award to best performing districts**, though the funds has not been indicated yet the fund will be released to the States only after submission of separate proposal by the concerned State in accordance with the NFSM Guidelines and due endorsement by the SFSMEC and subsequent approval by GOI.

8. A copy of the modifications made in the guidelines of NFSM and A3P as also pattern of assistance for components of NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses is enclosed herewith.

This may kindly be treated as **MOST URGENT**.

**Encl:** As above.

Yours Faithfully,



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Director (Crops)

**Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:**

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary (Agriculture) of all NFSM States.
2. All Commodity Development Directorates (9) with the request to get the above information expedited from the States concerned **by 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 positively.**

**Copy also forwarded to:**

PS to Agriculture Commissioner/PS to JS (Crops)/Director (Crops)/All Consultants/AC (NFSM)/ JD (MNS)/JD (NK)/SO (NFSM), CA-V.

## **Modifications in guidelines of NFSM and A3P**

### **1. Area of Operation of National Food Security Mission**

Under heading in **para 6.1** of area of operation of Food Security Mission, the following will be added:

- i. Besides identified districts of Assam and Tripura, the NFSM –Rice will also be operated in all the districts of remaining North Eastern Hill States.
- ii. The NFSM-Rice and wheat will also be operated in identified districts of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. The districts having more than 15000 ha area under these crops and productivity less than 150% of the States's average productivity has been identified for this purpose.
- iii. In these additional districts and states no fund will be provided for PMT and only select interventions of cluster demonstrations on improved techniques, seeds, and farmers training will be adopted.

### **2. Demonstration**

In **para 14.1** under heading “Demonstrations” the following new paras will replace the **para 14.1 (ii) & (iii)**

- (i) No individual demonstration of 0.4 ha will be conducted in any of the crops covered under National Food Security Mission.
- (ii) The new approach of cluster demonstrations will be adopted. A minimum of 100 ha of one clusters for each crop, except in north eastern hill states where it will be minimum of 10 ha will be adopted.
- (iii) In NFSM-Wheat the demonstration will be systems based rather than individual crop based except in Rajasthan where rice is not an important crop and promotion of rice is also not feasible due to very low rainfall and/or irrigation coverage.
- (iv) The frontline demonstrations will be conducted by ICAR-SAUs system. A minimum size of 10 ha for each cluster on (i) improved production technologies in rice (SRI, Hybrids, varieties, other frontier technologies), wheat and pulses (varieties, IPM and INM). DRR, Hyderabad for rice; DWR, Karnal for wheat; and IIPR, Kanpur for pulses will be nodal institutions for coordination, implementation and monitoring of FLDs.

- (v) The cost norms and incentives for all cluster demonstrations are as under:

Demonstrations	Rice	Wheat	Pulses
Individual crop based demonstrations on improved technologies other than SRI and hybrids and DSR-wheat system		Rs. 5000 per demo/ha	Rs. 5000 per demo/ha
Individual crop based demonstrations on SRI and hybrids	Rs. 7500/ha	-	-
Individual crop based demonstrations on DSR-wheat system		Rs. 12500/demo/ha	
Frontline Demonstrations	Rs. 7500/- ha	Rs. 5000/ha	Rs. 5000 per ha

- (vi) One farmer's facilitator will also be provisioned at every 100 ha cluster with an honorarium of Rs. 3000 per month and additional Rs. 3000 per month for mobility and other expenses for six month in a year.
- (vii) The erstwhile demonstration of 0.4 ha each provided Rs.250/demo for visit of scientists/officers and hiring of vehicle including POL and Rs. 100/ per demo for contingency expenses which together in terms of 1 ha becomes Rs. 875/- and for 100 ha Rs. 87500/-. Part of this amount will be utilized for providing honorarium and other expenses of Farmers Facilitator also.

### 3. Seed:

Since large scale demonstrations on cluster demonstrations are planned for each district which does include providing improved varieties seed to beneficiary farmers included in the clusters along with other critical inputs and information required for higher production. **This fulfills the guiding principle of seed minikits and hence no separate allocation for the seed minikit is proposed.**

The **Para 14.2.2** (i) to (ix) related to Hybrid rice seed production; **14.2.5** (i) to (vii) related to seed minikit of rice and wheat and **14.2.7** (i) to (v) related to production of foundation and certified seeds of pulses; and **14.2.9** related to support for State seed certification agencies for pulses seeds **will be replaced by followings:**

- a) No programme on seed minikit of any crop in NFSM will be operated.
- b) The production subsidy on hybrid rice and foundation and certified seeds has been withdrawn.
- c) The seed production subsidy in NFSM Pulses will be added in distribution of pulses seeds with enhanced subsidy of Rs. 2200 per quintal by subsuming production subsidy of Rs. 1000 per quintal with distribution subsidy of Rs. 1200 per quintal.
- d) The subsidy of Rs. 2200/ qtl will be only available to the seeds of less than 10 years old varieties
- e) The normal rate of subsidy of Rs. 1200 per quintal will be available to older varieties.
- f) A ratio of allocation of 25:75 for enhanced subsidy and normal subsidy will be applicable to all the States.
- g) No provision for support to state seed certification agencies for pulses seeds.

#### **4. Mechanization:**

**A new para to 14.4 (x) will be added as follows:**

##### **(x) Community mobile micro-irrigation to identified clusters**

- i. Pulses productivity suffers heavily for the want of one or two protective irrigations in most of the states. To facilitate the economic use of irrigation water, improved water application tools like rain guns (micro-irrigation) are available which can cover large area within less time and are mobile in nature.
- ii. These mobile rain guns may be interlinked with water tankers and the irrigation may be provided. It is proposed to implement community mobile irrigation rain guns in identified clusters.
- iii. The incentive for the mobile rain gun will be Rs. 15000 per ha or 50% of the cost whichever is less for mobile raingun having discharge of 10000 to 32000 litres per hour and radius throw from 24 meter to 36 meter which cost about Rs. 26000/ha.

## **5. Training of Farmers on FFS Pattern:**

The concept of Intervention of Farmers Field School has been dropped. The **para 14.9 ((iv) to (xi))** related to Training of farmers on FFS Pattern will be replaced by following new sub-paras:

- i. The FFS has been rationalized with reduced number of sessions and made to cropping systems based rather than individual crop based.
- ii. There will be four sessions of learning of group of 30 farmers with a cost of Rs. 3500/- per session.
- iii. The four sessions include one at the beginning of kharif, one each during crop season of kharif and rabi and one after the harvest of rabi crops.
- iv. The rate of assistance of Rs. 14000/- per training will be provided for one such training as elaborated in para (i) to (iii) above.

## **6. Pilot Project under NFSM-Wheat on community generator irrigation :**

The **para 14.12.1** related to pilot projects on community generators has been dropped as there was least response on this interventions during XI Plan.

## **7. Pilot Project under NFSM-Pulses for management of blue bulls:**

The **para 14.12.3** related to management of blue bulls has been dropped as there was least response on this interventions during XI Plan.

## **8. Size of cluster of demonstration in A3P:**

- i. The clusters of 1000 ha as approved in A3P many times becomes very large and beyond the management capacity of farmer's facilitator as it involved large heterogeneous groups of farmers.
- ii. To inbuilt homogeneity for better implementation and efficient management of clusters, the size of clusters will be reduced from 1000 ha to 100 ha.
- iii. These clusters will be adopted in low productivity villages of low productivity blocks of NFSM districts and without any repetition.
- iv. The clusters will be implemented with approved rate of subsidy of Rs. 5000/ha with admissible expenses for farmer's facilitator.

The pattern of assistance for components of NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses are appended at Annexure-I, II and III respectively.

**PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE FOR COMPONENTS OF NFSM-RICE**

S. No.	Existing		Revised	
	Intervention	Pattern of assistance	Intervention	Pattern of assistance
1	Demonstration of improved package of practices	Assistance for improved seed, balanced fertilizer, plant protection, weedicides. Target Area 12 million ha. One demonstration of 0.4 ha at every 100 ha area of rice. Total number of demonstrations=1.2 lakh	Cluster demonstration by the state in collaboration with ICAR/SAUs/IRRI on direct seeded rice /line transplanting/SRI (target 1.5% of area of district)	Rs. 7500/- per ha.
			Cluster demonstration on hybrid rice (one cluster of 100 ha. target 0.5% of area of district)	Rs. 7500/- per ha.
			Cluster demonstration on Swarna Sub-I/Sahbhagi Dhan of 100 ha. each (funds to be kept with NFSM HQ)	Rs. 7500/- per ha.
			Frontline demonstration by ICAR/SAUs on hybrids/varieties (cluster of minimum 10 ha each) funds to be kept at NFSM HQ	Rs. 7500/- per ha.
2	Demonstration on System of Rice Intensification (SRI)	Assistance for improved seed, balanced fertilizer, plant protection, weedicide. Target Area 5 million ha. One demonstration of 0.4 ha at every 100 ha area of rice. Total number of demonstrations =0.5 lakh	Dropped	Dropped



3	Demonstration on hybrid rice technology	Assistance for improved seed, balanced fertilizer, plant protection, weedicide. Target Area 3 million ha. One demonstration of 0.4 ha at every 100 ha area of rice. Total number of demonstrations=0.3 lakh	Dropped	Dropped
4	<b>Support for promotion of hybrid rice seed</b>			
	(a) Assistance for production of hybrid rice seed	Rs. 1,000 per qtl	Dropped	Dropped
	(b) Assistance for distribution of hybrid rice seed	Rs. 2,000 per qtl or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	No change	No change
5	Assistance for distribution of HYVs Seed	Assistance @ Rs. 5/- per kg or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	No change	No change
6	Seed Minikits of High yielding varieties/Hybrid rice	Full cost of the seed	Dropped	Dropped
			<b>Plant and soil protection management</b>	
7	Incentive for micro nutrients (in deficient soils)	Assistance @ Rs. 500/per ha or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	No change	No change
8	Incentive for liming in acidic soils	Assistance @ Rs. 500/per ha or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	No change	No change
9	Assistance for plant protection chemicals and bio-pesticides /agents	Assistance @ Rs. 500/per ha or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	No change	No change
			<b>Resource conservation techniques / tools</b>	
10	Incentive for cono weeder and other farm implements	Assistance @ Rs.3,000 per farmer or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	No change	No change

11	Zero Till Seed Drills/ Multi-crop Planters/ Seed Drills	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 15,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
12	Rotavators	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 30,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
13	Distribution of Power Weeders	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 15,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
			Incentives on zero till multi-crop planter	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 15,000/-per machine, whichever is less.
			Incentives for Laser Land Levelers	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 15,000/-per machine, whichever is less.
			Incentives for Ridge Farrow Planter	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 15,000/-per machine, whichever is less.
14	Knap Sack Sprayers (Manual and power operated)	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 3,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
15	Incentive for Pumpsets.	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 10,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
16	Farmers' Training (a) Training of farmers on FSS pattern	Rs. 17,000 per training (Full cost)	Cropping system based training (Four sessions of Group of 30 farmers one before Kharif, one each during Kharif and Rabi crops and one after Rabi harvest)	Rs. 3500/- pre session Rs. 14,000/- training
17	Awards for best performing District	Rs. 5.0 lakh every two years.	No change	No change

18	International exposure for technical knowledge enrichment to technical staff of Central and State Governments	Rs. 1.0 crore for 11 <sup>th</sup> plan period.	International exposure for technical knowledge enrichment to technical staff of Central and State Governments	Rs. 1.0 crore for 12 <sup>th</sup> plan period.
19	<b>Miscellaneous Expenditure</b>	Full cost		
	(a) Project Management Team and other miscellaneous expenses at district level	Rs. 6.36 lakh per district per year	No change	No change
	(b) Project Management Team and other miscellaneous expenses at State level	Rs. 13.87 lakh per State per year	No change	No change
	(c) Miscellaneous expenses at National level	Rs. 84.56 lakh per year	No change	No change
			<b>Local Initiatives</b> Assistance will be provided for water harvesting structures for promotion of SRI and providing irrigation	

**PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE FOR COMPONENTS OF NFSM-WHEAT**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Existing</b>		<b>Revised</b>	
	<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Pattern of assistance</b>	<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Pattern of assistance</b>
1	Demonstration of improved package of practices	Assistance @ Rs.2,000 per demonstration	Cluster demonstration on conservation Agriculture by State Department in collaboration with /ICAR/SAUs of 100 ha each on direct seeded rice-wheat system	Rs. 12500/ha.
			Demonstration on Drainage management in waterlogged areas for rice-wheat system (project based-smallest unit to be kept 100 ha) The money will be routed through SFAC. 25% subsidy by GoI, 25% margin money by farmers and 50% by bank	Rs. 12500/ha.
			Demonstration on Front line technologies-varieties/RCTs in wheat	Rs. 5000/ha.
2	Seed Replacement (33% SRR) over 13.0 million ha.	Assistance @ Rs. 5 per kg or 50% of the cost, whichever is less	Distribution of certified seed of improved varieties	Rs.500/Qtl.
3.	Distribution of Seed Minikit	Full cost of the seed	Dropped	
4	Incentive for micro nutrients/gypsum	In NFSM-Wheat, the package assistance for micronutrients and gypsum will be 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 1,000/-per ha. The states will have flexibility as per the local needs to decide the respective share of gypsum and micronutrients in this package.	Need based plant / soil management (Micro-nutrient/gypsum/plant protection chemicals)	Rs. 500/- or proportionate

		However, the assistance for gypsum should not exceed Rs. 750/-per ha or 50% of the cost plus transport		
5	Knap Sack Sprayers. (Manual and power operated)	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 3,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
6	Zero till Seed drill/Multi-crop Planters/Seed Drills/ridge furrow planters	Assistance @ 50% of the cost or Rs. 15000/- per machine, whichever is less	No change	No change
7	Rotavators	Assistance @ 50% of the cost or Rs. 30000/- per machine, whichever is less	No change	No change
8	Laser Land Levellers	Rs.1.50 lakhs for Laser Land Levellers	No change	No change
9	Distribution of Sprinkler sets.	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 7,500/-per ha, whichever is less.	No change	No change
10	Incentive for pumpsets	Assistance @ 50% of the cost or Rs. 10000 per pumpsets per farmer, whichever is less	No change	No change
11	Pilot project on community generators for irrigation in shallow water table areas	Rs. 5.0 crores (full cost)	Dropped	Dropped
12	Farmers Training on FFS pattern	Assistance @ Rs.17000 per training	Cropping system based training (Four sessions of Group of 30 farmers one before Kharif, one each during Kharif and Rabi crops and one after Rabi harvest)	Rs. 3500/- session Assistance of Rs.14,000/- per training.

13	International Exposure visit of technical staff	Assistance @ Rs1.0 crore entire 11th plan period	International Exposure visit of technical staff	Assistance @ Rs. 1.00 crore for entire 12 <sup>th</sup> plan period
14	Awards for best performing districts	Rs. 5.0 lakh every two years.	No change	No change
15	Assistance for local initiatives	Rs 2.0 crore per district during XIth Plan period for those districts which have two or more components of NFSM and Rs. 1.0 crore per district during XI Plan period to those districts which have only one component of NFSM	Assistance will be provided for water harvesting structures for water storage /recycling of water / life saving irrigation	Rs 2.00 crore per district during XII <sup>th</sup> Plan period for those districts which have two or more components of NFSM and Rs. 1.00 crore per district during XII Plan period to those districts which have only one component of NFSM
	Miscellaneous expenses	Full cost	No change	No change
	(a) Project Management Team and other miscellaneous expenses at District level	Rs. 6.38 lakh per district per year	No change	No change
	(b) Project Management Team and other miscellaneous expenses at State level	Rs. 13.87 lakh per State per year	No change	No change
	(c) Miscellaneous expenses at National level	Rs. 84.56 lakh per year	No change	No change

**PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE FOR COMPONENTS OF NFSM-PULSES**

S. No.	Existing		Revised	
	Intervention	Pattern of assistance	Intervention	Pattern of assistance
1	Seed			
	Production of Breeder seed of pulses	Lump sum grants of Rs 2.0 crores/year on project basis.	Production of Breeder seed of Pulses, Rice fallows, Hybrid Pigeonpea etc. by ICAR	Lump sum grants of Rs 2.0 crores/year on project basis.
	Purchase of Breeder seed of pulses from ICAR	Full cost as per uniform rates fixed by Seeds Division, DAC, Ministry of Agriculture	Dropped	Dropped
	Production of Foundation and Certified seeds of pulses	Rs 1000/ql each for Production of FS and CS	Dropped	Dropped
	Distribution assistance on certified seeds	50% of the cost or Rs 1200/ql, whichever is less.	Distribution assistance on certified seeds	Rs.22/ kg. for the seed of varieties less than 10 years old restricted to 25% of the total seed distribution in a district / state and Rs.12/ kg. on certified seeds varieties older than 10 years (75% of the total seed distribution)
	Strengthening of state seed certification agency	Rs 25.00 lakhs/state/annum	Dropped	Dropped
2	<b>Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)</b>			
	Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)	50% of the cost or Rs 1250/per ha, whichever is less i.e. Rs.750/- per ha for lime/ gypsum and Rs.500/- per ha for micro-nutrients.	INM package	Rs. 750/- per ha.
			Lime / gypsum / 80% DWG sulphur	Rs.750/- per ha.

			Micro-nutrient	Rs.500/- per ha.
			Assistance for Rizobium Culture/Phosphare Solubalising Bacteria Distribution/Micrizha	Rs.100/- per ha.
3	<b>Integrated Pest Management (IPM)</b>			
	Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	50% of the cost or Rs 750/per ha, whichever is less.	Assistance for distribution of NPV	Rs.250/- per ha.
			Assistance for distribution of PP Chemicals	Rs.500/- per ha.
			Assistance for weedicides	Rs.500/ ha.
			<b>Resource Conservation Technology/Tools</b>	
4	Zero Till seed drills / Multi-crop Planters / Seed Drills	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 15,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
			Zero Till Multi-crop Planters	Rs.15000/- per machine
			Ridge Furrow Planters	Rs.15000/- per machine
			Laser Land Lavellers	Rs.1.50 lakhs
5	Rotavators	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 30,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
6	Knap Sack Sprayers. (Manual and power operated)	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 3,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	No change	No change
			<b>Efficient water application tools</b>	
7	Distribution of sprinkler sets	50% of the cost or Rs 7500/per ha, whichever is less.	No change	No change
8	Incentive for Pumpsets	Assistance @ 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 10,000/-per machine, whichever is less.	Incentive for diesel pumpsets	No change



			Incentives for mobile sprinkler rainguns	Rs.15000/- sprinkler
			Assistance for pipe for carrying water from source to the field	Rs.15000/- per farmer
9 a	Training	Infrastructure development for training on pulses at Indian Institute Pulses Research, ICAR, Kanpur including imparting training to trainers/farmers - Rs 1.0 crore per year.	Dropped	Dropped
b	Training of Farmers on FFS pattern	Farmers training on the pattern of Farmers Field School @ Rs 17000/ha -one training of 30 farmers for entire crop season at every 1000 ha.	Cropping system based training (Four sessions of Group of 30 farmers one before Kharif, one each during Kharif and Rabi crops and one after Rabi harvest)	Rs. 3500/- session Assistance of Rs.14,000/- per training.
c	Training of Trainers	State level training for trainers and extension workers. 50 participants for two days @ Rs. 1.0 lakh per training.	Dropped	Dropped
10.	Award for best performing district	Rs 5.0 lakh every two years.	No change	No change
11	Pilot project/projects on tackling the menace of blue bull (Neel Gai)	Funding on project basis	Dropped	Dropped
12	Demonstration of technologies and practices developed by ICRISAT to enhance productivity and production of pulses	Funding on project basis	Dropped	Dropped
13	Miscellaneous Expenditure	Full cost	Miscellaneous Expenses relating to PMT including contractual services, POL and other expenses.	Full cost

	(a) Project Management Team and other miscellaneous expenses at district level	Rs. 4.47 lakh per district per year	No change	No change
	(b) Project Management Team and other miscellaneous expenses at State level	Rs. 6.28 lakh per State per year	No change	No change
	(c) Miscellaneous expenses at National level	Rs. 88.40 lakh per year	No change	No change
			<b>Local Initiatives</b> Water charges for two protective irrigation may be supported under local initiatives to the farmers/groups given mobile sprinklers	
			Frontline Demonstrations by ICAR/SAUs Cluster of 10 ha. each	Rs.5000/- per ha.
			Basic and strategic research of ICAR/ICRISAT/ICARDA	

F. No. CPS 2-1/2011-NFSM  
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Dated: the 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2012.

To

The Mission Directors (NFSM)/Director of Agriculture,  
Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar,  
Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand,  
Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra,  
Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan,  
Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarkhand and West  
Bengal

**Subject: Implementation of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) including A3P during 2012-13 -Modifications in implementation of some interventions of NFSMn-Regarding.**

Sir,

This is incontinuation to this Ministry's letter of even no. dated 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 conveying therewith the Tentative Action Plan of National Food Security Mission-Rice, Wheat and Pulses including A3P for the year 2012-13 alongwith modified guidelines and pattern of assistance under NFSM 2012-13 and to convey following modifications/revision in some of the interventions of NFSM.

**1. Demonstrations on Drainage Management in waterlogged areas for rice wheat system under NFSM-Wheat:**

Demonstrations of 100 ha each on Drainage Management in waterlogged areas for rice-wheat system under NFSM-Wheat will be implemented during 2012-13 on pilot basis. SFAC will be the nodal agency for conducting these demonstrations and an assistance of Rs. 12500/- Per ha. will be provided under NFSM by the Government of India. 25% subsidy will be borne by GOI, 25% margin money by farmers and 50% by bank.

**2. Revision in the norm of providing honorarium to Farmer's Facilitators.**

Keeping in view the honorarium provided to progressive farmers under other crop development schemes such as BGREI, it has been decided to bring in parity in the honorarium paid to farmer's facilitators under NFSM also. Accordingly, an honorarium of Rs. 1000 per month along with Rs. 1000 per month for mobility and other contingency expenses is proposed to be given to FF for a period of six months. The contingency and TA component of demonstrations will be utilized to provide the expenses of mobility and other contingency expenses to FF for cluster demonstrations.



**3. Revision in the norm of inclusion of districts of North Eastern states having more than 5000 ha. under cluster demonstration of NFSM-Rice.**

Only select interventions of cluster demonstrations, incentivized seed distribution, and capacity building of farmers are proposed to be implemented in the districts without any allocation for Project Management Team (PMT) and local initiatives. No area restrictions has been imposed on these states as they have very low area, in general and in situ production is important because of very restricted transportation due to hilly terrain and very tough climatic conditions preventing smooth transport within and between the State(s) of the region. However, in the North Eastern States the cluster demonstrations will be conducted in the districts which are having more than 5000 ha. area under Rice.

**4. Inclusion of the state of Jammu & Kashmir under NFSM Wheat**

The state of Jammu Kashmir is vulnerable to Yellow rust along with other hill sates of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. The districts of **Jammu, Kargil, Kathuwa, Udhampur and Leh** are adjoining the state of Himachal Pradesh & are strategically important for the management of yellow rust and checking its spread to other states. It has been proposed to include these districts under NFSM wheat with selected interventions like demonstrations, plant protection measures especially propioconozol for the control of yellow rust, seeds, Sprinklers and training of the farmers with budgetary allocation of Rs 1271.52 lakhs.

**5. Assistance under the intervention of Gypsum under NFSM.**

Assistance @ 500 per ha. or 50% of cost whichever is less will be provided for Gypsum under NFSM-Rice and Wheat whereas Rs. 750/- will be provided under NFSM-Pulses under INM Package.

Yours Faithfully,



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