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Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
(Mechanization & Technology Division)

Room No. 298, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
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To,

**The Principal Secretary(Agriculture)/Director of Agriculture
(to all States and UTs, Director of Agricultural Engineering(M.P.
and T.N.) and Secretary(Agriculture)
All States (as per list)**

Subject: Proceeding of the meeting of National Steering Committee held on
23.7.2015 for approval of amendments in Operational Guidelines of
Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization - Reging.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward the Proceeding of the meeting of National Steering
Committee held on 23.7.2015 for approval and amendments in operational guidelines
of SMAM.

This is for your information and further necessary action in the matter.

This issues with the approval of Secretary(AC & FW).

Yours faithfully,



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Proceeding of the meeting of National Steering Committee held on 23.7.2015 for approval of amendments in Operational Guidelines of Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization

The 1st National Steering Committee meeting for approval of amendments in operational Guidelines of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) was held on 23.07.2015 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of, Secretary (A&C), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. The list of other participants is annexed.

2. At the outset Joint Secretary (M&T) welcomed all the participants and made detailed presentation on amendments proposed in operational Guidelines of SMAM. The para wise amendments discussed are detailed below:

3. **Under Para 7.3 (b), (c): It is proposed to include electronic transfer of cash component of the scheme to each beneficiary to Individual farmers as far as possible.** Secretary (A&C) directed to make it mandatory for direct cash transfer to the beneficiary in all States. - Committee agreed to the amendment as follows:

7.3 (b) Respective State Governments and institutions shall ensure that cash component under this Sub-Mission is transferred electronically to each beneficiary (individual or institution). The list shall be provided to the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation after transfer of benefit directly to the beneficiaries' accounts.

7.3 (c) It would be ensured by the State Government that no eligible beneficiary suffers for want of Aadhaar and it would be with the State Govt. responsibility to ensure that Aadhaar enrolment of such beneficiaries is carried out on priority at the permanent Enrolment centres set up for the purpose. However, the benefits will not be denied for not having the Aadhaar number by the eligible beneficiary

4. **Under Para 7.2.(c)(ii) : It is proposed that the release of the first installment will be upon the approval of AAP and release of 2nd installment on submission of Utilization Certificate for at least 50% of the funds released as first installment, detailed Physical and Financial Report etc. as per relevant provisions of GFRs :** Committee agreed to amendment as follows:

7.2.(c)(ii) The release of the first installment will be upon the approval of AAP and release of 2nd installment on submission of Utilization Certificate for at least 50% of the funds released as first installment detailed Physical and Financial Report etc. as per relevant provisions of GFRs.

5. Under Para 11.2.2(i) and 11.2.4(a) : It is proposed to include National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and PSUs of GOI as implementing agencies for component No. 4 & 5 of SMAM : JS(MIDH) suggested to replace words "NCDC and PSU's of GOI" with the Organization of Government of India - Committee agreed to amendment as follows:

Implementing Agencies: State Governments ,NCDC , PSUs of Govt.of India , Organization of Government of India

Under Para 11.1.1, 11.1.2(a) 11.1.4(a) It is proposed to include National Innovation Foundation (NIF) as implementing agencies for component No. 1 & 2 of SMAM: Committee Agreed to amendment as follows:

Implementing Agencies for Central Sector Components	
Training	1) FMTTIs 2) State identified institutions 3) ICAR institutions 4) ATMA institutions 5) National Innovation Foundation (NIF)
Testing	1) FMTTIs 2) Identified State Testing Centres 3) Other Government/ ICAR institutions
Demonstration	1) FMTTIs 2) State Governments 3) ICAR 4) ATMA 5) PSUs of GOI 6) National Innovation Foundation (NIF)
Establishment of PHT	1) State Governments

6. Under Para 6.2, It is proposed to add a new sub-para (6.2(iv)(j)) that 'EC is empowered to reallocate the funds to the States/UT from the available saving (unutilized funds)'. AS&FA directed not to add separate para and incorporate the proposed amendment by suitable modification of existing para 6.2. Committee Agreed to amendment to para 6.2(ii) as follows:

6.2 (ii) EC is empowered to reallocate resources across States/UT from the available saving (unutilized funds) out of annual plan allocation and components and approve projects on the basis of approved financial assistance norms. EC will use its discretion in approving only those components of a project, for which cost norms/pattern of financial assistance have been approved by the EFC/CCEA.

7. Under Para 6.4.1: It is proposed to include Assistant Engineer (Agricultural Engineering) as member of the District Level Executive Committee (DLEC): Committee Agreed to amendment as follows:

The District Level Executive Committee (DLEC) will comprise of the following:

Collector	Chairman
Dy. Director (Agriculture)/ Executive Engineer / Assistant Engineer (Agricultural Engineering)	Member Secretary

District Agriculture/Horticulture Officer	Co-Member Secretary
Representatives of line Departments, SAUs/ICAR, nominated progressive farmers, representatives from SHG, Project Director ATMA, representatives from lead banks/NABARD	Experts Members

8. Under Annexure-II (a) , II (b) It is proposed to add 'per operation' and 'per technology' in the norms for demonstration in component No. 1& 2 of SMAM ; Committee Agreed to amendment as follows:

Annexure – II (a)

A. Demonstration:

S.N	ITEM	PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE
I	Demonstration of agricultural horticultural equipments at farmers' fields.	100% assistance @ Rs. 4000 per hectare upto 100 ha per season. This includes: (i) Charges towards hiring of machines alongwith implements/ self propelled machines – Rs. 2000 per ha per operation. (ii) Expenditure towards hands on training – Rs. 1500 per ha per operation. (iii) Miscellaneous expenditure such as expenditure towards transport, labour, publicity and printing of technical literature etc – Rs. 500 per ha per operation

Annexure – II (a)

B. Demonstration:

S.N	ITEM	PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE
I	Demonstration of developed/ appropriate Post Harvest Technologies.	100% assistance @ Rs. 4000 per hectare upto 100 ha per season. This includes: (i) Charges towards hiring of machines alongwith implements/ self propelled machines – Rs. 2000 per technology. (ii) Expenditure towards hands on training – Rs. 1500 per technology. (iii) Miscellaneous expenditure such as expenditure towards transport, labour, publicity and printing of technical literature etc – Rs. 500 per technology

9. Under Annexure-II(c) under component No. 3, the rate of subsidy in terms percentage of cost is not specified for some of the equipments/machines. Therefore, it is proposed to add the percentage of financial assistance wherever it is not indicated as limited to 50% of the cost in case of SC, ST, Small & Marginal farmers, Women and NE States beneficiary and 40% of the cost in case of all other beneficiaries, under Annexure II(c) : Committee Agreed to amendment as proposed .

10. Under Annexure-II(c) Some agricultural equipments as per below proposed to add in component no.3. In addition Horticulture Commissioner also suggested to include some horticulture equipments : Committee agreed to amendment proposed as follows and also asked Horticulture Division to give their proposal to M&T Division to include horticulture equipments in SMAM guidelines.

New machinery proposed to be added

- ▶ Seed cum fertilizer drill

- ▶ Furrow opener
- ▶ Bund former
- ▶ Crust breaker
- ▶ Rotocultivator
- ▶ Winnowing fan
- ▶ Reaper
- ▶ Mower
- ▶ Power Harrow
- ▶ Aqua ferti seed drill
- ▶ Raised Bed Planter with inclined plate planter and shaper attachment.
- ▶ Maize sheller
- ▶ Flail Harvester
- ▶ Infielder
- ▶ Mower Shredder (ALL PURPOSE/All crops)
- ▶ Mulcher
- ▶ Stubble shaver
- ▶ Feed block machine
- ▶ Seed treating drum
- ▶ Marker for SRI
- ▶ Spiral grader

11. There was also a discussion on the process of distribution of agricultural machinery and equipments followed by State Governments. JS (M&T) informed that there is no uniformity in the process of distribution of agricultural machinery and equipments. Some of the States are following tender process and some are following online process. Some of the States are following complete freedom to beneficiary to choose the machinery. Where as SMAM guidelines favoured complete freedom to beneficiary to choose the machinery. It was decided to study the practices of all states and good practice may be circulated to states. Secretary desired that subsidy assistance should be transferred directly to the accounts of beneficiaries.

12. Chairman concluded the meeting by approving the above modified amendments.

List of Participant		
S.N	Name	Designation
1	Sh. Siraj Hussain	Secretary(A&C)
2	Sh. Ragav Chandra	AS&FA
3	Sh. Jalaj Shrivastana	Additional secretary
4	Sh. Sanjeev Chopra	JS(MIDH)
5	Smt. I. Rani Kumudini	JS(M&T)
6	Sh. S. K. Malhotra	Horticulture Commissioner
7	Sh. V. N. Kale	ADC(M&T)
8	Sh. A. N. Meshram	DC(M&T)
9	Sh. Dinesh Arora	DS(Finance)
10	Sh. V. K. Srivastava	US(RKVY)
11	Sh. Rajiv Thakur	AE(M&T)