

DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR

Letter No- 15(08)29/18/32522

Dated- 03.12.2018

To,

The Collector & District Magistrate,
Bargarh, Bolangir, Ganjam, Gajapati, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri,
Mayurbhanj, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Rayagada and Sundergarh

Sub: Minutes of Review meeting on Implementation of Millet Mission "Special Programme for Promotion of Millets in Tribal Areas" Chaired by DC cum ACS held on 14-11-2018.

Sir,

With reference to captioned subject, enclosed please find herewith the copy of the Minutes of Review meeting on Implementation of Millet Mission "Special Programme for Promotion of Millets in Tribal Area vide letter no SHOF-27/2018 – 21286 / Ag&FE dated 28-11-2018 for taking further action at your end.

Yours Faithfully

Special Secretary to Govt and
Director of Agriculture & Food Production
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Memo no - 32524

Dated- 03.12.2018

Copy forwarded to DDA cum PD ATMA Bargarh, Bolangir, Ganjam, Gajapati, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Rayagada and Sundergarh for information and necessary action.

Special Secretary to Govt and
Director of Agriculture & Food Production
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Memo no - 32525

Dated- 03.12.2018

Copy forwarded to Director, NCDS, Bhubaneswar & Programme Secretariat (WASSAN) for information & necessary action and is requested to mobilize more number of farmers for registration.

Special Secretary to Govt and
Director of Agriculture & Food Production
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Memo no - 32526

Dated- 03.12.2018

Copy submitted to Principal Secretary to Govt. in Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Department, Odisha, and Bhubaneswar for favor of kind information.

Special Secretary to Govt and
Director of Agriculture & Food Production
Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Proceeding of the review meeting on implementation of "Special programme for promotion of millets in tribal areas of Odisha / Odisha Millet Mission" held on 14.11.2018 in the Conference Hall of Planning & Convergence Department under the chairmanship of Development Commissioner -cum- Additional Chief Secretary

A review meeting on implementation of "Special programme for promotion of millets in tribal areas of Odisha / Odisha Millet Mission" was held on 14.11.2018 in the Conference Hall of Planning & Convergence Department under the chairmanship of Development Commissioner -cum- Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha. List of the members present in the meeting is annexed.

At the outset, Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha welcomed the participants and made presentation on the following aspects: -

1. Objectives of the Odisha Millets Mission.
2. Scale of the Odisha Millets Mission.
3. Crop coverage under improved agronomic practices during Kharif 2018-19.
4. Area, Yield and Production information of Ragi in the 8 procurement districts.
5. Scale of Procurement and inclusion of Ragi in State Nutrition Programmes (SNPs) & PDS.
6. Tentative dateline for finalization of the list of procurement centres
7. Expected date to start Ragi procurement
8. Status of Ragi Farmers' Registration in the 8 procurement districts.
9. Status of TDCCOL godowns in the 8 procurement districts.

Director of Agriculture and Food production, Odisha stated that Odisha Millets Mission is now extended to 72 blocks covering 14 districts. Crop achievement has been made in 12,334 Ha under "Improved Agronomic Practices" as against the target of 16000 Ha. Ragi farmers' registration for procurement has been initiated in 8 districts, namely Gajapati, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nuapada, Rayagada and Sundergarh.

Total Crop coverage under Ragi in those 8 procurement districts is 92,865 Ha with average yield of 864 Kg/Ha and total production in these 8 districts is expected to be 8,02,400 quintals. Out of 8,02,400 quintals, target for procurement of Ragi during KMS 2018-19 is 1,88,000 quintals.

22714 Ragi farmers have been registered under Millet Procurement Automation System (MPAS) in the TDCCOL portal as on 13.11.2018 for procurement through PACS. Bank account and land verification of registered farmers is still in process. Last date for completion of Farmers' Registration process is November 30th 2018.

Based on the feedback from the ATMA, it is estimated that 76000 quintals may be available for procurement. Capacity of TDCCOL godowns in these districts is 1,65,000 Quintals. There is enough storage space in the godowns of TDCCOL. A district level committee will be formed to assess the condition of the godowns.

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List of procurement centres and date of procurement shall be finalised in the District Level Procurement Committee (DLPC) under the chairmanship of Collector & District Magistrate of respective districts.

Procurement is expected to start in all districts from 1st week of December onwards except Sundergarh district and Rakia block in Kandhamal District. Procurement is expected to begin in Sundergarh in the 3rd week of December 2018. Procurement in Indiragarh LAMPS of Raikia block of Kandhamal District will begin from 20th November, 2018 onwards. A meeting will be convened during mid-December to decide the quantity of Ragi procurement.

Director, NCDS stated that honorarium and facilitation costs provided to Facilitating Agencies (FAs) & Community Resource Persons (CRPs) under Community Based Organizations (CBOs) may be delinked from the programme expenditure to avoid delay in payment.

Development Commissioner cum Additional Chief Secretary suggested that incentives must be given to the farmers in time. He asked D.A. & F.P.(O) to monitor such cases and direct the concerned Deputy Director Agriculture to follow the guidelines & decisions taken by the Government. Director of Agriculture and Food production, Odisha informed that a financial manual has been prepared with these considerations. As per discussion with Finance Department, Statement of Expenditure (SoE) and Utilisation Certificate (UC) can be submitted and original bills can be retained at the FA level. Inter componental changes will be done after approval of Collector and District Magistrate. This is in-line with the financial rules of Government of Odisha. Principal Secretary, A & FE stated that financial manual and process manual should take care of these issues.

Director, NCDS expressed that most of the OMM farmers in Nuapada district could not sow millets during Kharif 2018 due to long dry spell and suggested that they may be given incentive for adopting improved agronomic practices in subsequent years. Finance Secretary suggested that such provision can be made and appropriate support can be provided.

Director, NCDS further informed that as per their estimate, total number of Ragi farmers in the 8 districts will be around 2 lakhs. As on date, only 22,714 farmers have been registered. It is important to ensure that registration process is carried out earlier in the next years. In addition, other minor millets apart from Ragi should also be considered for procurement. The benchmark price for little millet and foxtail millet may be considered following the cost of calculation prepared by NCDS in association with OUAT.

Additional Chief Secretary, Finance suggested that other minor millets such as little millet & foxtail millet should be included in the ICDS and MDM as rice can be substituted by these. These may be considered for procurement from FY 2019-20 onwards.

DC cum ACS said that farmer registration activities may be carried out earlier next year. But focus of procurement is to ensure MSP /good remunerative price to ragi farmers.

