F. No. CPS 18-1/2021-NFSM (FTS-96792)

Government of India Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Crops & PHMF Division, NFSM Cell)

> Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: 2nd June, 2022

To.

1. The Director

4. The Director

ICAR- Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur ICAR- Indian Institute of Maize Research, (Uttar Pradesh)

PAU, Ludhiana (Punjab)

2. The Director

5. Project Coordinator

ICAR- Indian Institute of Millets Research, ICAR- All India Coordinated Research Project (Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) Small Millets Bengaluru (Karnataka)

3. The Director

6. Project Coordinator

ICAR- Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley ICAR- All India Coordinated Research Project (Research, Karnal (Haryana) Pearl Millet, Jodhpur (Rajasthan)

Sir/Madam,

Subject: Administrative Approval for organization of <u>Front Line Demonstrations</u> on Pulses, Coarse cereals and Nutri-Cereals during the year 2022-23-reg.

I am directed to convey that the competent authority of this Department has approved an outlay of Rs. 244.20 lakh (Rupees two hundred forty-four lakh and twenty thousand only) for organization of FLDs of Barley, Pulses, Maize & Nutri-Cereals (Sorghum, Pearl Millet and Small Millets) during 2022-23. The crop specific details of FLDs for 2022-23 are given as under:

S. No	Nodal Agency for Implementation of FLDs	Name of crop	Approved No. of FLDs (in ha.)	Rate of financial assistance (Rs/ha)	Approved Financial allocation (Rs. In lakh)
1	ICAR-IIW & BR, Karnal	Barley	140	6000	8.40
2	ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur	Pulses	1620	9000	145.80
3	ICAR-IIMR, Ludhiana	Maize	300	6000	18.00
4	ICAR-AICRP on Small Millets Bengaluru	Small millet	300	6000	36.00*
5	ICAR-AICRP on Pearl Millet	Pearl millet	400	6000	24.00
6	ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad	Sorghum	200	6000	12.00
	Grand Total		2960	4	244.20

* Including committed liability of Rs.18.00 lakh of previous years.

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The above approval is subject to the following conditions:

- Each implementing agency will constitute monitoring team with involvement of officials of Crop Development Directorates, DA&FW, State Department of Agriculture and Scientists of ICAR/SAUs.
- The varieties which are within 3 years either of own production or SAUs sources be used (5 years for problematic areas *viz*; hills, Saline, Alkaline Soils etc.) period from the date of notification/release/identification should only be included in the demonstration purpose and those varieties in the border lines should be avoided.
- Under FLDs, full package kit like seed, INM, IPM material should be given to farmers at the time
 of sowing.
- All the FLDs should be conducted under the close supervision of SAUs/KVKs/ICAR institute.
- Farmers practice, crop production and protection technologies used in FLDs should be obtained in the progress report. The reasons for yield gap between FLDs and farmers' practice should be mentioned in progress report.
- No chemical fertilizer is allowed as input under FLD programme, however, payment to various farm operations/farm services and other critical inputs (seed, bio-fertilizers, lime, gypsum and micronutrients etc.) are allowed. Farmers have to apply the recommended doses of fertilizers.
- Field days should be regularly organized and prior information should be sent to DA&FW and Director, ATARIs of ICAR.
- The details of FLD beneficiary-farmers along with contact number should also be furnished to DA &FW.
- All implementing Institutes should ensure to organize at least 10% of the FLDs or as per availability of seeds on bio-fortified variety of pulses/nutri-cereals and Coarse Cereals in the districts with high burden of malnutrition.
- 5% of FLD on pulses and Nutri cum coarse Cereals shall be conducted in North-Eastern States.
- More focus should be given to extra and early maturing varieties of Pigeonpea and Lentil than other pulses crop.
- All implementing agencies and their coordinating centres should involve agronomist/plant breeder
 to finalize technologies to be demonstrated in FLD programme and follow up visits to demonstration
 sites
- The FLDs implementing agency will re-allocate the number of FLDs as per approval and intimate to DA&FW.
- Critical input amounting to Rs. 8100/- out of Rs. 9000/- for Pulses Rs. 5100/- out of Rs. 6000/- for Barley, Maize & Nutri-Cereals (Sorghum, Pearl Millet and Small Millets) should be provided to beneficiary farmers.
- Each implementing agency will send technical programme and progress report of FLDs of Pulses, Barley, Maize & Nutri-Cereals (Sorghum, Pearl Millet and Small Millets) in formats (already circulated) to DPD, Bhopal and DMD, Jaipur respectively on quarterly basis.
- Geo-tagging of all FLDs is compulsory which is to be conducted during 2022-23 by each centre of FLD. The software information would be shared with each centre.
- In eastern region, FLDs should focus on technologies in weed management aspects.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. A. P. Singh)

Additional Commissioner (Crops)

Copy to:

- 1. ADG (FFC)/ADG (O&P), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 2. Director, Directorate of Pulses, Bhopal/Millets, Jaipur.
- 3. Under Secretary (Finance)/(CA-V), DA&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 4. PPS to Agriculture Commissioner (DA&FW), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- 5. PPS to JS (Crops & Oilseeds)/ADC (Crops), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 6. AC (Pulses)/AC (Crops)/AD (Crops), DA&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 7. Programmer (NFSM), DA&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi for uploading in website.

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