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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 27th February, 2019

No.4561-AP-I-247/2018/A&FE.— The State Cabinet in their 70th meeting held on 26th February, 2019 have approved the proposal for modification of "Farmers Welfare-Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA)" scheme.

Introduction

The State Cabinet in their 65th meeting held on 21st December, 2018 and 67th meeting held on 29th January, 2019 have approved the proposal for Package for Farmers' Welfare – Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) to further accelerate agricultural prosperity and provide financial assistance to the farmers / landless agricultural households in the State.

Modification of the scheme

It was decided that a further 10 lakh small farmers/ marginal farmers/ actual cultivators (share croppers)/landless agricultural households be included in the KALIA scheme during 2018-19, so that no one who is eligible will be left out.

Secondly, the support to cultivators for cultivation to be provided to the farmers to purchase the agricultural inputs prior to beginning of the season. i.e. during the 1st quarter of the financial year, any time from 01st April on-wards for the Kharif season and any time after 01st September of the year for the Rabi season instead of only on Akshya Trutiya & Nuakhai only.

Financial Implications

The additional funds required for 2018-19 is estimated to be Rs. 500 crore excluding the administrative cost for the additional 10 lakh farmers/ landless agricultural households.

ORDER

Ordered that the notification be published in the Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor

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