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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 1st February, 2019

Sub: Modification in the implementation mechanism under “Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA)”.

No.2534–AP-I -247/2018/ A& FE. — The State Cabinet in their 67th meeting held on 29th January, 2019 have approved the proposal for Modification in the implementation mechanism under Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) to further accelerate agricultural prosperity and reduce poverty in the State. This scheme is progressive and inclusive. This would entail direct attack on poverty by way of massive investment in this sector and making benefits reach the most needy through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

Introduction

The 2nd component of KALIA scheme i.e. Livelihood support to landless agricultural households for livestock & horticultural crop based activities is being taken to further accelerate agricultural prosperity and is being implemented from the year, 2018-19 to provide an alternate livelihood to landless agricultural households. Under this component, support will be provided for Small goat rearing unit/ Mini Layer Unit/ Dual purpose low input technology birds/ Duckery unit/ Fishery kit/ Bee keeping and Mushroom cultivation to the landless households by way of grant of Rs.12,500/- per family, based on the choice of the household.

Landless Agricultural Household Data

As per the census 2011, there are 24.20 lakh agricultural labourers who are dependent on agriculture as their main occupation, having worked for the major part of the reference period i.e. 6 months or more in the agriculture/ allied sectors.

Further, as per the census 2011, there are 43.19 lakh agricultural labourers who are not dependant on agriculture as their main sector of work. This would imply they have other non-agricultural sources of income/ activity. The focus on KALIA scheme is on the rural landless labourers who are dependent on agriculture as their main activity.

The village wise distribution of the number of agricultural labourers is available from the census data.

Implementation of the Second Component under KALIA- Livelihood support for landless agricultural households

About 22 lakh landless landless agricultural households have applied for assistance during 1st phase. The deprived landless agricultural households and backward/ tribal dominated Districts shall be given priority. After selection of beneficiaries, Rs. 5000/- shall be transferred online to their bank accounts. After the first tranche is sent, orientation training programme shall be conducted by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment / Department of Fisheries & Animal Resources Development to understand the household preference of the activity that they will like to take up. Based on the household's choice, a capacity building and training module will be imparted to two or more persons from each household within 6 months of the transfer of the first tranche of funds. Detailed modalities will be developed by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment / Department of Fisheries & Animal Resources Development separately. The field staff of the concerned Departments/ progressive farmers of that area shall mentor the beneficiary for establishment of the unit.

The orientation program and the training module will be completed not later than six months from the transfer of the first tranche. The remaining Rs.7,500/- will be transferred in two tranches, one of which shall be after grounding of the unit. The training, monitoring and exposure visit etc. of these beneficiaries shall be conducted by the concerned Department from their existing schemes, which will additional to the assistance to the beneficiaries that is given under the KALIA scheme.

It was decided in the cabinet held on dated 21.12.2018 that 1 lakh landless agricultural households will be covered during Rabi 2018-19 & rest 9 lakh landless agricultural households shall be covered during 2019-20 & 2020-21.

However, it is felt that 5 lakh landless agricultural households be covered instead of 1 lakh during 2018-19. Under the second component only the first tranche of Rs. 5,000/- is proposed to be given in 2018-19, and the balance tranches for this component will be given in 2019-20. Accordingly, instead of Rs. 12,500/- being given to one lakh landless agricultural households, it is proposed to give Rs.5,000/- only in 2018-19. The rest of 5 lakh landless agricultural households shall be covered during 2019-20 and 2020-21, as also the next tranches for those now being given in the first tranche.

The total number of farmers assisted under component 1 & 2 will be adjusted to ensure that the total out go remains within the overall financial limit as approved for 2018-19. The left out farmers who are unable to be covered in component 1 or 2, from the overall limit of 30.16 lakh farmers for component 1 (Rabi assistance for 2018-19) and 10 lakh landless agricultural households for component 2, will be covered subsequently.

Certainty of Assistance

It shall be the endeavour to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries are assisted under the different components of the KALIA scheme, so that no one who is eligible is left out.

The Kharif assistance will be provided on “Akshya Trutiya” and the Rabi assistance on “Nuakhai” under component 1 of KALIA in future.

ORDER

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

By Order of the Governor

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