

MINUTES OF THE STATE AGRICULTURE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE - 2019

The State Agriculture Ministers' Conference 2019 was held on 8th July, 2019 at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Both Ministers of State of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare as well as Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education & DG-ICAR participated in the Conference alongwith Agriculture Ministers of States/UTs as well as Agriculture Production Commissioners and Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/Directors of Agriculture, senior scientists from ICAR and officers & officials from Ministries and agencies also participated. List of participants are at **Annexure-I**.

2. Additional Secretary, DAC&FW, Smt. Vasudha Mishra welcomed the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, both MOSs, Ministers and Senior Officers from State/UT Government and all the other participants. She informed about the purpose of the Conference and mentioned that Joint Secretaries of this Department would make a presentation on schemes like PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, PM - Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana, KCC, Organic Farming etc. and hoped that deliberation on various issues which state want to take up with Central Government may be made during the Conference.

3. Secretary, DAC&FW while addressing the Conference informed that the agenda for the Conference is focused on 8 items. Out of 8 items three pertain to schemes of this Department namely PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, PM- Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana and KCC; 3 items pertain to policy issues like Contract Farming, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and APMC Act and further 2 topics on promotional issues like organic farming and export promotion. He apprised that the theme of the Conference is on increasing the income of farmers. He appreciated the efforts of the State/UT Governments for their cooperation in identification of eligible farmers under PM- Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana due to which over three crore farmers have been benefitted. He

requested the representatives of States/UTs to expedite the process of enrolment of farmers under PM- Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana and upload their details by 31.07.2019 so that funds due for the period from April to July, 2019 could be made available to them. He informed that circulars for implementation of PM- Kisan Maan-dhan Yojana have been issued to states and the scheme has been linked up with PM-KISAN data base and Common Services Centre will start the process for enrolment of SMF under the scheme shortly. He informed that 7 crore farmers have been enrolled under KCC so far and requested the representative of the state to onboard the rest 7 crore farmers, so that they could avail loan at a lower rate of interest @ 4 per cent. He further informed that the initial charges for getting KCC along with inspection charges have been removed and loan against KCC has been increased up to rupees 1.6 lakh. He further informed that a common form with three documents (KYC, photos, land records) has been devised and instructions have been issued to banks to provide KCC within 14 working days. He requested that state should encourage the farmers to approach the nearest banks. He further informed that 5 crore farmers have been benefited under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and this Department has proposed to revise the scheme for which State/UT may provide their feed back at the earliest. He also requested the states to work on contract farming, APMC Act, Organic Farming and prepare strategies on export of agricultural products.

4. Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare welcomed the Agriculture Ministers of States / UTs and informed that although work for development of agriculture has been done in past but priorities were not set. He thanked the States/UTs Government for their cooperation in achieving self sufficiency in food grains production. He drew the attention regarding many challenges in agriculture sector and sought cooperation from states for making agriculture a profitable profession so that youth can be encouraged in farming and the farm practices can be respected. He informed that the focus of the Government has shifted towards income generation and to make agriculture a profitable profession, and to take steps towards achieving the target of doubling the income of farmers **by the year 2021-22**. He requested states/UTs that both central government as well as state governments

should work in cohesion to achieve the target and necessary assistance may be given to farmers. He emphasized that all round efforts may be made to reduce the cost of production through incentivisation, effective implementation of the schemes, support for use of technology especially to small and marginal farmers and state should make sincere efforts in this regard. He informed that MSP has been increased @ 50 per cent of the production cost, however, there is a need to remove the involvement of middleman through the use of e-platform (e-NAM platform), export opportunity etc. Steps should be taken by the use of modern irrigation technologies to save precious water and awareness among farmers should be created. While informing the House about water guzzling crops like paddy and sugarcane, Hon'ble Minister appreciated the initiatives of Government of Haryana for incentivizing farmers for cultivation of maize instead of paddy and requested states to replicate it. He urged representatives of States/UTs to ensure effective implementation of centrally sponsored schemes of Government of India. While pointing out about the model of organic farming prepared by North Eastern States/Uttaranchal, Hon'ble Minister desired that other states should also take similar initiatives and work in a coherent manner. He further informed that about ten crore Soil Health Cards have been distributed but efforts should be made to encourage farmers to act as per the recommendations made in SHC which would result in increasing the production, productivity, income, water use efficiency and rationalize the use of fertilizer and pesticides. He further informed that Government has increased the procurement of agricultural produce and the value of procurement now is about Rs. 40,000 crore against Rs. 4000 crore in the year 2014. Efforts should be made to increase the storage facilities in rural areas (villages) by Government of India and States/UTs. Hon'ble Minister also requested the representatives of States/UTs to send details of farmers so that benefits under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana should reach to all eligible farmers. He informed that although the re-organized Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana helped farmers but difficulties are being faced by the farmers which need to be resolved. In this regard, he urged Agriculture Ministers of states to provide suggestions/views. He desired that KCC should be provided to every farmer so as to enable them to take loan from banks. He requested Agriculture

Ministers of the States regarding presentation on schemes of the Ministry and requested Agriculture Ministers of States /UTs to furnish their views.

5. Presentations were made by Joint Secretaries / Concerned Officers on following schemes:

- i. Pradhan Mantri - Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana
- ii. Pradhan Mantri - Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana
- iii. Kisan Credit Card
- iv. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- v. Agriculture Export Policy
- vi. Model APLMC/Contract Acts
- vii. Organic Farming

6. Open House discussion was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Parsottam Rupala. Hon'ble MoS in his opening remarks, stated that agriculture is a state subject and Central Government support the initiative of the States /UTs. He further drew the attention of the State Governments towards the fact that half of the farmers in the country are outside the reach of institutional credit and State/UT Governments should cooperate for bringing all the farmers under institutional credit facility. He urged Agriculture Ministers of States/UTs and other representatives of States/UTs to deliberate on various issues involved in farming sector. The issues raised by Agriculture Ministers of States / UTs and other representatives have been detailed in **Annexure-II**.

7. In his concluding remarks Hon'ble Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister assured that the suggestions on policy issues would be considered at appropriate level. He sought the cooperation of State Governments in effective implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes. He requested the officers of State Governments to discuss issues with the concerned officers in the Ministry and suggested that officers of the Central Government during their visit to state would also try to sort out the issues. He lauded the efforts of various State Governments in the development of the

Agriculture and advised that State Government should also take income centric approach in the farming sector for achieving the goal of doubling the income of farmers by the year 2021-22. He desired that various divisions in his Ministry would work in coordination and would make coordinated efforts for development of agriculture.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair

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8th July, 2019 at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi**

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The issues raised by Agriculture Ministers of States / UTs as well as the representatives of States/UTs:

Sikkim:

- i. An effective and economically viable multi commodity cold chain development system should be placed for better marketing of agriculture produce.
- ii. Equity grant of FPOs in Sikkim are regulated under Sikkim Cooperative Societies Act, 1978 and are not covered under Companies Act. As such grants from SFAC and credit facility are not available to them.
- iii. One time grant should be provided to all the farmers for installation of water harvesting structure.
- iv. Water is available during rainy season only and dry season period is six months. As such resource mobilization may be arranged.

Uttar Pradesh:

- i. State has sent the data of 40 lakh more farmer families. Funds should be provided under PM- Kisan scheme so as to benefit the farmers.
- ii. Data relating to 50 lakh more farmers has been sent for release of 2nd installment of PM-KISAN.
- iii. State Government has organized the meeting of bankers and further matter has been taken up to achieve a target of providing 25 lakh KCC to farmers in first hundred days of the Government of India.
- iv. Sugarcane farmers have been kept outside the Fasal Bima Yojana.
- v. Timeline for preferring claim under Fasal Bima Yojana may be increased from present 48 hours to 72 hours.
- vi. Limit of loss of coverage of area prescribed @ 75 per cent should be reduced to 25 per cent.
- vii. Damage of crop due to pest/ disease should be included under Fasal Bima Yojana.

- viii. Administrative cost incurred on Fasal Bima Yojana should be borne by Government of India.
- ix. Under PKVY there is a need to relax rules while providing support by Government of India.

Telangana :

- i. Farm mechanization / water management, micro-irrigation facilities should be supported in upland / dry land area.
- ii. Telangana has developed seed production system. More support should be given for seed production.
- iii. A research station for ground nut seed production should be set up in the state.
- iv. The Mission Kakatia (Restoration of Tank) may be supported by Government of India.
- v. Steps may be made for procurement of agriculture produce from farmers.
- vi. Necessary support may be provided for cultivation of oilseeds.

Pudduchery:

- i. 40 per cent farmers in the State are tenant farmers. These tenants farmers may be included under PM-KISAN Yojana.
- ii. Sugarcane farmers are not paid arrear in time.
- iii. Comprehensive scheme for farm labourers may be drawn up and technological support needs to be provided to them.
- iv. Non-payment of sugarcane arrears to farmers is a problem and steps may be taken to sort out it.

Assam:

- i. Banks are reluctant to issue Kisan Credit Card to farmers and responsibility may be fixed on banks in this regard.
- ii. Ban on export of non- basmati rice is hampering the export of aromatic zoha rice.

Himachal:

- i. Banks are not cooperating in issue of KCC in the State and further KCC loans are used in other activities.
- ii. Premium from KCC should not be deducted from PM-KISAN.
- iii. Agencies involved in Fasal Bima Yojana are not reaching in far flung hilly areas of the State and the timeline for preferring claim may be extended.
- iv. Natural farming practices have been adopted in the State and trainings in this regard are organized. The above initiatives need the support of Government of India for successful implementation of the model in other States.
- v. Outsiders are involved in marketing of apples and there is a need to discourage their involvement as a middleman.
- vi. Definition of family is a problem in a case where land has been transferred by elders to their son or grandson and they are not able to get benefits under PM-KISAN which may be looked into.

Kerala:

- i. Special package for crop damage in case of flood / drought may be considered for the State due to change in climate.
- ii. Agri-ecological approaches/practice adopted in the state may be supported.
- iii. The rejections made in respect of PM-KISAN due to bank account may be looked into.
- iv. Agricultural gold loan should be given under KCC scheme.
- v. Collateral free loan should be permitted.
- vi. Damage to banana farming should be covered under PM-FBY alongwith damage of land due to salinity.
- vii. The cultivation of cash crops needs to be supported.
- viii. State specific fixation of MSP may be considered.
- ix. Any type of loan taken by farmers may be considered as agricultural loan.
- x. Interest subvention for short term loan for flood affected farmers may be extended.

- xii. Kerala is providing debt relief to farmer for an amount upto 2 lakh through cooperative banks. Nationalized and commercial banks should also be involved in this scheme.

Uttarakhand:

- i. Under Fasal Bima Yojana the notified area in rural areas village is a unit whereas in hilly areas it is a tehsil. Uniformity should be maintained in this regard.
- ii. Damage of crops due to wild life and hail storm need to be covered under PMFBY.
- iii. The subsidy on drip irrigation needs to be increased.
- iv. Under NFSM seed subsidy is given for seed as well as ten years whereas many traditional varieties need support of the Government and hilly States like Uttarakhand may be given relaxation in this regard.
- v. There is a need to prepare a separate agriculture policy for hilly states.
- vi. Involvement of middleman in agriculture should be removed.

Maharashtra:

- i. Drought threats persist in the states and the areas hit by drought should be compulsorily covered under Fasal Bima Yojana.
- ii. Indemnity level under FBY should be increased and payout premium limit need to be reduced. Area correction factor adopted by agencies under FBY should be removed.
- iii. Compulsory payment of premium by farmers may be made on voluntary basis and grievances redressal mechanism need to be strengthened. Conditions in MOU for imposing penalty may also be removed.
- iv. Nationalized banks are not responding well for issue of KCC.
- v. MSP for cotton should be increased by at least Rs. 500.
- vi. State Government is providing 50% subsidy on agricultural equipments. However, banks are charging 14% interest on the rest of amount which may

be reduced and further no GST should be charged on agricultural implements.

Bihar:

- i. About 50% farmers are tenants. There is a need to consider how these tenants farmers should get the benefits under PM - Kisan.
- ii. Without any premium by farmers, State Government is implementing Bihar Fasal Sahayata Yojana. Government of India may consider to give support under the scheme.
- iii. The guidelines of RBI for coverage under PM-FBY for availing loan against KCC need revision.
- iv. Funds may be released under Bihar package announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- v. There is a provision for committee under District Magistrate for custom hiring. The Joint Director of Agriculture posted at Tehsil level may be authorized to take part in the committee in the absence of District Magistrate.
- vi. Funds under various schemes (1st Installment) may be provided to State by the end of may
- vii. Under PKVY funds were released to State Government during the year 2015-16. 50% of the work has been completed. The funds released in this regard may be revalidated for completion of the project.
- viii. The involvement of the bank should be removed from the projects under horticulture.
- ix. Assistance under micro irrigation should be revised as per market rate and there should be no GST for it.
- x. Assistance for drought may be provided to State.

Tripura:

- i. Tenant farmers may be allowed to get benefits under PM-KISAN.
- ii. Banks are not cooperating in implementation of KCC Scheme.

- iii. National Seed Corporation/ State Seed Corporation should assist in sale of seeds by State Government.
- iv. Assistance may be given for rice and fish culture adopted in state.
- v. Soil acidity is a problem in the State and the same may be assisted by Government of India.

Haryana:

- i. There is need to develop entrepreneurship in agriculture.
- ii. Marketing infrastructure should be strengthened.
- iii. Agri services should be supported.
- iv. Premium amount under Fasal Bima Yojana is increasing which may be reviewed.
- v. MSP should be rechristened as Minimum Profitable Prices (MPP).
- vi. Water saving incentive should be provided to state.
- vii. Efforts may be made for strengthening of direct marketing facilities.
- viii. Branding and packaging should be incentivized for fetching of good prices by farmers.
- ix. Infrastructure development in agriculture should be supported so that fresh fruit, vegetable, fish etc. may be provided in the regions of NCR and other metropolitan cities.

Tamil Nadu :

- i. Banana farming should be included under FBY.
- ii. Assistance may be given for crop diversification initiatives by State.
- iii. Watershed development should be supported.
- iv. Organic Farming, green manuring etc. may be supported and availability of good quality seed may be ensured.

Punjab :

- i. Water availability in Punjab is a concern. Necessary assistance may be provided to state for cultivation of alternate crops.
- ii. Cluster approach adopted in the state may be supported.

Gujarat :

- i. Exports of oilseed (groundnut) should be incentivized and GST on groundnut should be removed.
- ii. Technical assistance may be provided through NIC for enrolment of farmers under PM-KISAN.
- iii. Export potential for mango (kesar) should be explored and necessary assistance may be given.
- iv. FPOs may be supported by revision in policy.

Nagaland :

- i. Banks are not cooperating in issue of KCC. No collateral against KCC may be insisted by bank.
- ii. There is need to revise Fasal Bima Yojana.
- iii. Assistance may be provided for creating small storage godowns in the state.
