

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

There will be an in-depth study by an independent agency to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP) under National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET) and recommend measures for strengthening the same. The Scheme is being implemented from the year 2014-15. Details/operational guidelines of the SMSP are appended.

SMSP subsumed two earlier Central Sector Schemes viz. (i) ‘Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds (DSIS)’ from the year 2005-06 and (ii) Implementation of PVP Legislations (PPVFRA).

Objective of SMSP

To develop/strengthen seed sector and to enhance production and multiplication of high yielding certified/ quality seeds of all agricultural crops and making it available to the farmers at affordable prices and also place an effective system for protection of plant varieties, rights of farmers and plant breeders to encourage development of new varieties of plants. The activities to meet the objectives of SMSP are undertaken through following 14 components of the Scheme:

Sl No.	Intervention	Centre: State Share
1.	Strengthening for Seed Quality Control except one sub-component viz. Strengthening of Seed Law Enforcement (75:25)	100% GOI share
2.	Strengthening of Grow Out Test(GOT) Facilities	100% GOI
3.	Support to Seed Certification Agencies	25%:75%
4.	Seed Village	60% :40%
5.	Certified seed production through seed villages	60%:40%
6.	Seed Processing Plant	100% GOI
7.	Seed Storage	100% GOI
8.	Transport Subsidy	100% GOI
9.	National Seed Reserve	100% GOI
10.	Application of Bio-technology in Agriculture	100% GOI
11.	Public Private Partnership in Seed Sector	60%:40%
12.	Assistance for Boosting Seed Production in Private Sector	100% GOI
13.	Support to Sub-Mission Director and Survey/Studies	100% GOI
14.	PPV&FRA	100% GOI

State-wise Financial assistance/grants-in aid released under SMSP from the years 2014-15 to 2016-17 (till 31.10.2016) is enclosed at **Annexure –I**. The component-wise grants released under SMSP would be provided to the identified agency in due course. So far a total of Rs. 441.30 crore has been released to various agencies / State Governments under this Scheme.

Under SMSP grants in aid are released to Agriculture Departments of States/UTs and Implementing Agencies like state Seed Corporations, State Seed Certification Agencies, National Seeds Corporation, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, State Agricultural Universities, NCDC, Nationalised Banks, Cooperatives, farmers, etc.

Terms of Reference (ToR) : As per details enclosed at Annexure-II

Terms and Conditions (T&C) : As per details enclosed at Annexure-III.

List of Deliverables:

- Engagement of Inception Report
- Draft Report
- Final Report consisting of sub-reports on each of the terms of reference.

Client Responsibilities and Project Assumptions:

- A. Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare shall administer this assignment. Additional Commissioner/Director (Seeds) will be the coordinator for this project and provide the consultancy organization with the relevant information needed to carry out the assignment/project.
- B. Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India may postpone or cancel the assignment and/ or modify its duration and terms of reference with mutual consent.

ANNEXURE –I

LIST OF STATE GOVERNMENT/ IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES RECEIVING GRANTS
IN AID UNDER SMSPP DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS VIZ. 2014-15 TO 2016-17

Sl. No.	Namez of State/UTs	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
		Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release	Allocatio n	Release
1.	Andhra Pradesh	9.00	11.11	6.35	9.69	8.50	6.29
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00	0.37	2	0.625	0.25	
3.	Assam	20.00	18.87	13	15.00	12.85	10.42
4.	Bihar	6.50	7.29	6.87	7.12	7.58	6.71
5.	Chhattisgarh	18.00	17.82	5.11	3.26	3.43	2.23
6.	Goa	0	0	0	0	0.04	
7.	Gujarat	1.50	0.08	1.95	0.79	2.40	
8.	Haryana	1.00	0.01	0.97	0.131	0.45	0.04
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1.00	1.00	3.04	2.71	5.05	4.19
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	6.00	2.41	5.47	5.74	8.53	6.88
11.	Jharkhand	0.30	0	0.37	0	0.08	
12.	Karnataka	5.00	1.16	7.84	7.39	6.40	2.58
13.	Kerala	2.00	1.56	0.22	0.25	0.71	0.26
14.	Madhya Pradesh	20.00	11.20	15.55	9.34	18.00	18.56
15.	Maharashtra	7.00	10.45	7.81	1.29	8.95	6.00
16.	Manipur	1.30	0.25	1.2	0.04	1.70	0.50
17.	Mizoram	1.30	0	1.2	0	0.25	0.25

18.	Meghalaya	1.30	0.34	1.2	0.98	0.50	
19.	Nagaland	1.30	1.71	1.2	1.31	2.25	
20.	Odisha	18.00	16.68	2.73	0	0.80	
21.	Punjab	3.00	2.70	3.5	3.28	3.36	
22.	Rajasthan	5.00	7.82	11.25	5.43	8.36	1.26
23.	Sikkim	1.20	0.05	0.4	0	0.00	
24.	Tamil Nadu	16.00	14.38	6.37	9.97	9.12	8.40
25.	Telangana	6.00	3.93	5.45	9.73	7.60	7.71
26.	Tripura	1.30	3.25	1.8	0	0.20	
27.	Uttar Pradesh	13.00	14.00	19.27	12.55	19.35	5.08
28.	Uttarakhand	5.20	2.22	3.3	3.97	6.28	2.51
29.	West Bengal	1.50	0	0.58	0	0.75	
30.	Delhi	1.30	0	1.1	0	0.00	
31.	Puducherry	1.00	0.47	1.2	0	1.00	0.26
32.	Andaman Nicobar Islands	1.00	0	1	0	0.00	
33.	Dadar Nagar Haveli	1.00	0	1	0	0.00	
34.	Lakshadweep	1.00	0	1	0	0.00	
35.	Chandigarh	1.00	0	1	0	0.00	
36.	Daman and Diu	1.00	0	1	0	0.00	
37.	Central Agency NSC/KRIBHC O)	17.00	16.18	16	16.73	18.26	5.27
38.	NSRTC, Varanasi, UP	3.70	2.43	3.7	2.18	3.40	1.77
39.	PPVFRA	17.00	16.00	16	15.85	19.70	13.03
	Total	219.70	185.74	179.00	145.36	186.10	110.20

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- A. To study the effectiveness of the implementation of the scheme and suggest improvement in existing system of production and distribution of quality seeds
- B. To study the performance of the implementing agencies including State/UT Department of Agriculture in receiving grants-in-aid under the scheme and their weakness in judicious implementation of the Scheme.
- C. Role of Central Public Sector Enterprise and State Seed Corporations in effective implementation of SMSP
- D. Role of State Seed Certification agencies in effective implementation of SMSP
- E. Role of PPVFRA in effective implementation of SMSP
- F. Role of NSRTC in effective implementation of SMSP
- G. To recommend measures for effective implementation of the scheme.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The price bid should include all costs related to carrying out the services including overheads and all taxes imposed on Consultancy Organization. The Following conditions would apply:

- A. That the consultancy Organization shall pay the taxes, duties, fees, levies and other impositions levied under the applicable law;
- B. That the Consultancy Organization will utilize the above amount only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned.
- C. That the Consultancy Organization shall maintain a separate account of the money received for this purpose from the Department and have the final accounts audited by the Government Auditors(in case its accounts are subjected to audit by Comptroller and Auditor General of India) or by a Chartered Accountant. The accounting audition arrangement for the study will be the same as prevailing in respect of other Government consultancy projects undertaken by it.
- D. The Consultancy Organization shall neither accept nor apply for financial assistance from any other source towards this study.
- E. This study is required to be completed with 12 weeks from the date of receipt of order. The time schedule for submission of the report will be as follows:
 - i. Draft report (5 copies)- 10 weeks from the acceptance of offer;
 - ii. Final report (50 copies)-12 from the acceptance of offer.

Consultancy Organisation will keep this Department updated about the progress made in the study as and when required.

F. Schedule for release of grants shall be as under:

- (i) At the time of acceptance of this proposal : 40%
- (ii) After submission of draft report : 30 %
- (iii) Submission of final report (bound copies) : 30%

G. Any unjustified delay in submission of Report on the part of the consultancy Organization will lead to deduction of 10% of the total amount sanctioned for delay of up to 30 days, 20% amount for delay up to 3 months and 30% of the total amount for any further delay.

- H. That the Consultancy Organization will not purchase or acquire any durable assets like photocopiers, computers, etc. out of the sanctioned amount.
- I. That the Consultancy Organisation will furnish fifty (50) bound copies of the study report alongwith CD containing the report to this Department.
- J. That the Final Report, Interim Reports, Specifications, Design and other documents or 'softwares' submitted by Consultancy Organization in the preparation of the study shall become and remain the property of this Department. However, the Consultancy Organisation will be free to use the material for academic purpose.
- K. That the Consultancy Organization also agrees to carry out the assignment with high professional standards of competence and integrity having due regards to the nature and purpose of the assignment and to ensure the staff assigned to perform the services under this Agreement will conduct themselves in a manner consistent therein.
- L. That the Consultancy Organisation also agrees that the knowledge and information not within public domain which may be acquired during the carrying out of this study shall be, for all time and for all purposes, regarded as strictly confidential and held in confidence, and shall not be directly or indirectly disclosed to any person, whatsoever, without written permission of Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- M. Additional Commissioner (Seeds)/Director (Seeds), Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare will be the Nodal Officer from Seeds Division, who will further depute officials for the assistance of the evaluation team of the Consultancy Organization.

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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare)
(Seeds Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated: 24.01.2017

To,

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Subject:- Impact Evaluation Study of the Scheme "Sub-mission on Seeds and Planting Material (SMSP)" under National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (NMAET)-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the above-mentioned Scheme, which is being implemented w.e.f. 1st April, 2014 is to be evaluated by an independent agency. The request for proposal, Terms of Reference, Terms & Conditions to facilitate in-depth evaluation of the study request proposal are enclosed.

You are requested to send this Department complete proposal for undertaking the above-mentioned evaluation study at the earliest indicating the cost of the study. The proposal should reach at the following address by January 31st, 2017.

Under Secretary(Seeds),
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare,
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare,
Room No.440, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
Email- usseeds@yahoo.com

Encl.: As above.

Yours faithfully,



(A. K. Jha)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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NIC, DAC&FW is again requested to upload the Request for Proposal on the website.