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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To  
The Chief Secretaries of All States / UTs

Subject:- Expansion of the ambit of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme to cover all farmers' families irrespective of their holding sizes - Regarding.

Madam / Sir,

Please refer to this Department’s letter No. 1-1/2019-Credit.I dated the 1st February, 2019 conveying the decision of the Government about implementation of a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, “Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)”, aimed at providing income support to all landholding Small and Marginal farmers’ families in the country, having cultivable land upto 2 hectares. Under the Scheme, an amount of Rs.6000/- per year is transferred in three 4-monthly installments of Rs.2000/- directly into the bank accounts of the eligible Small and Marginal farmers, subject to certain exclusions.

2. The Government has now taken a decision to extend the purview of the Scheme to all landholding farmers in the country, irrespective of the size of their landholding, subject to the existing exclusion factors.

3. The following categories of beneficiaries of higher economic status shall not be eligible for benefit under the scheme:

(a) All Institutional Land holders; and
(b) Farmer families in which one or more of its members belong to following categories :

i) Former and present holders of constitutional posts
ii) Former and present Ministers/ State Ministers and former/present Members of Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha/ State Legislative Assemblies/ State Legislative Councils,former and present Mayors of Municipal Corporations, former and present Chairpersons of District Panchayats.
iii) All serving or retired officers and employees of Central/ State Government Ministries/Offices/Departments and its field units Central or State PSEs and Attached offices /Autonomous Institutions under Government as well as regular employees of the Local Bodies  
(Excluding Multi Tasking Staff / Class IV/Group D employees)
iv) All superannuated/retired pensioners whose monthly pension is Rs.10,000/- or more (Excluding Multi Tasking Staff / Class IV/Group D employees)
v) All Persons who paid Income Tax in last assessment year.
vi) Professionals like Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants, and Architects registered with Professional bodies and carrying out profession by undertaking practices.

4. The existing land ownership system in the concerned States/UTs is to be used for identification of beneficiaries and the benefit is to be transferred on the basis of farmer’s family details uploaded by the concerned State/UT Government on the PM-Kisan Portal www.pmkisan.gov.in.

5. The cut-off date for determination of eligibility of beneficiaries under the revised Scheme shall continue to be 01.02.2019, as in the original Scheme.

6. The Government has also decided that release of benefits to beneficiaries would commence from the 4-monthly period in which their names have been identified and the data uploaded in PM-KISAN portal during the same period and subsequent release of installments would be done for the remaining 4-monthly periods of that financial year onwards. For example, if the beneficiary is identified and the name is uploaded in the PM-KISAN portal during December 2018-March, 2019, he/she will be entitled for the installment pertaining to December 2018 - March, 2019 period and if the beneficiary is identified and the name is uploaded in the PM-KISAN portal during April-July, 2019, he/she will be entitled to receive benefit pertaining to April-July, 2019 period and subsequent installments for the periods August-November, 2019 and December 2019-March, 2020.

7. The responsibility of identifying the eligible beneficiary farmers and uploading their data on PM-Kisan portal enabling release of benefits to them has been entrusted entirely to State / UT Governments. All the State / UT Governments are, therefore, requested to expedite 100% enlistment of eligible beneficiaries as per the revised scheme so that farmers are able to avail the benefit of the scheme. For this purpose, they are expected to arrange for timely uploading of corrected data on PM-Kisan portal. They are also expected to establish a proper grievance redressal mechanism. The amended Operational Guidelines for the Scheme are being issued separately.

Yours sincerely,

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