

“Note on YSR Rythu Bharosa- PM Kisan” Scheme

- The Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing, “YSR RYTHU BHAROSA- PMKISAN” scheme from October 15th, 2019.
- Financial assistance of Rs. 13,500/- (Rs.7500/- from the State Government and Rs. 6000/- from GOI through PM-KISAN) is being given to all the eligible land owner farmer families.
 - 1st instalment @ Rs. 7500/- during May (including Rs. 2000/- from PM-KISAN)
 - 2nd instalment @ Rs. 4000/- during October (including Rs. 2000/- from PM-KISAN)
 - 3rd Instalment @ Rs. 2000/- during January (Exclusive of PM-KISAN scheme).
- The benefit of Rs. 13,500/- under YSR Rythu Bharosa scheme is also being extended to the eligible Landless SC, ST, BC, Minority cultivators including ROFR & Endowment land Cultivators exclusively from the GoAP Budget.
 - 1st installment @ Rs. 7500/- during the month of May.
 - 2nd installment @ Rs. 4000/- during the month of October.
 - 3rd Installment @ Rs. 2000/- during the month of January.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – “YSR Rythu Bharosa” Scheme —
Financial Assistance to the farmer families - Implementation of Scheme in
Andhra Pradesh - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 96

Dated: 19-09-2019.

Read the following:

From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur,
Lr._No.Ext / 11 / 2019, dt :29.08.2019, 13.09.2019 &
16.09.2019.

ORDER:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh have decided to implement “YSR Rythu Bharosa” Scheme from October 15th, 2019 i.e., from Rabi, 2019-20 for augmenting the income of Land owner farmer families and to the SC, ST, BC and Minority Landless Tenant farmer families by providing financial assistance across the State.

2. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has furnished the Operational Guidelines on “YSR Rythu Bharosa” vide Lr. dated: 16.09.2019.

3. The Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby approve the following Operational Guidelines on “YSR Rythu Bharosa”:-

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES ON “ YSR RYTHU BHAROSA”

1.Scheme Objective:

- The Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing, “YSR RYTHU BHAROSA” from October 15th, 2019 for providing financial assistance to the farmer families including tenant farmers across the state @ Rs.12,500/- per farmer family per year to support the cultivators in meeting the investment during the crop season with a view to enable them to timely sourcing of quality inputs and services for higher crop productivity.

2.Benefits under the Scheme:

- The Landholder farmer families who collectively own cultivable land irrespective of size of land holdings will be provided a benefit of Rs.12,500/- per annum which includes benefit of Rs.6,000/- per annum per family provided by the GOI under PMKISAN in three installments. The existing validated landownership database will be used for identification of beneficiaries under this category of the scheme.

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- Financial assistance will also be provided to landless cultivators belonging to Schedule Caste(SC), Schedule Tribe(ST), Backward Class(BC) and Minority categories in the State @ Rs.12,500/- per year from the Budget allocation of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

3.Definitions:

- A farmer family is defined as “a family comprising of husband, wife and children”. Married children are considered as Separate Unit for considering assistance.
- “Landowner” means the owner of the land or a person legally authorized by the owner.
- A Tenant Farmer/Cultivator is a landless active cultivator who has taken land for lease.
- “Agricultural Land” means land, which is used or is capable of being used for the purpose of Agriculture/Horticulture/ Sericulture crops, including the land assigned by the Government to the poor for agriculture purpose and which is being used for the above purpose.
- “Agricultural year” means the year commencing from 1st day of June to 31st of May of next year.
- “Crop” includes all Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture crops.
- “Agreement” means agreement for cultivation of crops between the land owner and the cultivator agreed in the form of Crop Cultivator Rights Card.
- “Cultivator” means person who cultivates Crops by entering into an agreement with the land owner for Agriculture/Horticulture/ Sericulture, either on payment of rent or any other means of consideration without exclusive possession, for a period of 11 months and whose name is not recorded in any of the revenue records in respect of that agreement land.

4 Exclusions:

- 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 (ex) and present holders of constitutional posts,
 - ii. Former (ex) 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,

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- 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),
- C. All superannuated/retired pensioners whose monthly pension is Rs.10,000/- or more(Excluding Multi Tasking Staff / Class IV/Group D employees) of above category.
- D. All Persons who paid Income Tax in last assessment year Professionals like Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants and Architects registered with Professional bodies and carrying out profession by undertaking practices.
- E. Persons owning farm lands converted into House sites. Aquaculture or any other non agriculture usage either updated or not updated in the Revenue Records. Necessary ground truthing shall be done by the village level functionaries of Revenue and Agriculture Departments.
- F. Persons paid Commercial Tax/ Professional Tax/ GST during last assessment year.

5. Eligibility conditions:

A. Land Owner Farmer Families:

- The benefit of the scheme shall be provided to all the landholder farmer families who collectively own cultivable land irrespective of size of land holdings @Rs.12,500/- per annum (Rs.6500/- under YSR RYTHU BHAROSA and Rs.6000/-under PM-KISAN) per family as per land records, subject to exclusions.
- Farmer families Cultivating under ROFR lands and D Patta Lands (which are duly incorporated in the relevant records) are eligible for benefit under YSR Rythu Bharosa.
- Farmers cultivating Acquired Lands for which compensation was not paid are eligible for benefit under the scheme.
- In case of joint holding, the benefit will be transferred to the bank account of the person within the family with highest quantum of landholding.
- If the quantum of cultivable land owned by two or more individual family members is same, the benefit will be transferred to the bank account of the elder/eldest, as the case may be, of such members of that farmer family.
- The cut-off date for determination of eligibility of beneficiaries under the scheme shall be 30.09.2019.

B. Land Less Cultivators:

- The tenant farmer/family member shall not have any Agriculture/Horticulture/ Sericulture Land of his own.
- Support will not be extended for lease agreements with in the family.
- Minimum Area to be taken for lease by a single individual Landless Tenant is as follows.

S.No	Crop	Minimum Economical Lease Extent (acres)
1	All Agriculture, Horticulture and Sericulture Crops	1.0 Acre (0.4 Ha)
2	Vegetables, Flowers and Fodder crops	0.5 Acre (0.2 Ha)
3	Betel Vine	0.1 Acre (0.04 Ha)

- Irrespective of Size of Holding, benefit will be extended to only one cultivator per Land Owner family between whom there will be lease agreement.
- Only One Tenant / Cultivator belonging to SC, ST, BC and Minority Category will get benefit along with Land Owner Farmers. In case of multiple tenants to a single land owner, preference is given to the ST tenant for providing financial benefit followed by SC, BC, Minority tenants in the order of preference as per the existence of such categories.
- In Tribal areas, as per the Statute, only Tribal Cultivators/ tenants are recognized.
- A Land Less Tenant / Cultivator having multiple lease agreements is eligible to get benefit as single unit.
- The lease agreement entered between Landless Tenant/ Cultivator and a Marginal Farmer who are residing in the same village will not be entertained.
- Cultivators/ Tenants cultivating the lands of Owners of excluded categories are eligible for the benefit under Rythu Bharosa.
- Tenants cultivating Inam lands/ Endowment lands will be extended benefit as per the recorded evidence available with Department of Endowments.

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6. Methodology for calculation of benefit:

A. Land Owner Farmer Families:

- Department of Real Time Governance takes the landholder families as per Webland data of Revenue department, as it is the authorized data for land ownership system in Government of Andhra Pradesh. Purification and Rectification of errors in webland data will be taken up by the Revenue Department in coordination of Agriculture Department.
- Joint Verification and confirmation will be done by the Multipurpose Extension Officers (Village Agriculture Assistants)/Agricultural Extension Officers and Village Revenue Officers at Village level, which in turn will be monitored by Mandal Agricultural Officer and Tahsildars at Mandal Level, by Sub Divisional Assistant Director of Agriculture and Revenue Divisional Officers at Divisional Level and final confirmation will be done by the District Collector assisted by JDA, prior to uploading of data to RTGS.
- 5 % random verification at Mandal level and 2% verification at Divisional level to be taken up on the verification process. One Deputy Collector rank Officer has to be designated for Supervision of entire process for each Assembly Constituency.
- Department of RTGS shall play the role of System Integrator (SI) in integrating different data sources viz., webland, Households (families) data from Praja Sadhikara Survey, CFMS for data relating to Government employees, Pensioners, Income tax, etc as per exclusion parameters.

B. Methodology for Identifying Land less Tenant Farmers:

- Creating mass awareness on “Crop Cultivator Rights Act 2019”.
- Organization of Grama Sabhas at village level for identification of the Landless Cultivators / tenants with the involvement of field functionaries of Revenue, Agriculture, Village Volunteers and Village Elders of the particular village. In this connection, necessary ground truthing shall be done by conducting field verification and reasonable enquiry to establish cultivation claim of the landless cultivators/tenants.
- Sensitizing the land owners about
 - a) Security of the land ownership right.
 - b) No possibility of suit/prosecution/other legal proceedings on the agreement.
 - c) Repealing of Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Area) Tenancy Act, 1956.
 - d) Bank obligation for recovery of loan is on crop only but not on the land.
- Execution of Crop Cultivator Rights Cards (CCRCs) at Village Secretariats.

- Preparation of list of owners and Landless Tenants who sign on Crop Cultivator Rights Card.
- Preparation of village wise list of SC, ST, BC and Minority Landless Cultivators / Tenant farmers along with their Aadhar No, Ration Card and Bank Account Details etc.
- Displaying the lists in the respective Gram Panchayats for inviting claims and objections.
- Communicating the consolidated lists duly approved by the District Collector to RTGS for validation and release of benefits.

7. Review, Monitoring and Grievance Redressal Mechanism:

- There will be stratified review/monitoring mechanism at State and District Level. At State Level, the Review, Monitoring and Grievance Redressal Committee was already constituted with the Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of Andhra Pradesh as Chairman and the Commissioner & Director of Agriculture as Convenor. In similar lines, the District level Review, Monitoring and Grievance Redressal Committee was constituted with the District Collector as Chairman and the Joint Director of Agriculture as Convenor as notified by Government of Andhra Pradesh vide G.O RT No.152, Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri.III) Department, dated: 18.02.2019.
- To further, decentralize the Grievance Redressal Mechanism at Mandal Level, Committees may also be constituted with Tahsildar as Chairman and Mandal Agricultural Officer/Horticultural Officer as Convener.
- The review/monitoring committees as notified above will also act as State and District Level Grievance Redressal Monitoring Committees for looking into all the grievances related to implementation of the scheme. Any grievances or complaints which are received should be disposed off on merit preferably within two weeks' time.

8. Modalities for transfer of benefit:

- RTGS shall support Department of Agriculture in development of web portal and mobile application for YSR Rythu Bharosa (YSSRB) program building upon the database of PM KISAN program towards validating/finalizing beneficiaries under YSRRB through ground-truthing/grama sabhas and also in ensuring payment to the beneficiaries directly to their bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)
- Department of RTGS shall enable payments directly through DBT via a sponsor bank through a State account managed by O/o Commissioner and Director Agriculture.

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- Department of RTGS shall provide support to Commissioner, Agriculture in redressal of Grievances on YSRRB through its call centre. Citizens can reach out to Toll Free Nos 1100 or 1902 for raising a grievance and same shall be redressed in coordination with Department of Agriculture. There shall be State / District/ Mandal level grievance redressal committees.
- Beneficiary would be intimated about credit of amount to his account by Short Messaging Service (SMS) via the destination bank and also through Village Volunteers.

4. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O No.FIN01-FMU0MRAS(AC)/2/2019- FMU-AC-CS-AH , dt:18.09.2019.

5. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (AH,DD&F) &
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (AGRI) (FAC)

To

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:-

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The Chief Executive Officer, Real Time Governance Society.

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The General Administration (Cabinet.I) Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – “YSR Rythu Bharosa” Scheme —
Financial Assistance to the farmer families - Implementation of Scheme in
Andhra Pradesh - Certain amendments to the Scheme – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.113.

Dated: 26.11.2019.

Read the following:

- 1.G.O.Ms.No.96, Agri. & Coop. (Agri.II) Department,
Dt:19.09.2019.
- 2.From the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur,
Lr. No.Extn./11/2019, Dt:17.10.2019.

ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, in the letter 2nd read above and after careful examination of the matter, the Government, hereby, issue the following amendments to the G.O.Ms.No. 96, Agriculture & Cooperation (Agri.II) Department, dt.19.09.2019 1st read above:

A M E N D M E N T S

- a) The following paragraph shall be substituted to para 3(1)

Scheme Objective:

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing “YSR Rythu Bharosa” from October 15th, 2019 for providing financial assistance to the farmer families, including tenant farmers across the State @ Rs.13,500/- per farmer family, per year, to support the cultivators in meeting the investment during the crop season with a view to enable them to timely sourcing of quality inputs and services for higher crop productivity.

- b) The following points shall be substituted to para 3(2)

Benefits under the Scheme:

- The land owning farmer families who collectively own cultivable land irrespective of size of land holdings will be provided a benefit of Rs.13,500/- per year per family duly including Rs.6,000/- from the Government of India under PM-KISAN in three installments. The existing validated landownership database will be used for identification of beneficiaries under this category of the Scheme.

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- The benefit of Rs.13,500/- will be extended to the eligible land owner farmer in 3 installments as detailed below;
 - 1st instalment @Rs.7500/- during the month of May (including Rs.2000/- from PM-KISAN)
 - 2nd instalment @Rs.4000/- during the month of October (including Rs.2000/- from PM-KISAN)
 - 3rd instalment @Rs.2000/- during the month of January (Exclusively of PM-KISAN scheme).
- Financial assistance will also be provided to landless tenant farmers & ROFR Cultivators belonging to SC, ST, BC, Minority categories in the State @13,500/-, per year, from the budget of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- For Landless Tenant farmers including ROFR Cultivators, the benefit of Rs.13,500/- will be extended in 3 instalments from the State Government budget as detailed below;
 - 1st instalment @Rs.7500/- during the month of May.
 - 2nd instalment @Rs.4000/- during the month of October.
 - 3rd instalment @Rs. 2000/- during the month of January.

c) The following point shall be substituted to para-3(4)(ii)

Exclusions:

ii) Farmers and their family members who are holding the constituency post as (Ex) & Present Ministers, MPs, MLAs & MLCs only are excluded for the benefit under “YSR Rythu Bharosa” and all other people representatives are eligible under the scheme.

d) The following points shall be added as G & H to para-3(4)

Exclusions:

- G) If any unmarried child of a farmer is a Government employee or income tax assessee, that will not make the farmer ineligible under this scheme provided he or she does not come under any of the exclusion category.
- H) In case of death cases, the financial benefit will be provided to the spouse of the deceased person. However, from the next year onwards the financial assistance will go to the legal heir, as per the mutations done in the web land.

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2. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
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Note on PMKISAN scheme

- The GoI has launched “PM-KISAN” scheme on 24-02-2019.
- This scheme is supplementing the financial needs of the farmers in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields.
- The GoI, is providing the income support @ Rs. 6000/- per year per family through DBT mode in 3 equal installments of Rs. 2000/- for every 4 months
 - 1st instalment @ Rs. 2000/- during April to July
 - 2nd instalment @ Rs. 2000/- during August to November
 - 3rd instalment @ Rs. 2000/- during December to March
- The benefit is being extended to all the eligible land holding farmer families irrespective of the size of their land holdings except for some exclusion categories as per scheme guidelines.
- Till now, GoI has extended 15 installments benefit the beneficiaries.
- **For Saturation of PM Kisan scheme with Eligible beneficiaries the following Eligibility Criteria is stipulated by GOI:**

Installment number	Installment period	Mandatory Criteria
12 th	Aug 22-Nov 22	Land linkage
13 th	Dec 22- Mar 23	Land linkage & Aadhaar based payment
14 th	Apr 23- July 23	
From 15 th onwards	From Aug 23-Nov 23 onwards	Land linkage, Aadhaar based payment & e-KYC

PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI SCHEME

(PM-KISAN SCHEME)

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

(REVISED AS ON 21.6.2019)

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS' WELFARE

PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMMAN NIDHI (PM-KISAN) SCHEME

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

(REVISED AS ON 21.6.2019)

1. Scheme

With a view to provide income support to all landholding farmers' families in the country, having cultivable land, the Central Government has implemented a Central Sector Scheme, namely, "**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)**".

2. Objective and Benefits

The scheme aims to supplement the financial needs of all landholding farmers' families in procuring various inputs to ensure proper crop health and appropriate yields, commensurate with the anticipated farm income as well as for domestic needs. Under the Scheme an amount of Rs.6000/- per year is released by the Central Government online directly into the bank accounts of the eligible farmers under Direct Benefit Transfer mode, subject to certain exclusions.

3. Definition of farmer's family

A landholder farmer's family is defined as "a family comprising of husband, wife and minor children who own cultivable land as per land records of the concerned State/UT". The existing land-ownership system will be used for identification of beneficiaries for calculation of benefit.

4 Exclusions

4.1 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.

4.2 For the purpose of exclusion State/UT Government can certify the eligibility of the beneficiary based on self declaration by the beneficiaries. In case beneficiary is not available / does not reside in the village, State/UT Governments may consider certification based on the declaration by other adult member of his/her family. In case of incorrect self declaration, beneficiary shall be liable for recovery of transferred financial benefit and other penal actions as per law.

5. Methodology for calculation of benefit

5.1 The benefit shall be paid to only those farmers' families whose names are entered into the land records. Exception has, however, been made for North-East States and Jharkhand in this regard.

5.2 The cut-off date for determination of eligibility of beneficiaries under the scheme shall be 01.02.2019 and no changes thereafter shall be considered for eligibility of benefit under the scheme for next 5 years. However, this date is not applicable when transfer of ownership of cultivable land takes place on account of succession due to death.

5.3 Benefit will be allowed in those cases where transfer of ownership of cultivable land takes place on account of succession due to death of the landowner. However, those eligible farmers whose names have been entered in the land record after 01.12.2018 till 01.02.2019 shall be eligible for the benefits from the date of entry of land rights in the land records. In such cases where, transfer of ownership of cultivable land has happened due to any reason which could be purchase, succession, will, gift, etc., between 01.12.2018 and 31.01.2019, the installment pertaining to the trimester December, 2018 - March, 2019 during the financial year (2018-19) shall be proportionate amount from date of transfer till 31.03.2019 with respect to the 4 months period.

5.3.1 In cases where the land records have not been updated for rights accruing due to succession on account of the death of land owners before 01.12.2018, such updation of land records may be done by the States in a time bound manner. The successors whose names are entered in land records for rights accrued as aforementioned shall be eligible subject to fulfilment of other conditions of the Scheme and the exclusion clauses.

5.3.2 Clause 5.3 of the Operational Guidelines, which provides for proportionate amount of financial benefit under the scheme to be transferred in the bank accounts of the beneficiaries in cases involving transfer of ownership between 01.12.2018 to 31.01.2019, shall remain applicable to the cases of succession as well which is clear from the wording of the said clause.

5.3.3 Subsequent to 01.02.2019, there could be change in ownership due to the following reasons:-

- i) Transfer of ownership due to inheritance resulting out of death of the land owner. In such cases the family of the successors would be entitled to the benefits, if otherwise eligible as per scheme guidelines.
- ii) In cases of cultivable land transferred to other persons through Sale Deed, Partition Deed, Gift Deed, etc., the transferee will not be eligible under the Scheme as he/she was not the land owner as on 01.02.2019. However, in such cases even the transferor of the land will become ineligible if the family of the transferor does not have any cultivable land subsequent to such a transfer.

5.3.4 The State Governments have to put in place the administrative mechanism based on their existing land revenue administrative regime to take care of formulations. There should be clear cut responsibility entrusted to the officials responsible for undertaking mutation of land records.

- i) In case of correction of land record for recording land ownership accrued due to inheritance before 01.12.2018 then the eligibility of the family under the scheme shall be properly determined as per the conditions of the scheme. The procedure for determining the eligibility as per the exclusion clauses shall remain as prescribed.
- ii) In case of transfer of land ownership due to inheritance, reassessing the eligibility of the family under PM KISAN - If the family is no longer eligible, then the same have to be updated in the PM KISAN portal so that the benefits can be discontinued subsequently. In case of family of the deceased land owner is still eligible (where spouse or the minor children are having cultivable land and eligible as per guidelines), the details of the new beneficiary alongwith other details with the fresh self-declarations have to be provided to the concerned authorities for inclusion/modifications so that the benefit to the survivors of the family can continue.
- iii) Subsequent to inheritance if the families of the inheritors also become freshly eligible under PM Kisan then all the details of the freshly eligible families have to be incorporated in the database so that benefits start accruing to such families from the date when inheritance became operational.
- iv) In case of transfer of cultivable land for reasons other than death after 01.02.2019, the officials have to reassess the eligibility of the transferor and decide whether the benefits have to be stopped or not and intimate

the authorities so that the PM KISAN portal can be updated. Transferees are not entitled for any benefits under PM KISAN in such cases.

5.4 The beneficiaries, whose names are uploaded on PM-Kisan Portal by the State/UT Government in a particular 4-month period / trimester, shall be entitled to receive benefit for that trimester and for further installments pertaining to the subsequent trimesters for that financial year.

5.5 In some of the North Eastern States, the land ownership rights are community based and it might not be possible to assess the quantum of Land holder farmers. In such States an alternate implementation mechanism for eligibility of the farmers will be developed and approved by the Committee of Union Ministers of Ministry of Development of North East Region (DoNER), Ministry of Land Resources, Union Agriculture Minister and concerned State Chief Ministers or their Ministerial representative, based on the proposal by the concerned North Eastern States.

5.5.1 For identification of *bona fide* beneficiary under PM-Kisan Scheme in Manipur, the following proposal of Government of Manipur was considered and approved by the Committee:

“The certificate issued by the Village authority, namely, the Chairman/Chief, authorizing any tribal family to cultivate a piece of land, may be accepted. Such certification of village Chairman/Chief shall be authenticated by the concerned sub-divisional officers. All the exclusions under the Operational Guidelines will be applicable.”

5.6 For identification of *bona fide* beneficiary under PM-Kisan Scheme in Jharkhand, the following proposal of Government of Jharkhand was considered and approved by the Committee:

“The farmer will be asked to submit ‘Vanshawali (Lineage)’ linked to the entry of land record comprising his \ her ancestor’s name giving a chart of successor. This lineage chart shall be submitted before the Gram Sabha for calling objections. After approval of the Gram Sabha, the village level \ circle level revenue officials will verify and authenticate the Vanshawali and possession of holding. This authenticated list of farmers after due verification of succession chart shall be countersigned by the District level revenue authority. Farmers’ names, subject to the exclusion criterion after following the aforementioned process, shall be uploaded on the PM-Kisan portal along with other required details for this disbursement of benefit under the scheme.”

6. Strategy for Implementation

6.1 The States shall prepare database of eligible beneficiary landholder farmer families in the villages capturing the Name, Age, Gender, Category (SC/ST), Aadhaar Number, Bank Account Number and the Mobile Number of the beneficiaries. Responsibility of identifying the landholder farmer family eligible for benefit under the scheme shall be of the State/UT Government. In case of beneficiaries in States of Assam, Meghalaya, J&K where Aadhaar number has not been issued to most of the citizens, Aadhaar number shall be collected for those beneficiaries where it is available and for others alternate prescribed documents such as Driving Licence, Voters’ ID Card,

NREGA Job Card, or any other identification documents issued by Central/State/UT Governments or their authorities, etc. can be collected for identity verification purposes. These three States have been exempted from the requirement of Aadhaar number till 31.3.2020. In the meantime these States will complete Aadhaar enrolment. States/UTs shall ensure that there is no duplication of the payment transferred to eligible families. Speedy reconciliation in case of wrong/incomplete bank details of the beneficiary should be ensured.

6.2 For the purpose of exclusion States have to take a self declaration from the beneficiaries as detailed in par 4.2 above. In the said self declaration taken by the States/UT Governments an undertaking should also be included wherein the consent of the beneficiaries should be taken for using the Aadhaar number for verification of his eligibility for the scheme with the concerned agencies. This consent of the beneficiary should be “to agree that the department responsible for implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana in Union Government or the State Government / Union Territory Administration can use the beneficiary Aadhaar number and other information provided in the declaration to verify the eligibility of the beneficiary for scheme as per extant scheme guidelines with the concerned agencies”.

6.3 The existing land-ownership system in the concerned State/UT will be used for identification of beneficiaries. Accordingly, it is of utmost importance that the land records are clear and updated. Further, State/UT Governments would also expedite the progress of digitization of the land records and linking the same with Aadhaar as well as bank details of the beneficiaries.

6.4 The lists of eligible beneficiaries would be published at the village level. Farmers’ families who are eligible but have been excluded should be provided an opportunity to represent their case.

7. Review, Monitoring and Grievance Redressal Mechanism

7.1 There will be stratified review/monitoring mechanism at National, State and District Level. At the National level, the Review Committee will be headed by Cabinet Secretary. The States shall notify the State and District Level Review / Monitoring Committee.

7.2 The States shall also notify State and District Level Grievance Redressal Monitoring Committees for looking into all the grievances related to implementation of the scheme. Any grievances or complaints which are received should be disposed off on merit preferably within two weeks time.

8. Setting up of Project Monitoring Unit (PMU)

8.1 A Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) at Central level will be set up in DAC&FW in the form of a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. This PMU shall be tasked with the responsibility of overall monitoring of the scheme and shall be headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO). PMU shall also undertake publicity campaign (Information, Education and Communication-IEC).

8.2 Each State/UT Government will designate a Nodal Department for implementation of the scheme and coordinating with Central Government with regard to implementation of Income Support Scheme.

8.3 On the lines of PMU at central level, States/UTs may consider setting up dedicated Project Monitoring Units at State/UT Level. 0.125% for the amount of installments transferred to beneficiaries can be transferred by Central Government to State / UT Government to cover the expenditure on their PMUs, if established and for meeting other related administrative expenses including cost to be incurred for procurement of stationary, field verification, filling of prescribed formats, their certification and its uploading as well as incentive for field functionaries, publicity, etc. States/UTs will furnish the details of the account to which Administrative Charges are credited by the Central Government. The administrative charges payable to the States/UTs will be provided by Government of India based on the volume of work and the number of beneficiaries.

9. PM Kisan Portal for implementation of the scheme (Beneficiary Details uploading by State)

9.1 Beneficiaries under the scheme are to be identified by the respective State and Union Territory. The details of farmers are being maintained by the States/UTs either in electronic form or in manual register. To make integrated platform available in the country to assist in benefit transfer, a platform named **PM-Kisan Portal** available at URL (<http://pmkisan.nic.in>) has been be launched for uploading the farmers' details at a single web-portal in a uniform Structure.

9.2 The PM-Kisan Portal has been created with the following objectives -

- i) To provide verified and single source of truth on farmers' details at the portal.
- ii) Timely assistance to the farmers in farm operation
- iii) A unified e-platform for transferring of cash benefits into farmers bank account through PFMS integration.
- iv) Location wise availability of benefited farmers list.
- v) Ease of monitoring across the country on fund transaction details.

9.3 PM Kisan Portal :

The following farmer attributes need to be entered in the Portal:

Farmer Attributes: (Essential):

State, District, Sub-District/Block, Village, Farmer Name, Type of Identity – Aadhaar Number and in case Aadhaar not available, Aadhaar enrollment number with any other ID proof like Voter ID etc, Gender, Category, IFSC Code, Bank Account Number.

Farmer Attributes (Optional):

Father name, Address, Mobile Number, Date of Birth/Age, Farm-Size in Hectare, Survey Number, Khasra Number

Optional attributes such as Mobile number can be utilized for SMS alerts. Other optional attributes may be used for purpose of future requirement. However, these attributes are not essential for purpose of transfer of money.

These attributes are illustrated on PM KISAN Portal <http://pmkisan.nic.in> as follows

The screenshot shows the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Portal interface. At the top, there is a header with the Government of India logo and the text 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Portal, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India'. Below this is a navigation bar with links for HOME, ABOUT US, DOWNLOAD, CONTACT US, and LOGIN. The main content area displays a 'Farmer Registration Form' for a user named Mr. Rama Reddy. The form is divided into 'Mandatory' and 'Optional' sections. The 'Mandatory' section includes dropdown menus for State (ANDHRA PRADESH), District (ANANTAPUR), Sub-District (dropdown), Block (AGALI), and Village (dropdown). It also has input fields for Farmer Name, Gender (dropdown), Category (dropdown), Identity Proof (dropdown), Aadhar Number, IFSC Code, and Account No. The 'Optional' section includes input fields for Father/Mother/Husband Name, Address, Mobile No, and Age/DOB (DDMM/YYYY). It also has radio buttons for Ownership (Single/Joint), and input fields for Survey/Khata No. and Khasra/ Drag No. At the bottom of the form, there are buttons for 'Submit for Aadhar Authentication', 'Save', and 'Reset'. The footer contains the NIC National Informatics Centre logo and a disclaimer: 'Site is designed and hosted by National Informatics Centre. Contents published and managed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. All rights reserved. For any query and Suggestions Please write to: agr-dt[at]gov[dot]in'.

9.4 There are 3 ways through which a State/UT can onboard on the PM Kisan Portal:

(a) If a State/UT has village/district wise list of farmers, they may upload the same in a pre-defined format and with the help of local NIC State Unit. Following Farmer Attributes need to be entered:

(b) Some existing data of farmers is already available on the PM-Kisan Portal which will be visible on selection of States/Districts/Village. States/UTs which do not have their own list may use this village-wise list of farmers as provided on the portal and edit the same to finalize the farmers' list. For this the correction window shall be available at PM Kisan portal for authorized users of District and Block officials.

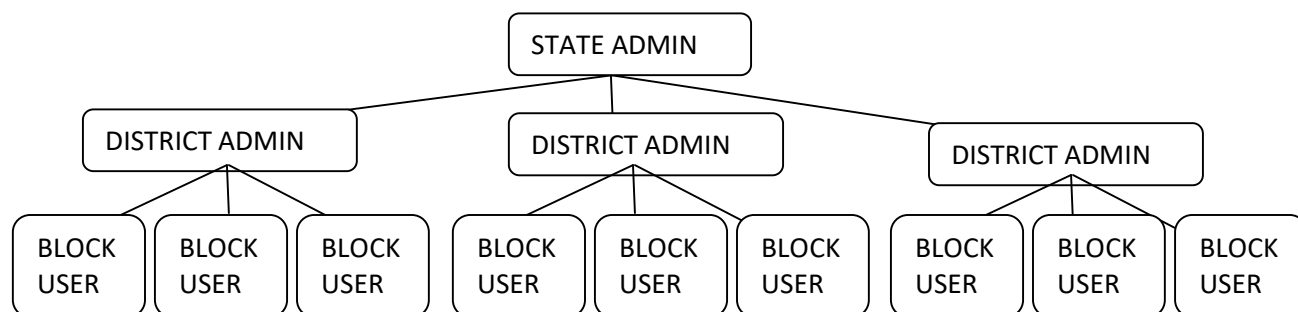
(c) If States/UTs want to make fresh entry of a farmer, provision is there for registration of these farmers in a defined and standardized format.

9.5 Databases of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Soil Health Cards, Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC), can also be utilized for this purpose.

State/UT wise status of number of farmer records shall be available at <http://pmkisan.nic.in>.

9.6 Records preparation process through PM-KISAN Portal:

1. State admin and District admin need to be identified for creation of login credentials or approval of login credentials in case of self registration by District and Block/Tehsil/Taluka officials.



2. Farmers list as available on the portal shall be available at Block/Tehsil/Taluka level official's login.
3. Search facility will also be available to get details on Farmers by Name, Aadhaar Number or Mobile Number in case PM-KISAN Portal data is being used. Facility to add new Farmers details shall be available, if details are not found in the list.
4. The verified list shall be e-signed by the District level or block/tehsil/taluka level officials as the case may be. The exclusion categories specified in scheme guidelines also need to be taken care before e-signing the verified farmers list.
5. The States Nodal Officer shall submit a district wise e-Signed list of farmers to the Program Division of DAC&FW through PM-Kisan Portal.

10 Modalities for transfer of benefit

10.1 This financial benefit of Rs.6000/- per year is to be released to the eligible farmers in three installments of Rs.2000/- each every 4-month / trimester, i.e. April-July, August-November and December-March.

10.2 The Scheme is being implemented through an Aadhaar linked electronic data base containing details of all members of the families of the farmers whose names appear in the land records. For transfer of the financial benefits to the eligible farmers, Aadhaar number shall be collected for all beneficiaries, since payment of all installments pertaining to the trimester August-December, 2019 onwards shall be done only on the basis of Aadhaar seeded data base. However, exemption has been to the States of Assam, Meghalaya and Jammu & Kashmir from the requirement of Aadhaar number and Aadhaar seeded database under the scheme till 31.3.2020. In the meantime these

States will complete Aadhaar enrolment so that subsequent installments are released on the basis of Aadhaar seeded data only. States / UTs shall ensure that there is no duplication of the payment transferred to eligible families.

10.3 The funds pertaining to income support benefit as well as administrative charges shall be released from Government of India to the States' designated account/mechanism. The benefit shall be transferred by Government of India to the beneficiaries through a mechanism wherein district wise beneficiaries' lists shall be certified and uploaded by the States/UTs and the funds will be electronically transferred via State Notional Account [similar to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS)] to the beneficiaries' bank account on the basis of their account numbers and IFSC code. However, where the states verify that Aadhaar linked accounts are not the loan accounts of beneficiaries, the Aadhaar linked payment system can be adopted. However, from the August-December, 2019 trimester onwards the States shall have to ensure Aadhaar linked bank accounts of the beneficiaries, except in case of Assam, Meghalaya and Jammu & Kashmir, which have been given exemption till the 31st March, 2020. For ease of implementation the States may consider assigning the job of sponsoring bank for the scheme to the same bank being used by concerned State for MGNREGS.

10.4 The funds pertaining to income support benefit as well as administrative charges shall be released from Government of India to the State designated account/mechanism. Detailed modalities for transfer of funds are as under:

(a) The amount due to the beneficiaries under the scheme, is to be paid directly into their bank account through the mechanism of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). The amount will flow to the account of the beneficiaries, held in destination banks, through the accredited bank of Department and sponsoring bank of the State/UT, using PFMS portal. The destination bank can be a Schedule Bank, Post office, Rural Bank, Cooperative Bank or any other Financial Institution.

(b) The important steps to be taken by State/UT Governments and Union Governments, for timely payment into the beneficiary account are listed below:

A. State/UT Government:

- i. State/UT Governments are to identify the beneficiaries and upload the beneficiary details on the web portal of the scheme.
- ii. Correctness of beneficiary details is to be ensured by State/UT Governments. Further, speedy reconciliation in case of wrong/incomplete bank details of the beneficiary should be ensured.
- iii. For facilitating payment, Fund Transfer Order (FTO,) for the total amount in a batch of beneficiaries, is to be signed by State/UT, on the web portal of the scheme.
- iv. State/UT Governments are also required to identify a bank in each State/UT and designate it as sponsoring bank for this scheme. States may consider

designating the same bank for use for MNRGES for sponsoring bank for this schemes.

- v. The bank to be designated as sponsoring bank, is to have well developed IT systems with the capabilities of integration with web portal of the scheme and Public Financial Management System (PFMS).
- vi. Details of sponsoring bank along with IFSC code and bank account number in which funds are to be transferred are to be provided to the Department.
- vii. States/UT Governments are to authorise the sponsoring bank to directly transmit the amount received under the scheme to destination banks, having beneficiary account.
- viii. The sponsoring bank is to transmit the funds to destination bank soon after the same are received by it.

B. Union Government:

- I. The Programme Division in the Department is to issue Sanction Order on the basis of FTOs received from States/UTs.
- II. The beneficiary account is to be credited periodically after the issuance of the Sanction Order.
- III. Beneficiary would be intimated about credit of amount to his account by Short Messaging Service (SMS).
- IV. The confirmation of credit to the beneficiary account would be received back by the Department on the day next to the day of credit to the beneficiary account.
- V. Failed/unsuccessful transactions would be reported back by the banking system to the Department, on the day next to the day of reporting of the successful transactions, along with amount involved.
- VI. Details of failed transactions would be made available to States/UTs for further verification of beneficiary details and reprocessing.

10.5 The beneficiary lists would be displayed at Panchayats to ensure greater transparency and information. Further, States/UTs would notify the sanction of benefit to the beneficiary through system generated SMS. In cases of complaints/grievances emanating subsequent to publication of beneficiary list, the same should be addressed and remedial action taken expeditiously. Efforts should be undertaken by State/UT Governments to ensure checking for around 5% of the beneficiary for the eligibility during the year.

11. Validity of the list of beneficiaries

The list of beneficiaries identified by States/UTs shall be valid for one year. However, States/UTs can upload names of eligible beneficiaries who have been identified subsequently. States/UTs should also implement a mechanism to ensure revision of the name of the beneficiary in case of mutation /changes in the land record after uploading list on the portal for updation of the eligible beneficiary details for such lands as per above para 5.3.
