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Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & FW
(NFSM Cell)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Amendments in NFSM Operational Guidelines (12th Five Year Plan) from 2016-17 onwards.

With the approval of Competent Authority, following changes/additions have been made in the Operational Guidelines (12th Five Year Plan) of National Food Security Mission w.e.f 2016-17.

Para of the Guidelines	Additions/changes
Para No. 14.1.2 Improved package of Practices:	Under pulses following shall be added at the end: "In addition to State governments, the KVKs spread throughout the country will also conduct demonstration of pulse crops".
Para No. 14.2.1 Distribution of hybrid/certified seed:	A new sub para 14.2.1 (iii) as given below shall be added: "In order to promote quick spread of new varieties of pulses, minikits of pulses seed varieties not older than 10 years will be provided free of cost to farmers. National and state seed producing agencies will supply minikits to State government for distribution amongst farmers. Allocation of minikits will be done to all farmers in contiguous area of at least 25 hectares. The size of minikits will be 16 kg of gram, 8 kg seed of lentil and 4 kg each for moong, urd and pigeon pea. This quantity will be sufficient to plant 0.2 ha. The price of seed minikits will be fixed by NFSMEC and the cost will be reimbursed to the agencies on certification of receipt by the State governments".
14.2.1A- Production of certified seed of pulses	A new para 14.2.1A- Production of certified seed of pulses as given below shall be added: i. "Enhancing breeder seed production: In order to increase the production of breeder seed of pulses for further multiplication of seed to meet the requirement of quality seed, infrastructure in ICAR institutes and SAUs will be strengthened.

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	<p>ii. Creation of Seed Hubs: The National Seed Corporation and State Seed Corporations are primarily responsible for producing and supplying of seeds of pulses. In order to supplement these agencies, seed hubs will be created at selected KVKs/SAUs and institutes of ICAR. These seed hubs will have seed processing and seed storage facilities. Each seed hub will take up seed production of pulses through farmers and will buy back the produce from the farmers from its revolving fund. Each seed hub will produce about 1000 qtl of seed per year. Financial assistance to these hubs will be as follows:</p> <p>a. Each hub will be given one time grant up to Rs. 50 lakh for creating seed processing and storage facilities</p> <p>b. One time revolving fund upto Rs. one crore will be given to each seed hub. The revolving fund will be kept in a separate bank account and this fund will be recouped from sale proceeds of seeds.</p> <p>Assistance for seed production: Assistance for production of certified seed of pulses of varieties less than 10 year old will be provided to seed growing agencies @ Rs.25/kg. 75% of the subsidy is meant for farmers and 25% for seed producing agencies to meet expenditure including certification cost. Besides, Seed Producing Agencies shall be eligible for the incentive only when they purchase the seed produced from the farmers and issue a certificate to this effect. The subsidy will be given to central seed agencies like NSC, KRIBHCO, IFFCO etc directly and to State seed corporations and private seed companies through State governments. The central seed agencies will submit action plan for approval of NFSMEC.”</p>
<p>Para 14.2.2 management ameliorants: / Nutrient soil</p>	<p>A new sub para 14.2.2 (v) as given below shall be added:</p> <p>“For ensuring availability of bio-fertilizers of good quality, strengthening of production of bio-fertilizers units in selected SAUs will be undertaken. ICAR will identify SAUs and funds will be provided as per norms in other schemes of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.”</p>

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