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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (NFSM-CELL)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 12.09.2013

To,

Dr. William D. Dar,  
Director General,  
ICRISAT, Patancheru,  
Hyderabad-502324

Sub: Administrative Approval of ICRISAT Project entitled “**Addressing Phytophthora Blight Disease: An Emerging Threat to Pigeonpea Production and Expansion**”, -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to convey that the competent authority of this Department has approved the ICRISAT Project entitled “**Addressing Phytophthora Blight Disease: An Emerging Threat to Pigeonpea Production and Expansion**” under Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Food Security Mission-Pulses for 4 years. i.e., from the financial year 2013-14 to 2016-17 with an total outlay of **Rs. 386.20 lakh** (Rupees three hundred eighty six lakhs twenty thousand only). Year-wise budget approval is as under:

Year	Budget (Rs. in lakh)
1 <sup>st</sup> year ( 2013-14)	84.37
2 <sup>nd</sup> year ( 2014-15)	82.49
3 <sup>rd</sup> year (2015-16)	103.17
4 <sup>th</sup> year( 2016-17)	116.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>386.20</b>

2. The above project has been approved with the following conditions:

- Qualification and remunerations of Special Project Scientist, Research Associates and Senior Research Fellows at ICRISAT and other coordinating centres is admissible at par with ICAR norms.
- Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance is admissible as per norms of Govt. of India.
- Training of NARS scientists for screening procedures of PB and selection for resistance is proposed in 4<sup>th</sup> year of the project. The training for NARS scientists may be more fruitful if conducted during initial period of the project. However, the expenses for training are admissible at par with ICAR norms.
- No international visit of scientists/ trainees is admissible from the funds allocated for the project.

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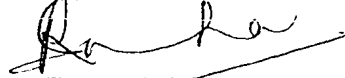
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- Expenses incurred on arranging annual workshops/meetings of the project may be at par with ICAR norms.
- Institutional overhead charges @ 10% is admissible for all partner Institutes except ICAR institutes.

3. Activity-wise work plan with clearly defined targets for each partner at each location including the strategies, monitoring and evaluation aspects may be finalised before implementation of the project and the same may be intimated to DAC by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

4. Progress reports may be furnished to this Department on half-yearly basis, failing which further release of funds may be stopped. The progress of implementation of the project will be closely monitored by the principal, co-principal investigators of the participating Institutes, Project coordinators and the Ministry of Agriculture. ICRISAT shall adhere to provisions of the project proposal submitted and approved by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India. However, DAC may opt for any need based changes from time to time. Representation of DAC officials in the Monitoring Committee may also to be ensured by ICRISAT.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Recna Saha)  
Director (Crops)

**Copy to:**

1. Director, Business and Country Relations, ICRISAT, NASC complex, Pusa, New Delhi.
2. Dr. Mamta Sharma, Senior Scientist- Legumes Pathology, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, AP.
3. Under Secretary (Finance), DAC, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
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7. PS to JS (Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
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9. PS to Additional Commissioner (Crops), DAC, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
10. PS to Assistant Commissioner (NFSM)/STA (Pulses) DAC, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
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