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Dear Shri Sanjay Lohiya,

Re. Submission of a Proposal for “Scaling up and popularization of high yielding pigeonpea hybrids for enhancing productivity of small and marginal farmers of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana states of India”

We are pleased to submit the above mentioned project proposal for your consideration and approval of funding support.

The most important output of this project will be potential of pigeonpea as an economically viable and sustainable crop to the farmers in selected districts of three target states. The specific outputs will be

- In the selected districts of three target states pilot demonstrations of increasing pigeonpea production using high-yielding hybrids will be established.
- Alternate seed production system for high-yielding cultivation at local level established
- Based on soil health mapping, INM practices along with soil, water and crop management practices demonstrated to the farmers for increasing pigeonpea production
- Trained master trainers farmers for scaling-up holistic pigeonpea production systems will be available in three states.
- Holistic approach for pigeonpea production will be available

ICRISAT in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, State Agricultural universities, NGOs of the respective states will implement the activities in different districts of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Telangana.

The project team led by Dr Suhas P Wani, Director, Asia Research Program and Dr C V Sameer Kumar, Senior Scientist (Pigeonpea Breeding), ICRISAT will provide any additional details or clarification, if required.

We value and appreciate your goodwill and support to ICRISAT’s innovative initiatives.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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