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(RKVY Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
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To
Principal Secretary (Agriculture)/ Agriculture Production
Commissioner/ Secretary (Agriculture)
All States / UTs

Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 16.11.2018 in Krishi
Bhawan, New Delhi to review the progress of Geo-
tagging of RKVY assets in concerned States -
regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith the minutes of the meeting
held on 16.11.2018 under chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (RKVY)
of this Department on the above stated subject for perusal and
necessary follow up action at your end.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Ganesh Singh)
Under Secretary
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Minutes of the meeting held on 16.11.2018 in Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and FW , Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi to review the progress of Geo-tagging of RKVY assets in concerned States .

A meeting to review the progress of Geo-tagging of RKVY assets was held on 16.11.2018 under the chairpersonship of Ms. Chhavi Jha, Joint Secretary (RKVY), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & FW. The List of participants is enclosed (Annex-1).

The progress of Geo-tagging for each and every State was reviewed along with a presentation made by Dr. P.V. Krishna Rao, Scientist, NRSC, Hyderabad. The issues that emerged from the meeting are as under :-

1. Most of the states pointed out that for funds expended under the production stream in previous years, no geo tagging is possible. In case of certain assets related to natural resource management such as farm ponds etc. also the asset is no longer in existence and geo tagging is therefore not possible. In such cases since there is no option, no geo tagging can be insisted upon.
2. Dr. Rao, made certain assumptions regarding the number of assets to be geo tagged by each State and he presented this during his address. However, the magnitude of the task will be known only if the concerned States first make an assessment of the total number of assets to be geo tagged. For this purpose JS(RKVY) instructed Programmer Shri Chandan Kumar, RKVY Division that a Dashboard may be created on the website of RKVY for States to upload this data. Thereafter, Dr. Rao suggested that weekly and monthly targets may be fixed so that the task of geo tagging of all assets can be accomplished within a defined time frame.
3. Dr. Rao informed the participants of all the States that they should adopt version 1.7 of the App for geo- tagging. This version makes it mandatory to enter Aadhar number, Mobile number and ensure GPS accuracy too.
4. JS (RKVY) pointed out that provision of training by NRSC to the States in repeated manner would not be possible. The States should take initiative to train their respective master trainers and thus become self-sufficient in this matter.
5. So far as the North Eastern states are concerned, Dr. Rao was of the opinion that there is no problem with GPS signals on those areas but very often GPS signal of mobile phone are not being switched on or properly applied.
6. In regard to agriculture mechanization, implements/ equipments that cost less than Rs. 10,000/- per item may be exempted from geo tagging.

7. For geo tagging purpose, if up-gradation of Computer system is required, it may be done from within the 2% administrative costs allowed to the States. However, it was also decided in the meeting that for up-gradation purpose, new and advanced model of Computers / Laptops can be purchased and utilized by the States from their own funds.

State-wise issues regarding Geo-tagging were discussed in the meeting and a gist of the same is as under.

Assam – Since a number of new districts have been created in the state of Assam, the revised delineation is to be obtained from the State Remote Sensing Centre and made available to NRSC. This will enable creation of user IDs. It was also decided that a training related to geo tagging will be held in Guwahati, Assam on 29 and 30 November 2018 for all North Eastern States. This training will also be attended by Shri Prabhat Kumar, Consultant RKVY who will coordinate with all concerned.

Andhra Pradesh. The state has approximately a total of 15,000 assets for geo-tagging and out of those 11,000 assets have already been geo-tagged. The state is confident of completing the rest within the next 20 days. They desired a training session on the new version 1.7 of the App and the same will be arranged by NRSC.

Bihar- Due to creation of the district of Arwal from the erstwhile Jehanabad district, delineation has become an issue. The State Remote Sensing Agency may be contacted and the revised delineation may be forwarded to NRSC. The State of Bihar also expressed the need for a training session. NRSC will be requested to arrange it.

Gujarat – The state is facing a number of issues with regard to assets created by the Gujarat State Land Development Corporation due to the fact that assets related to water shed works etc. may not have survived over the years. This issue may be solved as per point no 1 above. The State requires some training and JS(RKVY) suggested that initially a video conference may be arranged with NRSC, Hyderabad on 22 Nov. 2018 in order to sort out these issues.

Himachal Pradesh - The state representative stated that so far as Chamba and Kinnaur districts are concerned, there is a problem of GPS connectivity. Dr. Rao, however, was of the view that GPS connectivity should not at all be a challenge. The state also pointed out that as far as moderation is concerned, the issue of two departments being in-charge of one sub sector (mini-sector) created a duplication. In this context, Dr. Rao offered to train state representatives after completion of today's review meeting.

The representatives from Himachal Pradesh suggested that in order to facilitate the process of moderation at the district and state levels, Excel sheets generated at