

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT**

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Guidelines for Implementation of Agriculture Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") in Telangana State – Extension of scheme to Agency areas and Recognition of Forest Rights (RoFR) - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AGRI.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.280

Dated: 23.04.2018

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.231, A&C (Agri.II) Dept., Dt: 04/04/2018.
2. From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Lr. No.7060/2013/WLR-3, Dt: 10/04/2018.

ORDER:

Government in the reference 1st read above have issued orders sanctioning implementation of Investment Support Scheme ("Rythu Bandhu") in Telangana State from Kharif-2018.

2. In order to bring agriculture out of the vicious cycle of stagnation, low productivity, low levels of investments, State Govt. is of the view that public investment is the surest way to enhance agricultural productivity and also income of the farmers. In order to ensure that the farmers come out of the debt trap, a new scheme called "Agriculture Investment Support Scheme" ("Rythu Bandhu") is proposed to be implemented from the year 2018-19 onwards, from the beginning of the Kharif (Vanakalam) season itself, to take care of the initial investment needs of every farmer. A budget of Rs 12000 crores has been provided for the financial year 2018-19 and it includes Service charges payable to Banks and also administrative expenditure for implementing the scheme.

3. The broad details of the scheme are as follows:

(i) *Relieving the farmers from debt burden and not allowing them to fall in the debt trap again, this new scheme is proposed for providing investment support to Agriculture and Horticulture crops by way of a grant @ Rs. 4000/- per acre per farmer each season for purchase of inputs like (1)Seeds, (2)Fertilizers, (3)Pesticides, (4)towards Labour and other Investments in the field operations of farmers' choice for the crop season.*

(ii) The Government held widespread consultations and a major decision was taken to take up farmer-wise survey of Agriculture Lands, entitled 'the Land Records Updation Program' (LRUP) and accordingly the Revenue Department has completed the task of updation and purification of land records and now has an updated data base of all agricultural lands. Detail guidelines for implementation of the scheme have also been outlined in the G.O read above.

4. The Commissioner of Tribal Welfare, TS, Hyderabad in his letter Rc.No.812/2017/TRI/ RoFR, dt.20.6.2017 reported that the Rule 16 of the RoFR Rules, 2008 provides for post claim support to the forest rights holders and the State Government shall ensure to provide through its departments relevant to upliftment of forest dwelling scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers, that all Government Schemes including those relating to land improvement, land productivity, basic amenities and other livelihood measures to such claimants and communities whose rights have been recognized and vested under the Act.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest in his reference 2nd read above has informed that as per the progress report received from Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Department, there are out 93,494 individual claimants have the RoFR title certificates. In addition, many cases are under consideration of the appropriate authority. The Rule 16 of the RoFR Act, (Amendment) Rules 2012 provides for post claim support to the Forest Rights holders and the State Government shall ensure to provide through its departments relevant to upliftment of Forest Dwelling and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers that all Government schemes including those relating to land productivity basic amenities etc.

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6. In view of the above, the issue of extending the facility of providing Rs. 4000/- per acre each season to RoFR title holders were examined and it is decided to extend the Investment Support Scheme of Rs. Rs. 4000/- per acre each season to RoFR title holders. All the beneficiaries shall be identified by the District Collectors concerned according to the guidelines issued by the Tribal Welfare Department, in consultation with the Forest Department. In addition, the same benefit shall also be extended to the entire population living in the agency area. These orders take immediate effect.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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APC & PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Tribal Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.

The Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, Hyderabad

The State Information Officer, NIC, Hyderabad

The Commissioner of Cooperation & RCS

All Collectors/JCs/DAOs/DH&SOs/LDMs/DCOs

Copy to:

The Special Chief Secretary (Revenue Dept.)

The Special Chief Secretary, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology

The Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department

The Director, Office of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad

The Convener, SLBC, The President, SLBC and all Nodal Banks in the State

The P.S. to Chairman "Telangana Rashtra Rythu Samanvaya Samithi", Hyderabad.

The P.S. to Minister (Finance) Department

The P.S. to Minister (A&C) Department

The P.S. to Minister (Tribal Welfare) Department

The P.S. to Minister (Forest) Department

The P.S. to Chief Secretary

The P.S. to Principal Secretary (Finance)

The P.S. to Secretary to Chief Minister

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister

The P.S. to APC & Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperation Dept.

The General Administration (Cabinet) Department.

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