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To
APCs/ Pr. Secretary/ Secretary- Agri. (Selected States)
Commissioner-Agri./ Director-Agri. (Selected States)
Director- SAMETIs/ SNOs of Extension Reforms (ER) (Selected States)

Subject: Implementation of Farmers Capacity Assessment & Certification (FCAC) & Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) during 2015-16-reg.

Sir / Madam,

The Government of India has taken initiative to implement the Skill Developments components, namely Farmers Capacity Assessment & Certification (FCAC) & Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) of Extension Support to Central Institutes Scheme under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE) of National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET) to be implemented during 2015-16 and remaining period of XII Plan.

SMAE includes two innovative activities in skilling areas viz. (A) Farmer's Capacity Assessment & Certification and (B) Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY).

(A) Farmer's Capacity Assessment & Certification (FCAC) is aimed at providing recognition to the farmers who have acquired desired skills in agriculture & allied areas but continued to be treated as unskilled, in the absence of a certificate. Farmers above the age of 18 years who possess traditional skills in various sectors of agriculture & allied disciplines with minimum qualification preferably up to 5th standard (not mandatory) shall be considered for assessment and certification.

2. Funds will be released by DOE/DAC&FW to MANAGE and will be routed through SAMETIs to the designated Assessing/Certification agencies. An amount of Rs. 200/- is earmarked for Skill Assessment & Certification of each farmer.

3. Ten farmers per block per year shall be selected for Skill Assessment & Certification. An appropriate number of blocks from various districts in the country shall be covered every year under this component during XII Plan, subject to the availability of budget provision. In order to have economies of scale and a workable group-size, each Block will be covered once in 3 years with a target of 30 farmers.

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4. The SAMETI will organize the Certification process through the vocational Training Institution/ KVKs/ NYKs/NGOs/RSETIs/SSCs etc and carry out the formalities of advance planning on the onset of first month of every year for better participation in coordination with the certifying agency.

5. The designated skill assessment agencies shall keep liaison with local employer/ agro-industries, if possible for placement of skilled candidates and maintain a database of all certified farmers, who have got wage/ job employment for estimating post skill certification impacts.

(B) Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) is aimed to impart skill based training to rural youth in agriculture and allied areas to promote employment in rural youth & facilitate creation of skilled manpower to perform farm and non-farm operations.

2. Rural youth (including Farmers & Farm Women) of the age group of 18 years and above with minimum qualification upto 5th standard pass (not mandatory) shall be preferably considered for skill training.

3. States/SAMETIs/MANAGE/ATMAs have to give adequate publicity to create awareness among youth about the scheme.

4. The funds under this component will be released by DOE/DAC&FW to MANAGE, MANAGE will further release funds to the designated Training Institutes in their respective States and ensure submission of settlement of accounts of all training programmes to DAC&FW through SAMETI/MANAGE on regular basis. The State Nodal Officer /PD (ATMA) would however in consultation with SAMETIs, identify training institutions within a State/ District where trainees can be trained in need based areas.

5. In each identified district, 4 training programmes shall be organized per year. Each programme would be of 6+1 days duration (including 1 day travel plan) with 15 participants. There will be a provision of expenditure @ Rs.400/-per participant per day as per the ATMA Cafeteria norms. Thus, total cost for a 7 days training for 15 participants would be Rs.42, 000/-.

6. MANAGE will provide technical support to SAMETIs and facilitate in development of skill based module with the help of SSC/ASCI. SAMETIs will identify the districts and potential training institutes in consultation with State Nodal Officer (SNO) for implementation of the programme.


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7. The training activities will be implemented through SAMETIs at State level & coordinated through ATMA at District level. The training to rural youths shall be imparted through KVKs, NYKs, FTCs and/or any other identified training institutions at State / District level. Director SAMETI will provide copies of Annual Training calendar to the concerned agencies viz. ATMA, KVKs, FTC, NYK and any other training institutions in identified districts under intimation to MANAGE/ DAC&FW/DOE.

8. The copies of operational modalities/ guidelines of both the components are enclosed herewith and the same may please be referred at DAC&FW & DoE websites, viz. www.agricoop.ac.in and www.vistar.nic.in respectively.

It is therefore requested that States/UTs: in collaboration with MANAGE and SAMETIs to take initiatives to identify Training Institutes /Assessing/ Certifying agencies and to select participants in accordance with the operational modalities/guidelines to implement the activities during 2015-16 and intimate to: The Director (Extension Training), Directorate of Extension, Krishi Vistar Bhawan, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012, Tele-fax: 011- 25843404, Email: parmorikar2012@gmail.com for further follow-up with MANAGE & SAMETIs.

Yours faithfully,


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