GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Agriculture Department - Fertilizers - DBT in fertilizer - Appointment of Nodal Officers both at State and District Levels - Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (AGRI.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 285

Dated: 22-05-2017

Read the following:-

- 1. From the Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Fertilizers, Letter No.15011/6/2016-DBT, Dt. 21.12.2016.
- 2. From the Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur Letter No.Fert.(2)165/2016, dated 28.2.2017.

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, it was informed that the Department of Fertilizers, GOI, New Delhi has decided to introduce Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system for fertilizer subsidy payments. Under the proposed system, 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades shall be released to the manufacturers and importers on the basis of actual sales made by the retailer to the beneficiaries. Initially, the modified subsidy procedure under DBT system will be introduced on pilot basis in 16 selected districts and after its due stabilization, the new payment system would be rolled out in all States in the second phase. Implementation of the DBT pilot project for fertilizers subsidy payments inter alia depends on active participation of State Agriculture Departments and District Administration in each districts. Department is in the process of ensuring the requisite infrastructure such as providing of PoS machines, training for use of PoS machines etc. In order to coordinate with State Authorities, the State Government is required to appoint Nodal Officers both at State Level and District Levels for better Coordination. It has been suggested to designate the Principal Secretaries, Department of Revenue and Department of Agriculture as Nodal Officers at the State Level and the District Collector as Nodal Officers at each district and requested to nominate Nodal Officers both at State and District level.

2. The Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur vide letter 2nd read above has stated that at present Pilot Adhaar enabled fertilizer distribution system (AeFDS) (BAPU Mode-Biometrically Authenticated Physical Uptake) is under way in Krishna and West Godavari Districts. As a second phase of implementation of DBT (AeFDS), all the districts of the State are proposed. He has requested to issue necessary orders for appointment of Nodal Officers both at State and District levels for better coordination in implementation of DBT.

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- 3. In view of the above, Government after careful examination hereby nominate the Special Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department and Agriculture & Cooperation Department as Nodal Officers at State level, the District Collector as Nodal Officer in each District for better coordination and in implementation of DBT.
- 4. The Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR, SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(AGRI)(FAC).

To

The Special Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary to Govt., & Nodal Officer (State Level)

Revenue Department and Agriculture & Coop. Department.

The Director of Agriculture, A.P. Guntur.

All the District Collectors & Nodal Officer (District Level) (through DoA, Guntur). Copy to:

All the District Joint Director of Agriculture. (through the Director of Agriculture, Guntur).

The Joint Secretary, G.O.I., Ministry of Chemical & Fertilizers, Department of Fertilizers, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. Sf/Sc.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.