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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dated 01st August, 2020

To,

The Principal Secretary (Agriculture)
Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment
Government of Odisha
3rd Floor, Krushi Bhawan
Bhubaneswar-751 001

Subject:- Request for extension of cut-off date for enrolment of left out farmers -reg

Sir,

Reference is invited to letter number 12116/A& FE dated 30th July, 2020 received from Chief Secretary, Government of Odisha and letter no. 12148 dated 31st July, 2020 received from Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Odisha requesting for an extension of cut-off date for the enrolment of farmers who have been left out.

2. The State Government has mentioned that the enrolment of non-loanee farmers has been severely affected as the insurance companies HDFC-Ergo, Reliance-GIC have not engaged any insurance intermediary in their districts and for Ganjam district which is with AIC, the intermediary has not taken the assignment and that the insurance intermediaries are only functioning in the district headquarters and have almost no presence at the grass-root level.

3. The State Government has further mentioned that because of Covid situation, CSC, which is the major channel of enrollment is operating at minimal capacity. It has also been mentioned that due to recent land record integration certain issues of mapping of villages of certain regions have also been reported because of which enrolment in these villages has been hampered.

4. The request of the State Government has been examined. A meeting was held through VC on 31st July, 2020 with the land record Department of the Odisha Government wherein it was decided that the cases where record is not reflected while fetching the data from land records, are required to be investigated, and the same will take some time. The main reasons for mismatch are i) interchange of codes of villages which are of the same name in a particular tehsil. ii) The land records of the State create the village in the name of Bhag1,2,3 etc. due to administrative reasons; however these villages are single as per the Census, and for fetching the records these villages and their code are required to be created on NCIP. iii) The land record portal of Odisha has given the khata number in Odiya script instead of numerals in some cases, which are not getting fetched due to language issues. iv) some villages have been renamed by State government after the year 2011 (Census Year), matching of these villages with Census villages will take time as its a manual job.

5. The present enrolment figures of non-loanee farmers have been checked from the portal and it has been found that the insured area in this season is far less when compared to the coverage from last Kharif season due to prima-facie aforementioned reasons.

6. It has also been informed by CEO, CSC-SPV that lot of applications are lying piled up with VLEs as these were collected on time but because limited time and verification from land records, these applications couldn't be uploaded and the portal got shut down after the cut-off date.

7. Since, such a situation has emanated from technical and administrative reasons which have prevented the enrolment of willing farmers within the cut-off date, therefore in order to facilitate the enrolment of these farmers who have been left out because of the above reasons, it has been decided to grant extension to the cut-off date of enrolment **till 17:00 Hrs of 5th August,2020** by relaxing the clause 16.6 of revamped operational guidelines of PMFBY. The insurance companies are directed to immediately depute their intermediaries and collect the applications. The State Government will earmark such regions/villages where data is not fetched through land records and will provide the list to the ICs by 2nd August,2020 afternoon. The ICs will collect these applications from 2st to 5th August, 2020 and will transfer the amount collected on 6th August, 2020 before noon by creating the challan and subsequently the data shall be uploaded before 13th August, 2020. The State is advised to run a special drive for getting the farmers enrolled within the extended period.

This has been issued with the approval of the competent Authority.

Yours faithfully



(Kamna R. Sharma)
Deputy Commissioner (Credit)

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