

- **State Schemes :**

- 1. Scheme for Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture – Strategic Initiatives**

It is technically a plan scheme which is proposed to be implemented in the state during the year 2017-18. The objective of the scheme is to promote sustainable agriculture by extension through mass media in an integrated manner, Seed Treatment Programme for Rabi and Kharif Crops and Awards on the outstanding farmers villages and districts.

The details of the all components are given as follows:

- A. Extension through Mass Media**

To strengthen the extension services by using print and electronic media and information technological support, print media or a) Publication, b) Advertising and Publicity (newspapers, magazine, pamphlets, folders etc.) and electronic media (radio jingles, documentary films & TV programme etc.) will be used for dissemination of the latest information and knowledge on a wide spectrum of topics to the farming community.

Discussion on field problems and finalization of the package of practices in Agriculture officer's workshop/seminars before sowing of kharif & Rabi crops, Agriculture day/kisan Gosthies/exhibitions, awareness camps and State/Districts level Kisan melas organized to create awareness among the farmers regarding the improved agronomic practices of Rabi and Kharif crops.

- B. 100% Seed treatment programme for Rabi and Kharif crops during the year 2017-18.**

Seed treatment is necessary to protect the seed and seeding from pests and pathogens. It maintain and improves seed quality; avoid spread of harmful organism, involves very little cost and can be done indoor without machinery.

Department is organizing 100% Seed treatment for both farmers own seed and certified seed supplied by govt. and private seed producers. Brief description about the programme of both farmers own seed and certified seed is given as under:-

i. Farmers own seed for Kharif & Rabi Crops:-

Farmers generally sow their own seed of wheat, seed replacing rate of wheat is 53% by certified seed varieties. Keeping in view the welfare of large farming community, it has been decided to enhance subsidy from 75% to 90% for farmer's own seed in kharif and Rabi crops (50% under RKVY and 40% under State Plan Scheme) on fungicides for the treatment of farmers saved seed.

ii. Certified Seed for Kharif & Rabi Crops:-

The 100% cost of the seed treatment of certified seed will be borne on share basis, 50% under the State Plan Scheme namely Scheme for the promotion of Sustainable Agriculture Strategy initiatives and rest of the 50% share will be borne under RKVY for the year 2015-16. 100% seed treatment for certified seed of Rabi & Kharif crops during the year 2015-16.

The fungicide will be used by the Govt./Private seed producing agencies as per the recommendation of CCS H.A.U, Hisar. The seed producers will procure the fungicides from the institutional agencies or from private traders if not available with institutional agencies. The subsidy bills will be submitted to DDAs concerned for verification for releasing subsidy to Govt. /Private seed producing agencies by Haryana State Seed Certification Agencies (HSSCA).

It is also informed that from this amount reimbursement of some pending subsidy of last year will also be made.

C. Awards on the outstanding Farmers, District and Villages

The details of which is indicating here under:-

i. Award to the Farmer having highest productivity

Many farmers plays a significant role in the adoption of improved practices and making special contribution in improving the crop productivity. Such farmer to be motivated by rewarding their contribution so that other farmers may also follow their footsteps. The farmers who obtain first, second and third position in the productivity of the crops is to be honoured by Cash prizes and a certificates under three different categories.

Under 1st category three farmers will be awarded in the crops having more than 5.0 lakhs hect .area average in last three years in the state .Amount of first award would be amounting to Rs.1.00 lakh ,2nd award will

be amounting to Rs.50,000/- and 3rd award of Rs.25,000/- respectively . The crop of Bajra , Rice , Cotton , Wheat & Mustard will be covered under the category . An amount of Rs.8.75 lakhs will be required for this purpose under this category .

Under 2nd category , the crops having an area of 1 to 5 lakh hect will be covered and two awards of Rs. 1.00 lakhs and Rs.50000/- will be given to 1st & 2nd farmers respectively. Sugarcane and Gram crop will be covered under this category. An amount of Rs.3.00 lakhs will be required for this purpose.

Under 3rd category ,the crops having area less then 1 lakh hectare will be covered .An award of Rs.1 lakh will be given to one farmer only harvesting highest yield in the state. Moong , Sunflower and Maize will be covered under this category.

ii. Award for outstanding /innovative Farmers.

The farmers who played leading role in the promotion of diversification of crops (away from paddy - wheat cycle),inter cropping , innovative practises will also be honoured and recognized to motivate such farmers. Twenty one (21) outstanding farmers in this category will be awarded of Rs.50,000/- to one selected farmers in each district for this purpose. A committee headed by DC/ADC will select the farmers. The composition this committee is proposed as under:-

1. DC/ADC	Chairman
2. Senior Coordinator KVK	Member
3. President Kisan club	Member
4. SDAO(HQ)	Member
5. DDA	Member Secretary

An amount of 10.50 lakh will be required for this purpose .One State level prize of Rs.1.50 lakhs to most outstanding farmer in this category will also be awarded.

iii. Award to the outstanding Districts

The District with highest productivity of a particular crop in the State will also be awarded by cash prizes of Rs.1.00 lakh . Only those crops in a distt. will be considered for the awards which occupy at least 5% area of the total area under the major crops of the State i.e. Rice , Bajra, Cotton, Wheat, Mustard and Sugarcane. An amount of **Rs. 6.00 lakh** will be kept for this purpose. This amount will be given to the DDA of this district and the award money will be utilized for infrastructure development of the office of DDA/SDAO/APPO etc.

iv. Award to the outstanding Village

One selected village from each district will also be honored with cash prizes of Rs.10.00 lakh. The villages adopting integrated farming approach, sustainable agriculture, maximum production, diversification, farm machination, water management/post harvest management and value addition etc. will be selected by a committee headed by DC of the district.

D. Other Charges

Many farmers played a significant role in the adoption.

The Headquarter of the scheme will be at Panchkula, the Director Agriculture, Haryana will be controlling officer as well as Drawing and Disbursing Officer in respect of the Scheme.

The Deputy Director Agriculture, Ambala, Panchkula, Yamunanager, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Panipat, Sonipat, Rohtak, Jhajjar, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Rewari, Mewat (Nuh), Mohindergarh (Narnaul), Bhiwani, Hisar, Jind, Fatehabad, Sirsa and Palwal will be drawing and disbursing officers in their respective jurisdictions.

The implementation of scheme is very urgent to fully utilized the funds, therefore, the state is requested to accord the administrative approval–cum-financial sanction for incurring the expenditure of **Rs. One Hundred Fifteen Lakhs (Rs. 115.00 lakh)** as per the statement cost of the scheme.