

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Drought mitigating interventions for Additional Fodder Production Programme (AFDP) under RKVY

1. Background:

Crop residues contribute significantly to fodder availability also. Any decline in area under various crops results in shortage of fodder causing severe hardship to livestock. Substantial gaps already exist in availability of green fodder, dry fodder and concentrates. The situation is likely to worsen in probable rainfall deficit States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, etc. Mitigating this situation would require additional area coverage under fodder and efficient post-harvest management. Accordingly, it is necessary to initiate special measures for enhancing production of Fodder during drought conditions.

2. Objectives:

To facilitate adoption of additional interventions for production of fodder for mitigating adverse impact of drought on livestock.

3. Coverage

The scheme is proposed to be implemented in the districts/blocks declared as drought affected in the country.

4. Level of Assistance

Farmers in the drought affected districts/blocks will be provided assistance @ Rs.3200/- per hectare as per cost norms for a maximum area of two ha per beneficiary for taking up additional production of fodder in these districts/blocks.

5. Eligible interventions and rate of assistance

Sl. No	Intervention	Approximate Cost (Rs./Ha)	Rate of assistance (Rs.Ha)
1	Fodder Production Kit comprising of critical inputs likes seeds of improved varieties/hybrids, nutrients, plant protection measures etc.	3200	3200

Note 1:- States will be free to chose the composition of the kits depending upon local needs. A suggestive list is at Appendix-A.

6. Coverage of the Programme:

The beneficiaries may be individual farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations, Federations or Cooperatives.

In the event of declaration of drought by the State Government, State Government will implement this scheme as a special intervention under RKVY.

It is estimated that about 3.0 lakh ha may have to be covered under the scheme during 2014-15.

7. Planning and Approval:

A format for submitting proposals to Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) is at Annexure-I. The format for progress reporting is at Annexure-II.

Appendix-A

Suggestive list Items for inclusion in the Fodder Production Kit (For Fodder cultivation area of 1 ha)

Items	Quantity (Kg/ha)	Cost in (Rs.)
Seeds of improved/hybrid varieties **	Lump Sum	1000
Seed treatment including bio-fertilizer	Lump Sum	500
DAP, Urea, Micro Nutrients	As per Need	1500
Other inputs like chemicals for Urea Ammoniation etc.	As per Need	200
	Total	3200

** Varieties of Seeds should be chosen based on local needs.
An illustrative list of **hybrid/improved** seeds is given below:

Sl No	Types	Proposed Varieties for inclusion in the kit.
1	<i>Forage Varieties</i>	Avika Bajra Chari, FBC-16, PCB-164, Narender Chari Bajra-2, Wardhan Mescavi BL-2, BL-10, BL-22, Proagro No. 1 (multi-cut), JKBH-676 of pearl millet and Hara Sona, Pant Chari-4, Pant Chari-5, Pusa Chari Hybrid-106, Gujarat Fodder Sorghum-5, CSH-24 MF (low HCN), CSH20MF, Haryana Jowar-513, Haryana Chari-308, CO(FS) 29 of sorghum.
2	<i>Dual purpose varieties/Hybrids with special characters which stay green at maturity</i>	CSH-13, CSV-23, GJ-40, CSH-13 R, SSV-84, CSV-15, DSV-4, SPH-837, Pratap Jowar-1430, K-11 of sorghum and Sabara of little millet
3	<i>Dual purpose varieties/hybrids of maize</i>	Prakash, JH-3459, Pusa Early Hybrid Makka-3, DMH-2, Gujarat Makka-6 and forage variety like Pratap Makka Chari-6
4	<i>Fodder varieties of Oat</i>	Bundel Jai-851, 992, 991, 2001-03, 2004, Harita
5	<i>Napier varieties</i>	IGFRI-5, NB-21, NB-37, PBN-223, KKM-1, APBN-1, Suguna, Supria and Sumpurna and other grasses like dinanth grass, sudan grass and guinea grass.

ANNEXURE-I

FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL FODDER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (AFDP)

1. Name of State: _____
2. Financial Year of Action Plan: _____
3. Name of the Districts to be covered: _____

Details of the Component	Unit Cost (Rs.)	Total Coverage (in ha)	Total No of items distributed
2.	3.	4.	5.
Distribution of Fodder Production Kit			

Details of the Component	Farmers/Beneficiaries' Details							
	Small	Marginal	SC	ST	Women	SHG/C ooperat ives/ Others	Total (6+7+ 8+9+1 0+11)	Total Cost (Col. 3X Col. 5)
2.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
Distribution of Fodder Production Kit								

Consolidated Financial Assistance needed through RKVY:

Details of the proposed interventions	Area coverage in ha.	Proposed Financial Assistance
Distribution of fodder production kit		

ANNEXURE-II

FORMAT FOR SUBMITTING PHYSICAL & FINANCIAL PROGRESS

Physical Progress:

Details of the Component	Total No of Units Approved	Total Coverage Approved (in ha)	Total No of items distributed
2.	3.	4.	5.
Distribution of Fodder Production Kit			

Details of the Component	Actual no of Farmers/Beneficiaries							Actual Coverage Area in ha
	Small	Marginal	SC	ST	Women	SHG/Cooperatives/Others	Total (6+7+8+9+10+11)	
2.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
Distribution of Fodder Production Kit								

Consolidated Physical Progress:

Details	Remarks for shortfall etc.
Distribution of fodder production kit	

Consolidated Financial Progress:

Details	Total Approved Cost	Total Amount released by GOI	Amount Spent/Utilised so far (Cumulative in FY-)	Balance in FY----	Remarks
2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7
Distribution of fodder production kit					