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Dear *Shri. Roshan Lal,*

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been under implementation for four years now. All States have accessed RKVY funds, though some States were ineligible in some years). States took up more than 1950 projects during first three years of RKVY across all segments of agriculture and allied sector. During the current year 2010-11 also, States have approved as many as 1089 projects by now to be taken up under RKVY. RKVY, as you know, did not have any prescription or schematic target except to contribute to the task of generating 4% growth in Eleventh Plan. RKVY, especially Stream I, was envisaged as projectised scheme, with every project having specific objectives and targets in terms of physical targets, outputs expected and outcomes to be achieved.

2. There has also been a quantum increase in its outlay, with most States getting considerably higher allocations over last years. Three new sub-schemes have also been added under the RKVY umbrella, namely, Green Revolution in Eastern Region with an outlay of Rs 400 crore for 2010-11 covering States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Eastern UP & West Bengal, Special Initiative for Oilseeds & Pulses in Rainfed Areas for Rs 300 crore for 2010-11 for the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Saffron Mission for J&K with current year allocation of Rs 39.44 crore. With this year's allocation of Rs. 6755 crore, RKVY has provided resources of about Rs. 15000 crore to the States in the first four years of its existence. We expect the outlay of RKVY to be raised to over Rs. 10000 crore next year.

3. RKVY format and approach has been appreciated by the States as well. We expect RKVY to emerge with much stronger objectives and outlay in the Twelfth Five Year Plan as the principal instrument of providing untied central assistance for agriculture development and institution building in agriculture.

4. States have taken up several large flagship projects under RKVY, which have been quite successful and have contributed to agriculture development in the States. States have also taken up several innovative projects across all segments of agriculture and allied sector which have paved the way for establishing new ways of bringing development in the sector. We believe that every project of RKVY has contributed to the central objective of achieving 4% growth in agriculture sector. It is now necessary to take stock of the progress achieved so far in RKVY in terms of financial achievement as well as physical achievements, especially in terms of targets, outputs and outcomes.

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5. In order to document and assess the impact of each RKVY project and to inform all stakeholders about the same, a project based RKVY Database and Management Information System (RDIMS) has been created. Most States have reported/ are endeavouring to report details of RKVY projects in RDMIS, though progress varies across the States. I am addressing a separate D.O. letter to the States with respect to their status of data entry in RDIMS.

6. Of course, there are areas of concern e.g., delays in releases of funds to implementing agencies, predominance of brick and mortar projects, correlation between projects taken up/ being taken up and the strategies of agriculture reflected in the States' SAPs/ and their presentation in the DAC, multiplicity of projects leading to diffusion of focus areas, etc.

7. To discuss these and other issues relating to RKVY, DAC is organising a one day Conference on RKVY on 15th January 2011 at NASC Complex, New Delhi, which will be chaired by the Secretary (A&C). The agenda of the conference is at **Annexure I**. The States will be expected to make a report on implementation of RKVY, physical and financial achievements, and provide their assessment of outputs and outcomes of RKVY in their State. All States are requested to provide a status report covering all points as detailed at **Annexure II**. The States will also be expected to make presentation of not more than 20 minutes during the conference capturing the highlights of the Report.

8. The States may include a maximum of four persons in their team, including the APC/Principal Secretary (Agriculture) and Secretaries of other major implementing departments under RKVY. Please advise about the state's delegation.

9. **You are requested to send your report and draft presentations by 10th January, 2011.**

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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