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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 8th June, 2023

No.12384—DAFE-AP-II-MISC-0008/2023/A&FE.— The State Cabinet in their 59th meeting held on 29th May, 2023 have approved the proposal for Provision of funds for the State Plan scheme “ Sustainable Harnessing of Ground Water in Water Deficit Areas”.

Introduction	The scheme “Sustainable harnessing of ground water in water deficit areas” has been approved for exploitation of ground water resources through cluster Shallow Tube wells in the inland fever valleys and non-saline coastal alluvial areas of the State. The objective of the scheme is to create alternative and dependable source of irrigation through construction of Shallow Tube Wells on cluster approach which can supplement the rain fed irrigation in combating the drought situation for Khariff crops and can provide assured irrigation facility to the cultivators of Rabi crops. The scheme also aims at installation of 0.5 HP solar irrigation systems for harnessing of solar energy to lift water from existing Dug Wells/Farm Ponds for irrigation purpose.
Implementation of the scheme	The scheme will be implemented through Odisha Agro Industries Corporation (OAIC) Ltd. The Shallow Tube Well projects after implementation will bring around 33885 Ha of cultivable land under assured irrigation in Rabi season and will provide protective irrigation up to 67770 Ha in Kharif.

Financial Implications	The scheme will envisage at installation & energisation (electrical) of 6777 nos. Of Shallow Tube Wells on cluster approach and 4983 nos. Of 0.5 HP Solar irrigation systems over a period of three years (2022-23 to 2024-25) with a financial outlay of Rs.364.40 crore (subsidy cost).
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ORDER- Ordered that the notification be published in the Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor
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Principal Secretary to Government