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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 11th August, 2023

No.30069–1M(04)-14/2019.— The State Cabinet in their 63rd meeting held on 11th August, 2023 have approved the proposal for Provision of funds for "**Special Programme for Promotion of Millets - Odisha Millets Mission**".

1. Introduction

Millets are an integral part of tribal life and a staple diet of tribals of Odisha since time immemorial. These crops were prominently grown crops in the rainfed regions of Odisha by the small and marginal farmers. They played a very important role in the diet of tribal communities. Millets are climate-resilient crops and have high nutritive values. They helped to mitigate dry spells and address nutrition security. Therefore, to revive the traditional crops with increase in productivity, production and consumption in the State, Government of Odisha through Department of Agriculture & Farmer's Empowerment, Odisha initiated the unique scheme "Special Programme for Promotion of Millets - Odisha Millets Mission" in the year 2017-18 with an aim of reviving Millets from farms to plates. The scheme is designed to deliver many objectives of SDG like zero hunger, no poverty, responsible production and consumption, climate action, good health and well-being etc. with assurance of doubling farmer's income in the State.

2. Rationale

Millet based crop systems are highly resilient to climate variability and produce highly nutritious food grains. Millets share in crop area and household consumption is drastically reducing over years. Low productivity with the current methods of cultivation, lack of local processing units and lack of awareness on nutrition benefits are identified as the prime reasons. However, increasing urban demand, improvement in processing machinery, availability of improved cultivars, adoption of better agronomic practices and access to support irrigation have

increased the productivity/ profitability in millets thereby improving nutrition security resilience and economic security of tribal households. The programme aims to improve nutritional security in the tribal areas and, makes their farming systems more sustainable. In a bid to deal with nutritional deficiency; Odisha Government has decided to promote large-scale production of millets in tribal pockets under the scheme. Under this mission millets will be procured from farmers and include these highly nutritious food items in various nutritional security programmes and schemes. Millets are an integral part of tribal life and a staple diet of Tribals of Odisha since time immemorial. Millets are grown mostly in rain deficit areas by the small and marginal farmers. To provide Minimum Support Price to millets growing farmers and to improve the nutritional security, millets are being procured and utilized in welfare schemes." In the KMS 2018-19 the project covered 7no. of Districts, in the KMS 2019-20 & KMS 2020-21 the project was extended to 14 no. of Districts, in the KMS 2021-22 & 2022-23 the project was extended to 19 no. of Districts and from 2023-24, it has been extended to all the 30 Districts of the State.

3. Objective

1. Increasing household consumption of millets by 25% to the baseline.
2. Revalorization of millet food cultures in urban and rural areas.
3. Conservation and promotion of millet landraces through seed system of landraces
4. Promotion of post-harvest and primary processing enterprises on millets.
5. Improving productivity of millets-based crop systems
6. Promotion of millet value addition enterprises in rural and urban areas of Odisha
7. Inclusion of millets in PDS, ICDS, MDM, Welfare Hostels and others.
8. Facilitating the millet markets and exports of millet-based products from Odisha

4. Financial Implications

The appraisal of the EFC meeting on continuing State Plan Scheme "**3720 - Special Programme for Promotion of Millets - Odisha Millets Mission**" held on dated 3rd June, 2023 at 11.00 am under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to Govt., Finance Department and was approved.

Proposed 4 Years Financial Target for the Scheme (2023-24 to 2026-27) (In Lakh Rs.)

Sl. No.	Component/ Year	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Total
1	Programme Implementation	18017.22	20186.60	20711.83	19835.64	78751.29
2	Procurement of Ragi	36604.52	40824.02	45395.02	50299.52	173123.08
3	Distribution under PDS & others	3296.00	3850.50	4500.00	5225.00	16871.50
Total		57917.74	64861.12	70606.85	75360.16	268745.87

ORDER - Ordered that the notification be published in the Extraordinary issue of *Odisha gazette*.

By Order of the Governor
ARABINDA KUMAR PADHEE
Principal Secretary to Government