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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Disaster Management Division)

'C' Wing, 3rd Floor, NDCC-II Building,
Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-01
Dated the 7th August 2023

To,

The Chief Secretary
Government of Punjab,
Chandigarh - 160017.

Subject: Clarification on the Input Subsidy (Agriculture) Items & Norms of assistance from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF)- regarding.

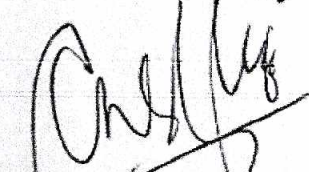
Sir,

I am directed to refer to State Government's Communication No. 02/02/ 2022-2DMI/ 13493, dated 20th July 2023 and D.O. No. CSO/ 2023/ 391, dated 31th July 2023 seeking clarification on the Items & Norms of assistance from SDRF relating to the Input Subsidy (Agriculture).

2. The matter has been examined in this Ministry in consultation with Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. It is stated that in the instant case, State Government may provide financial relief to the affected farmers in the form of agriculture input subsidy (where crop loss is 33% and above) from their SDRF for damaged agriculture cropped areas due to the notified natural disasters, including flood as per Government of India approved norms. Allowing assistance for the resown crops during the same crop season may lead to duplication of claims. Therefore, in order to avoid duplication, assistance may be provided only once during the notified calamity as per extant guidelines & items & norms of SDRF/ NDRF.

3. Further the State Government may utilize the provision of insurance instrument, in case of natural calamity at a subsequent stage. In order to ensure comprehensive risk cover for crops of farmers against all non-preventable natural risks from pre-sowing to post-harvest, State Government is advised to expand coverage of PMFBY. However, additional expenditure, if any, incurred over and above or on other than approved items and norms, is required to be met by the State from their own resources.

Yours faithfully



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