To,
Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR)
ICAR, Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Administrative approval of the project on “Creation of Seed Hubs for Enhancing Quality Seeds Availability of Major Oilseed Crops” for 35 seed hubs under NFSM-Oilseeds-regarding.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. CS 13(6)2017-O&P dated 27th December, 2017, I am directed to convey the administrative approval for the project entitled “Creation of Seed Hubs for Enhancing Quality Seeds Availability of Major Oilseed Crops” under NFSM-Oilseeds for a period of 2 year (2018-19 & 2019-20) for a total outlay of Rs. 5091.18 lakhs for 35 seed hubs of oilseeds. The details of seed production targets and budget allocation for 35 seed hubs at SAUs/KVKs/ICAR institutes approved under project is given as under:

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<th>Crop</th>
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<th>Physical target of quality seed production (q)</th>
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Coordinating unit** 41.18
Grand Total 5091.18

* The physical target of 2017-18 will be completed during 2018-19. Thus, the serviced target for 2018-19 will be 24965 qtl i.e. 24115 qtl proposed for 2018-19 and 850 qtl proposed for 2017-18.
** The budget of Rs. 20.99 lakh proposed by ICAR for 2017-18 is not acceptable as the financial year is almost over. Therefore, the revised financial target will be Rs. 41.18 lakh instead of Rs. 62.17 lakh.

P.T.O.
The above project has been approved with the following conditions:

- An amount of Rs. 50.00 lakh for creating seed processing and seed production infrastructures as well as storage of seed for each seed hub at SAUs/KVKs/ICAR institutes is allowed during 2018-19.
- An amount of Rs. 100.00 lakhs for each seed hubs at SAUs/KVKs/ICAR institutes is allowed as a revolving fund to meet out the various expenses for production, procurement and processing of seeds during 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- Revolving fund will be recouped fully after every season to maintain sustainability of funds.
- A separate bank account would be opened by KVKs/SAU/ICAR institute for each seed hub.
- The revenue generated from the sale of seeds non-seed etc. should be ploughed back in the account of revolving fund in each year.
- ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseed Research (IIOR), Hyderabad will act as a Nodal Agency for implementation of project on creation of seed hub at KVKs/SAUs/ICAR institutes. Funds shall be released to ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad. After that, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad shall disburse fund to each seed hubs at SAUs/KVK/ICAR institutes.
- The varieties of various oilseeds to be included in seed production programme should not older than 10 years.
- ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad will submit report about the production of seed of oilseeds at each seed hub in each season i.e. Kharif, Rabi and Summer to Oilseed Division and Seed Division of DAC&FW, New Delhi.
- ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad will monitor and provide technical support for seed production of oilseeds at each seed hub.
- SAU/ICAR institutes in each state will share the seed production of oilseeds with the State Department of Agriculture and State Seed Corporation.
- ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad will analyze the seed requirement of oilseeds particularly for north-eastern states and eastern states and make necessary arrangement of quality seeds of oilseeds for these regions.
- After completion of the project, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad will take responsibility that revolving fund at each seed hub created under the project is to be utilized for seed production of oilseed only. The seed production of oilseeds at each seed hub should be continue in sustainable manner to meet requirement of quality seed of oilseeds and submit the report about the seed production of oilseeds by each seed hub in each season.
- ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad should ensure that the funds (infrastructure and revolving fund) for each seed hub may be transferred in the account opened for seed hub only.
- ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad will transfer allotted money for each seed hub through RTGS/bank transfer (electronically only) within seven days after amount received from DAC&FW.
- Funds for the creation of infrastructure should be released within 7 days after amount received from DAC&FW and remaining amount (Second installment) should be released after utilization of amount of first installment.
- ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad will furnish Audit utilization certificate of the project.

The above mentioned term and conditions are applicable for approved 35 seeds hubs.

Encl: As above
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5. Director, Directorate of Oilseeds Development, Hyderabad.
6. Project Coordinator (S&N), JNKVV Campus, Jabalpur, MP.
7. Director of Agriculture/ Commissioner, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.
8. All Vice Chancellor of SAUs/In-charge of KVKs in respective states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

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