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Ministry of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
(Oil Seeds Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 17th July, 2014

To,

Addl. Chief Secretary Agriculture,
Government of Rajasthan,
Secretariat Building, Bhagwan Das Road,
Jaipur - 302005.

Subject: Regarding Uniform subsidy pattern for gypsum distribution under all Missions.

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter no. PS/ACSAGR/2014/281 dated 4th July, 2014 on the subject and to say that subsidy of Rs.750/- per ha under NMOOP includes both the cost of gypsum and transportation. Therefore, the interpretation of the States that NMOOP provides for complete subsidy towards cost of transportation is not true.

2. As far as, subsidy on application of gypsum for reclamation of problem soils under NMSA is concerned, it is stated that operational guidelines of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) envisages 50% Central assistance for reclamation of problem (alkali / saline) soils including cost of gypsum etc. Under this Mission, highly alkaline (soil containing exchangeable Sodium Percentage >15 and pH > 8.2) areas are selected where almost no crops are being grown due to high alkalinity / salinity. In the State of Rajasthan also high alkaline areas are selected for reclamation in "Projectised approach" for which most economical limit of gypsum application is admissible as 5 tonnes per ha. The estimated cost of gypsum as per rates reported by the Government in the beginning of 12th Plan was about Rs. 3000/- per tonne (including transportation cost etc.). Accordingly, 50% of the cost limited to Rs. 25000/- per ha., which includes cost of various components viz. on farm development, irrigation facility, green manuring, crop production including cost of gypsum application (Rs. 7500/- per ha as a upper limit) is permissible.

Yours faithfully

(Anupam Barik)

Addl. Commissioner (OS)

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5. Director, DoD, Tilhan Bhawan, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad.

