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To

1. The Chief Secretaries of all States / UTs
2. The Principal Secretaries (Agriculture) of all States / UTs

Subject: Implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme in respect of Schedule Tribes and other traditional forest dwellers- regarding

Madam / Sir,

With a view to augment the income of the farmers by providing income support to all Small and Marginal landholder farmer families across the country, a Central Sector Scheme, namely, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme has been started by the Government. The Scheme aims to provide a payment of Rs.6000/- per year for the farmer families with cultivable land holding upto 2 hectare, subject to certain exclusions.

2. Scheduled Tribes (STs) constitutes 8.6% of the population and are the most marginalized, isolated and deprived section of the population. A large portion of them are forest dwellers since generations, with dependence upon primary sector economic activities, including farming. The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (referred to as the Forest Rights Act, 2006), provides for a legal framework to recognize and vest the forest rights and occupation in forest land in such forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes. These Scheduled Tribe forest right holders are among the most deserving categories and, therefore, also needed to be included as beneficiaries of the Scheme.

3. The High Powered Committee constituted by the Government to review / modify the provisions of the scheme met on 13.02.2019 at 3:00 pm in Room No 14, Parliament House, New Delhi and considered inclusion of rights of forest dwellers for the benefit of the scheme, for considering the issue of tribals who have been given 'Pattas' under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, and recommended that such tribal land holders shall be eligible for receiving the benefits under the PM-Kisan Scheme, subject to other eligibility conditions. Accordingly, it has been decided by the Central Government that such tribals holding Pattas under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional

Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, shall be eligible for receiving the benefits under the PM-Kisan scheme, subject to other eligibility conditions.

4. In view of the above, all the State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to take action accordingly.

Yours sincerely,


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