

**CIRCULAR**

Sub:- Annual Plan 2020-21-Scheme on Modernization of Departmental Laboratories-  
Enforcement of Quality Control of Seeds, Fertilizers and Pesticides through Quality  
Control Enforcement Wing-Mass Awareness Programmes and Special Campaign Week -  
Guidelines - Reg.

Ref:- Circular No TQ(2)12606/2020 dated 10.8.2020

Vide reference cited, all targets under the scheme for conduct of mass awareness programmes and special campaign week and training to input agencies under Quality Control Enforcement Scheme have already been allotted to districts. Due to restrictions in force related to COVID-19 pandemic the achievements of targets by the districts is far below expected even at the fag end of financial year. Hence all Principal Agriculture Officers and Deputy Directors of Agriculture [E&T] are strictly directed to follow the instructions given below so as to achieve target as directed:

1.The drawal of all statutory fertilizer, insecticide and seed samples should be completed by 31/01/2021.

2. All Assistant Directors of Agriculture (QC) should achieve the targets allotted under the component 'Surveillance on organic protectants and biopesticides in the market' and sampling of micronutrients, biofertilizers, organic manures and biocontrol agents before 31/012021.

3. In the context of COVID -19 pandemic restrictions the funds allotted for implementation of the following sub components under the scheme component 'Quality Control Enforcement Wing' in the circular vide reference cited;

3) Mass Awareness programmes and Special Campaign Week, 4) Training and Recognition of Input Agencies and 5) Empowering Seed/Fertilizer/Insecticide Inspectors, Conduct of Workshops, Publication of Handbooks etc may be utilized to set up infrastructure for online meeting/training/workshop, subscribing online accounts in various video conferencing platforms or other related activities in Krishi Bhavan, Assistant Director/ Principal Agricultural Office/workplace or any other suitable venue for conducting online programmes. Exercise financial prudence and caution while organising such online programmes.

Trainings/awareness programmes/workshops wherever possible may also be conducted as envisaged in the original working instructions under reference , following COVID Protocol.

However the expenditure shall be limited to the amount already allotted.

The Deputy Directors of Agriculture (E&T) shall be responsible for implementation and the Principal Agricultural Officer shall monitor the implementation of the programme.

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