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Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
(IT Division)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated: the 28th October, 2015

To

Agriculture Production Commissioner/ Principal Secretary/ Secretary,
Department of Agriculture, of the **07 NeGP-A(Phase-I) States** (As per list
enclosed)

**Subject:- Implementation of National e-Governance Plan-Agriculture
(NeGP-A) in the States.**

Ref: D.O. from Secretary (A&C) letter No. Z-11018/5/2007-IT dated
14.08.2015.

Sir,

As you are aware the National e-Governance Plan-Agriculture (NeGP-A) which was initially implemented in 07 Pilot States from 2010-11 have now been rolled out in the remaining 22 States & 07 UTs as part of the implementation strategy in the States the Central share of the fund have been released in installments during 2010-11 to 2014-15. The NeGP-A has a provision of budgetary support for requisite IT infrastructure upto Block level, development of software applications, human resources and management support in the form of a SPMU at the State level. The fund sharing pattern for the Scheme under NeGP-A between Centre and States/UTs is in the ratio of 50:50. ***The Centre share for the scheme towards site preparation identified locations in the States, setting up of State Project Monitoring Unit, deployment of manpower resources for data digitization, networking etc. have been released in installments during 2010-11 to 2014-15. Details of the fund released by Government of India for the scheme to the 07 States for the period from 2010-11 to 2014-15 is annexed for ready reference.***


2. It is requested that the details of the funds utilized on the approved activities of the NeGP-A, balance available and details of additional fund

requirement, if any, for utilization during the current financial year 2015-16 with full justification may be forwarded to the Department for further processing of requirement for release of additional funds.

3. Further, vide the above reference letter states / UTs were informed about the 22 applications developed by the Department. States/UTs were requested to use these applications and customize them as per the State/UT requirement. The State Government is also requested to customize language of all portals including Farmers Portal, Insurance Portal, mKisan Portal.

Encl: as above.

Yours faithfully,



(Narendra Bhooshan)
Joint Secretary (IT)

Copy to:

DG/Commissioner/Director Agriculture of 7 States for necessary action.

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State-wise details of funds released to **07 NeGP-A(Phase-I)** States during
2010-11 to 2014-15.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Total grants-in-aid released				
		2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1.	Assam	100.00	0.00	57.48	163.46	0.00
2.	Himachal Pradesh	100.00	0.00	80.67	0.00	18.00
3.	Jharkhand	100.00	0.00	312.77	0.00	0.00
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5.	Kerala	100.00	0.00	256.54	0.00	75.01
6.	Madhya Pradesh	100.00	36.50	142.32	223.50	163.12
7.	Maharashtra	100.00	0.00	172.33	0.00	47.20
Total (in lakhs)		700.00	36.50	1251.44	386.96	303.33

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D.O.No.Z-11018/5/2007-IT

August 14, 2015

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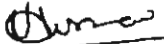
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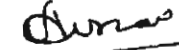
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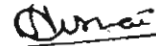
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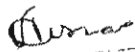
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