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Subject: Allocation and release of funds for the year 2007-08 under Improvement of Agricultural Statistics Scheme.

This has reference to our communication of even No. Dated 14/5/2007 forwarding therewith administrative approval and release of first instalment of funds for the year 2007-08 under Improvement of Agricultural Statistics Scheme.

We have been receiving communication from different implementing States seeking clarification or raising queries in regard to funding pattern, adequacy of outlays, period of release of first instalment of funds etc.

In this connection it may be stated that as informed earlier also the scheme has been converted from Centrally Sponsored to Central Sector, implying 100% Central Grant to all States of the four components of the scheme. It may also be mentioned that administrative approval of outlays as indicated pertains to first six months of the current financial year for all States, except North East States (Assam, Arunchal Pradesh, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura) For North East States allocations are for the full financial year. It may also be noted that first instalment of funds as released is for first two months i.e. April and May 2007.

While we are processing to release next instalment of funds under the scheme, it has been observed that Utilization Certificate are still awaited from number of States in spite of standing instructions and repeated reminders, as indicated below:

TRS and ICS

Andhra Pradesh,
Gujarat,
Himachal Pradesh,
Karnataka,
Madhya Pradesh,
Maharashtra,
Uttarachanal,
Jharkhand,
Chhattishgarh

EARAS

✓ Kerala,
West Bengal

CES-F&V

Gujarat,
Karnataka
Maharashtra

It may be noted that we would not be able to include the above-mentioned States for release of next instalment of funds. Release of funds for these States would be considered only at the time of subsequent release of funds and upon receipt of requisite pending Utilization Certificate.



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✓ All the Implementing States.

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