



ABSTRACT

Agriculture - Constitution of the State Level and District Level Committees under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana as recommended by the Government of India in its Revised Operational Guidelines – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE (AP2) DEPARTMENT

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G.O.(Ms).No.196.

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Read:

1. G.O.Ms.No.80, Agriculture (AP1) Department, dated 15.3.2000.
2. G.O.Ms.No.345, Agriculture (AP1) Department, dated 28.12.2005.
3. G.O.Ms.No.220, Agriculture (AP1) Department, dated 21.7.2016.
4. G.O.Ms.No.238, Agriculture (AP1) Department, dated 19.8.2016.
5. G.O.Ms.No.293, Agriculture (AP1) Department, dated 12.9.2016.
6. From the Director of Agriculture Letter No.G1/64964/2019, dated 3.6.2019.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, a "State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance" (SLCCCI) was constituted as per the operational modalities of the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme.

2. As per the orders issued in the Government Order second read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture is the convener of the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance instead of Registrar of Cooperative Societies and the Registrar of Cooperative Societies is one of the member of the Committee.

3. In the Government Order third read above, orders have been issued according administrative approval for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in all the districts of Tamil Nadu (except Chennai from Kharif, 2016).

4. In the Government Order fourth read above, the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance was reconstituted with additional members for overseeing the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

5. In the Government Order fifth read above, a "District Level Monitoring Committee" was constituted in all districts except Chennai to review and monitor the progress of implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at district level.

6. Subsequently, the Government of India has revised the Operational Guidelines in which it has been directed to constitute various committees for seamless implementation of the scheme by sorting out the issues at various stages of implementation. Based on the revised guidelines, the Director of Agriculture has furnished a detailed proposal for constitution of various committees alongwith the functions of the committees.

7. The Government, after careful examination of the above proposal of the Director of Agriculture hereby accord sanction for constitution of the following State Level and District Level Committees under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana as recommended by the Government of India in the Revised Operational Guidelines:-

- (i). State Technical Support Unit (STSU);
- (ii). State Level Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC);
- (iii). State Level Technical Advisory Committee (STAC);
- (iv). District Level Grievance Redressal Committee (DGRC);
- (v). District Level Joint Committee (DLJC); and
- (vi). District Level Steering Committee (DLSC);

I. STATE LEVEL COMMITTEES

1) State Technical Support Unit (STSU):

a) Composition of State Technical Support Unit:

The State Technical Support Unit (STSU) (or) State Program Management Unit (SPMU) shall be constituted with the following composition:-

1	Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department	Chairman
2	Secretary to Government, Finance Department (or) his representative	Member
3	Commissioner / Director of Agriculture	Member - Convenor
4	Commissioner / Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops	Member
5	Director / Commissioner of Economics and Statistics	Member
6	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Member
7	Additional Director of Statistics	Member

8	Additional Director of Horticulture	Member
9	Deputy Director of Agriculture (Crop Insurance)	Member
10	Assistant Director of Agriculture (Computer)	Member
11	Professor & Head, Department of Remote Sensing & GIS, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Member
12	Convenor, State level Bankers Committee (or) his representative	Member
13	State Head of Common Service Centres	Member
14	Regional Heads of all empanelled Insurance Companies	Member
15	Representative of Indian Meteorological Department	Member
16	Representative of National Sample Survey Organisation	Member
17	Representative of Reserve Bank of India	Member

The State Technical Support Unit shall also opt for members on contractual / temporary basis or take services of other organizations / research institutes etc. as deemed fit. The State Government shall allocate a separate budget for running the State Technical Support Unit.

b) Functions of State Technical Support Unit :

- Monitor the implementation of Crop Insurance Schemes.
- Calculate Scheme-wise/season-wise/ crop-wise Loss Cost.
 - Calculate Loss Cost (LC) i.e. Claims as percentage (%) of Sum Insured (SI) observed in case of notified crop(s) in notified unit area of insurance during the preceding 10 similar crop seasons (Kharif/ Rabi) along with approximate actuarial premium rate of the crops proposed to be notified for the season.
 - This loss cost/premium rate shall be based on the latest available yield data in month of **January** for Kharif crops and **July** for Rabi crops and shall be provided to Department of Agriculture / Horticulture on request before invitation for premium bidding.
 - This calculation to be done by STSU is only for official purposes to have information on the approximate cost to the Implementing Agency (IA) for covering the risks so as to evaluate the bids in proper perspective.

- Provide support and advice on risk classification & rating, development of new products, methodology for loss assessment, legal works, workshop/training & capacity building, along with use of technology including innovation/ replication, digitisation of administration of Schemes through Crop Insurance Portal etc.
 - Develop a suitable methodology for risk classification / premium rating by using historical yield data, weather data, use and level of inputs/irrigation/technology in crop cultivation, remote sensing data / information etc. for standardization of methodology for risk perception and premium rating for crop insurance in the country.
 - Provide technical input to Government & Insurance Companies regarding crop insurance products.
 - Capacity building and training of personnel involved in crop insurance.
- Develop methodology for assessment of yield including assessment through remote sensing, suggest improvements in the method for yield assessment through Crop cutting Experiments and other alternatives etc
- Develop integrated database for crop insurance
- Develop Internet / Web enabled Evaluation & Management Information System
- Undertake the evaluation / impact / co-relation studies.

2) State Level Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC):

a) Composition of State Level Grievance Redressal Committee:

The State Level Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) shall be constituted with the following composition:-

1	Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department	Chairman
2	Commissioner / Director of Agriculture	Member - Convenor
3	Commissioner / Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops	Member
4	Director / Commissioner of Economics and Statistics	Member
5	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Member
6	Additional Director of Statistics	Member
7	Additional Director of Horticulture	Member
8	Deputy Director of Agriculture (Crop Insurance)	Member
9	Assistant Director of Agriculture (Computer)	Member

10	Professor & Head, Department of Remote Sensing & GIS, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Member
11	Convenor, State Level Bankers Committee (or) his representative	Member
12	Representative of NABARD	Member
13	State Head of Common Service Centres	Member
14	Regional Heads of all empanelled Insurance Companies	Member
15	Representative of IMD	Member
16.	Representative of NSSO	Member
17	Representative of RBI	Member

b) Functions of State Level Grievance Redressal Committee:

- State Level Grievance Redressal Committee is the State Level Monitoring Committee that shall act as a grievance redressal Committee for redressal of grievance of Farmers, Banks, Insurance Company, District Authority / Department which does not get settled at District Level Grievance Redressal Committee.
- The Committee will dispose the grievance within 15 days time of receipt of grievance.
- The decision of the Committee shall be accepted by all the parties.

3) State Level Technical Advisory Committee (STAC):

a) Composition of State Level Technical Advisory Committee:

The State Level Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) shall be constituted with the following composition:-

1	Secretary / Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department	Chairman
2	Commissioner / Director of Agriculture	Member Convenor
3	Commissioner / Director of Horticulture and Plantation Crops	Member
4	Director of Economics and Statistics (or) his representative	Member
5	Registrar of Cooperative Societies	Member
6	Additional Director of Statistics	Member
7	Additional Director of Horticulture	Member
8	Deputy Director of Agriculture (Crop Insurance)	Member
9.	Assistant Director of Agriculture (Computer)	Member
10	Professor & Head, Department of Remote Sensing & GIS, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Member

11	Convenor, State Level Bankers Committee (or) his representative	Member
12	Representative of NABARD	Member
13	State Head of Common Service Centres	Member
14	Regional Heads of all empanelled Insurance Companies	Member
15	Representative of IMD	Member
16	Representative of NSSO	Member
17	Representative of RBI	Member

b) Functions of State Level Technical Advisory Committee:

- To review the technical matters related to execution of the scheme and resolve disputes regarding the crop yield values between the State Government and the Insurance Company.
- State Level Technical Advisory Committee shall deliberate and examine the subject matter and indicate their views / decisions based on statistical / technological inputs and other related scientific and technical parameters as detailed in the SOP.
- In case of disagreement in yield data between the parties concerned, the case shall be referred to TAC of Government of India along with recommendations and findings for further deliberation/examination and decision. The dispute can be brought to TAC of Government of India, only in the case, where all of the following conditions are satisfied. All conditions not falling in these criteria shall be decided by State Level Coordination Committee and their decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.
 - i. There is more than 25% difference between the yield estimated by the State government and the insurance company.
 - ii. There is sufficient documentary evidence that the CCEs have not been conducted in required number and following the standard protocol, in at least 20% area of the IUs for the particular crop in the Cluster.
 - iii. The matter has been considered by the SLCC and STAC but could not be resolved at State level.
 - iv. The Insurance Company has already carried out technical analysis of data in consultation with State Government or in collaboration with Central/State agencies and has used satellite/model/weather data to support its claim.

II. DISTRICT LEVEL COMMITTEES

1) District Level Grievance Redressal Committee (DGRC):

a) Composition of District Level Grievance Redressal Committee:

The District Level Grievance Redressal Committee (DGRC) shall be constituted with the following composition:-

1	District Collector	Chairman
2	District Revenue Officer	Member
3	Joint Director of Agriculture	Member - Convenor
4	Deputy Director of Horticulture	Member
5	Deputy Director of Statistics	Member
6	Technical Expert from KVK / Research Station, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Member
7	Lead District Manager	Member
8	Representative of NABARD	Member
9	Managing Director / Joint Registrar, District Central Cooperative Bank	Member
10	District Coordinator of Common Service Centres	Member
11	District Coordinator of the implementing Insurance Company	Member
12	District Bank Branch Heads	Member

b) Functions of District Level Grievance Redressal Committee:

- District Level Grievance Redressal Committee is the District Level Monitoring Committee that shall act as a grievance redressal Committee for redressal of grievance of Farmers, Banks, Insurance Company, District Authority / Department.
- The Committee will dispose the grievance within 15 days time of receipt of grievance.
- The decision of the Committee shall be accepted by all the parties and in case of disagreement with the decision; the same shall be represented to the State Level Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) within 15 days from the decision of District Level Grievance Redressal Committee.
- In case the District Level Grievance Redressal Committee doesn't take the matter for discussion within 7 days from submission of grievance or the grievance has wider scope of effect impacting more number of districts or there is a breach of guidelines by any of the stakeholder or the grievance matter exceeds Rs.25 lakh in monetary

terms, the matter shall be directly raised at State Level Grievance Redressal Committee.

2) District Level Joint Committee (DLJC):

a) Composition of District Level Joint Committee:

The District Level Joint Committee (DLJC) shall be constituted with the following composition:

1	District Collector	Chairman
2	District Revenue Officer	Member
3	Joint Director of Agriculture	Member - Convenor
4	Deputy Director of Horticulture	Member
5	Deputy Director of Statistics	Member
6	Technical Expert from KVK / Research Station, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Member
7	Lead District Manager	Member
8	District Development Manager, NABARD	Member
9	Managing Director / Joint Registrar, District Central Cooperative Bank	Member
10	District Coordinator of Common Service Centres	Member
11	District Coordinator of the implementing Insurance Company	Member
12	Representative of IMD from nearest Observatory, if available	Member
13	3 Representatives of farmers nominated by Agriculture Department	Member
14	Any other experts co-opted by the Chairman	Member

b) Functions of District Level Joint Committee:

i. Role of District Level Joint Committee in case of Mid-season adversities

- Fix tentative dates of crop-wise & district-wise sowing & harvesting
- Decide the fulfilment of eligibility of On-Account payment (i.e., 50% yield loss in standing crops to be compared with average yield in notified insurance unit area) after 1 month from normal sowing but before 15 days from the normal harvest time based on occurrence of any one of the proxy Indicators occurring along with other proxy indicators supported by Satellite Image based outputs to be provided by ISRO, MNCFC or any other

Government approved agency, Govt. crop condition reports, and Media reports of:-

- Severe Drought Condition, as defined in the Drought Manual, 2016
 - Dry spells and drought declared by State/ UT
 - Abnormally Low / High temperature in comparison to Long Period Average (LPA).
 - Widespread incidences of Insect, Pest & Diseases
 - Any other defined natural event including flooding which may lead to widespread losses
- **Keeping watch over breaching of set triggers (excess rainfall, deficit rainfall and dry spells) of proxy indicators as mentioned and take a decision within 7 days from the occurrence of adverse seasonal event.**
 - Conduct Visual loss assessment survey for at least 5% of crop sown area at 10 different locations randomly spread over Insurance Unit (IU) within 7 days of meeting of District Level Joint Committee
 - Furnish the loss assessment survey report immediately to State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance for issue of notification to invoke the provision of on account payment for mid-season adversity within 7 days.

Role of District Level Joint Committee in case of Prevented sowing

- Fix District-wise tentative time period and cut off dates for sowing of major crops.
- Cut-off date for applicability of prevented sowing provision shall be one month from the cut-off date for sowing but not later than 15 days from cut off date for enrolment.
- Decide the fulfilment of eligibility of more than 75% affected area of sown area in the notified insurance unit area within one month of sowing based on occurrence of any one of the proxy Indicators occurring along with other proxy indicators supported by Satellite Imageries, soil moisture, hydrological parameters, sowing information, Govt. crop condition reports, Media reports:-
 - Severe Drought Condition, as defined in the Drought Manual, 2016
 - Dry spells and drought declared by State/ UT
 - Definitions & interpretations regarding proxy indicators would be applied as per IMD's guidelines (Long Period Average(%)) : Excess (+) 20 or more ; Normal (+) 19 to (-) 19)

- Abnormally Low temperature recorded at nearest Government AWS / Observatory in comparison to LPA for Rabi season
- Widespread Flood

- **Keeping watch over breaching of set triggers of proxy indicators as mentioned and take a decision within 7 days from the occurrence of adverse seasonal event.** Besides, if Insurance Company notices the occurrence of prevented sowing & failure of sowing / planting / germination, then they can also report and appeal to District Level Joint Committee for invoking the claims under the provision
- Survey of assessment for more than 75% affected sown area in the notified insurance unit area and submission of report to State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance within 7 days of meeting of District Level Joint Committee
- Furnish the loss assessment survey report immediately to State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance for issue of notification to invoke the provision of prevented sowing & failure of sowing / planting / germination within 7 days.

3) District Level Steering Committee (DLSC):

a) Composition of District Level Steering Committee:

The District Level Steering Committee (DLSC) shall be constituted with the following composition:-

1	Joint Director of Agriculture	Chairman
2	Deputy Director of Agriculture (State Schemes)	Member Convenor
3	Deputy Director of Horticulture	Member
4	Deputy Director of Statistics	Member
5	Technical Expert from KVK / Research Station, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University	Member
6	District Coordinator of the implementing Insurance Company	Member
7	Assistant Director of Agriculture (Crop Insurance) / Agricultural Officer (Crop Insurance)	Member

b) Functions of District Level Steering Committee:

- Plan, conduct and supervise the CCEs for yield assessment
- Provide reports of yield data to the State Nodal department
- Inform the Insurance Companies about each and every activity
- Obtain requisite information about CCE planning, schedule for conducting CCEs, selection of CCEs plot, sharing of requisite form 2, form 3 etc. and individual CCE result etc.

- Head of Steering Committee will be responsible for uploading of all requisite information on National Crop Insurance Portal i.e. CCE schedule, individual CCE report etc. and imparting training to field functionaries responsible for conducting CCEs.
- Steering Committee will compulsorily send all their proceedings / minutes, etc. to District Level Monitoring Committee and Nodal officer of the State.
- Insist the concerned Insurance Companies to compulsorily deploy one well conversant official at the office of head of Steering Committee for at least 3 months of the harvesting period for better coordination and obtaining the information of CCEs etc. District Administration shall provide requisite space and logistics at the office for the insurance company official.

8. The Government further direct that the above Committees shall facilitate for smooth implementation of the scheme as per the stipulated Guidelines and besides, resolve the disputes in time with appropriate statistical / technological inputs and other related scientific parameters in collaboration with various stakeholders to effect early disbursement of compensation claim to the farmers.

(By Order of the Governor)

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