

Maharashtra becomes the first State to qualify for the Second RKVY Installment; Union Agriculture Minister congratulates the State for timely fund utilisation

Union Agriculture Minister reviews implementation of RKVY in Maharashtra; calls for faster progress under Digital Agriculture, NHM, Seeds and other key components

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Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan today chaired a virtual review meeting to assess the utilisation of funds released under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and to consider the issuance of the Second Installment (Second Mother Sanction) to the Government of Maharashtra.



The meeting was attended by Shri Dattatray Bharane, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, senior officials of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, and officers of the Government of Maharashtra.

During the review, the Union Minister noted that the Government of India had earlier released ₹335 crore as the first installment under RKVY to Maharashtra. The State has utilised approximately ₹260 crore, exceeding the prescribed 75 percent utilisation benchmark, thereby becoming eligible for the second

installment. He informed that the process for release of the second installment of ₹335 crore is being taken up.



Congratulating the Government of Maharashtra, Shri Chouhan appreciated the State for achieving over 75+ per cent overall utilisation of RKVY funds within the stipulated time. He described Maharashtra as the first State to become eligible for the second installment and said the achievement reflects the State's commitment towards effective implementation of agricultural development programmes.

The Union Minister emphasised that timely expenditure should always be accompanied by continuous monitoring to ensure that public funds are utilised strictly for the objectives for which they have been sanctioned. He also appreciated Maharashtra's performance in generating Farmer IDs and recalled the State's prompt financial assistance to farmers affected by floods, wherein compensation amounting to around ₹14,000 crore was transferred directly to farmers' bank accounts within five days.

Reviewing various components under RKVY, Shri Chouhan acknowledged satisfactory progress under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and appreciated the State's implementation efforts. At the same time, he advised Maharashtra to accelerate expenditure under Digital Agriculture, Agriculture Extension, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Seeds, Oilseeds and Agroforestry components. He also suggested that pending liabilities under the Seeds component be booked expeditiously to improve fund utilisation.

During the meeting, a separate discussion was also held on the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). The Minister stressed the need for accurate disclosure of information by farmers while applying for crop insurance. He clarified that both Kisan Credit Card (KCC) and non-KCC farmers are eligible to avail crop insurance benefits, but concealment of KCC status by applying through another account should be avoided. The proposed declaration on the portal is intended solely to ensure transparency and correctness of information, and not to restrict benefits to any eligible farmer.

Shri Chouhan underlined that the Government of India provides substantial financial support under the Kisan Credit Card scheme through interest subvention and incentives for prompt repayment. Therefore, correct disclosure of information is essential for ensuring transparency and efficient utilisation of public resources.

Expressing confidence in Maharashtra's continued performance, the Union Minister said that the State would further improve implementation in the remaining components of RKVY and continue contributing to the growth of the agriculture sector.

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