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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
RKVY Division

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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To,

1. Director General (DG), NIAM, Jaipur
2. Director General (DG), MANAGE, Hyderabad
3. Director, IARI, Pusa, New Delhi
4. Director, UAS, Dharwad
5. Director, AAU, Assam
6. All RABIs (**As per the list annexed**)

Subject: Amendments in respect of para 4.2, 5.2 and 7.2 of the Operational Guideline of Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship programme under RKVY-RAFTAAR-reg.

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the Competent Authority in respect of amendments in para 4.2, 5.2 and 7.2 of the Operational Guideline of Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship programme under RKVY-RAFTAAR with effect from the date of issue of this communication as enclosed herewith. The original Operational Guideline of this programme was issued by this Department in August, 2018.

As per the amendments, CoE Incubation Committee (CIC) of the respective Knowledge Partners (KPs) will act as RKVY-RAFTAAR Selection & Monitoring Committee (RC) for the selection and approval of projects of RABIs. The projects of RABIs will be funded based on the recommendation & approval of CIC of the respective Knowledge Partners (KPs). Therefore, CIC of respective KPs may kindly hold meeting for the selection and approval of projects of RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs).

Henceforth, the respective Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RABIs may implement the programme as per the amendments made in of the Operational Guideline of Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship under RKVY-RAFTAAR as enclosed.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



(Ganesh Singh)

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Amendments in para 4.2, 5.2 and 7.2 of the Operational Guideline of Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship programme under RKVY-RAFTAAR.

1. The paras 4.2, 5.2 and 7.2 of the operational guideline of Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship programme of RKVY-RAFTAAR has been amended with the approval of the Competent Authority. Henceforth, Joint Secretary (RKVY) of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC & FW) will chair RKVY-RAFTAAR Selection & Monitoring Committee (RC) for the selection of projects of 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) only. **RKVY Division of DAC & FW will fund projects for Knowledge Partner (KP) based on recommendations of RKVY-RAFTAAR Selection & Monitoring Committee (RC).**
2. *Further, projects of RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) will be funded by RKVY Division of DAC & FW based on the recommendation and approval of CoE Incubation Committee (CIC) of the respective Knowledge Partners (KPs). Depending on the State to which respective R-ABI pertains, the respective head of KP will be responsible for approval of projects by their CoE Incubation Committee (CIC). CIC will also review/ monitor the progress of the programme periodically implemented by RABIs.*
3. **CoE Incubation Committee (CIC) of the respective Knowledge Partners (KPs) will act as RC for the selection and approval of projects of RABIs. The projects of R-ABIs will be funded based on the recommendation & approval of CoE Incubation Committee (CIC) of the respective Knowledge Partners (KPs). The composition of the CoE Incubation Committee (CIC) under each Knowledge Partner (KP) will be as under:**
 - (i) **Head of the Institution of KP – Chairperson**
 - (ii) In charge of KP - Member Secretary
 - (iii) Representative of a bank / VC
 - (iv) Domain expert (1 from Industry and 1 from academia).
 - (v) Nominee of RKVY Division, DAC&FW
 - (vi) State Representative from the State Department of Agriculture
 - (vii) Business Manager / Incubation Manager
4. Director General (DG), NIAM, Jaipur (KP) and Director General (DG), MANAGE, Hyderabad (KP) will be the chairperson of their CIC committee for selection of projects of startups of RABIs covered under their jurisdiction respectively. CIC of MANAGE, Hyderabad will also conduct selection of projects of startups of RABIs under University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad [i.e. (i) ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai, (ii) AAU, Anand, (iii) DPKV, Akola and (iv) NIVEDI, Bengaluru]. MANAGE, Hyderabad (KP) will organize CIC meeting for RABIs under UAS, Dharwad (KP) and Incharge KPs & Business Manager of UAS, Dharwad will extend help including TA/DA of CIC members in organizing the CIC meeting for their RABIs as per Govt. of India (GOI) rules and regulations in force.
5. Similarly, Director, of IARI, New Delhi (KP) will be the chairperson of their CIC committee for selection of projects of startups of RABIs covered under their jurisdiction. CIC of IARI, New Delhi will also make selection and recommendation of