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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(Fertilizer Use Cell / INM Division)
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 9th June, 2023

To
Director General
Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Subject: Soil Health & Fertility Scheme under
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to subject cited above and to say that as per the discussion held with Secretary, DA&FW on 25.05.2023, followings have been decided :-

- i. ICAR to make a committee of experts with IISS/ IARI/ KVKs etc on technology and efficiency of Village Level Soil Testing labs.
- ii. The committee may provide list of manufactures of Village Level Soil Testing Labs whose technology is duly validated by ICAR so that those manufacturers can be empanelled by this Department for procurement of labs by the States. This will help states to set up quality labs in a short time.
- iii. The same committee may ensure validation of equipment of Village Level Soil Testing Labs in every six months through KVKs and to develop Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for maintenance of Soil Testing Machines i.e. VLSTLs as well as Static Labs. It will include calibration of equipments so that valid result could be ensured. Separate budget for validation will be provided to ICAR for the purpose under the scheme, as



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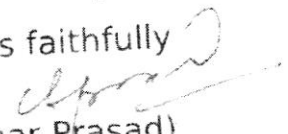
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per ICAR requirement.

ICAR may provide norms for Quality parameters of reagents, standard solutions, consumables items etc used in soil testing labs.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully


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Under Secretary to the Govt. of
India

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