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**Government of Punjab
Department of Agriculture
(Agriculture-II Branch)**

ORDER

In pursuance of the Policy for relief to families of farmers/ farm labourers affected by suicides issued by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Punjab vide its letter No. 2/7/2008-Agri.2(10)/6398-6415 of 23.07.2015, it is decided to constitute District Level Committees as following:-

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| i) | Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District | Chairman |
| ii) | Senior Supdt. of Police | Member |
| iii) | Chief Medical Officer | Member |
| iv) | Sarpanch of Victim's Village | Member |
| v) | Chief Agriculture Officer | Member Secretary |

2.0 The terms of reference of the Committee would be as following:-

- i) to receive and verify documents for disbursement of relief/ assistance as per the policy issued by Government vide its letter No. 2/7/2008-Agri.2(10)/6398-6415 of 23.07.2015;
- ii) to resolve grievances of the families of farmers/farm labourers affected by suicides, if any;
- iii) to ensure all requisite necessary action in addition to provision of relief for effective implementation of the policy particularly with regard to rehabilitation of the affected families;
- iv) to ensure preventive measures to avoid and check suicides in future and provision of assistance under schemes and programmes of various departments as per the policy; and
- v) any other measure as may be considered necessary to ensure effective implementation of the policy to carry out its objective.

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2.0 The committee would decide the matter as may be brought before it within a period of one month from the date of receipt of such matter/application. The affected families would be required to submit their applications within a period of three months from the date of suicide to the Chief Agriculture Officer or the SDM concerned. All such applications wherever received should be forwarded to Chief Agriculture Officers who should process these applications and place them before the Committee for its consideration.

3.0 The Committee should consider these applications/ matters as may be placed before it in its totality to ensure that the affected families are provided requisite assistance in free and fair manner.

4.0 The Committee may meet as often as required, but it shall meet atleast once in a month.

Chandigarh, dated
24 July 2015

Suresh Kumar, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) and
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Agriculture

Endst. No. 2/7/2008-Agri.2(10)/

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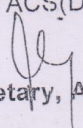
Dated: 27/7/15

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab,
2. Financial Commissioner, Rural Development & Panchayats, Punjab
3. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Punjab,
4. All Deputy Commissioners in the State of Punjab
5. All Senior Superintendents of Police in the State of Punjab

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6. Commissioner, Agriculture, Punjab,
7. Director Agriculture, Punjab
8. Director Horticulture, Punjab
9. All Chief Agriculture Officers in the State of Punjab
10. PS to ACS(D) – for information of ACS(D).


Joint Secretary, Agriculture