GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
(AGRICULTURE II BRANCH)

To,

1. All Divisional Commissioners in the State of Punjab
2. All Deputy Commissioners in the State of Punjab
3. All Senior Superintendents of Police in the State of Punjab.
4. All Chief Agricultural Officers in the State of Punjab.

Memo No:27/2008-Agrl.2(10)/6398-6401
Chandigarh, dated, the:23.07.2015

Subject: Relief for Families of Farmers/Farm Labourers Affected by Suicides –Policy Regarding.

Concerned with the tragic incidents of suicides by farmers and farm labourers in the recent past in various parts of the State, the Govt. constituted a Committee to formulate measures to deal with the situation arising out of such suicides. In its report the Committee observed that the State agriculture is facing a crisis both in terms of its economic and environmental sustainability of agriculture. The increasing cost of inputs and marginal increases in Minimum Support Price have squeezed the margins of the farmers. The private investments in irrigation infrastructure have increased manifold during the last two decades due to continuously depleting water table and consequent high cost on deepening of tubewells and replacement of centrifugal pumps with submersible pump sets. Consequently, the farming sector of State is heavily indebted.

The performance of agricultural sector has also influenced the economy of agricultural labourers who are witnessing a severe economic squeeze and their incomes are not sufficient to meet even the subsistence expenditure. The high inflation rate, poor public health facilities and high cost of private health services and education have further aggravated the problems of rural society. As a consequence, the economic distress in the farm sector is increasing leading to some farmers and farm labourers to extreme step of committing suicides.

As an endeavor to provide relief in case of suicidal deaths of farmers and farm labourers due to indebtedness in the State, the Government of Punjab has prepared this Policy framework which envisages to provide a package as a measure of support the distressed family. For the purposes of this policy, the ‘Farmer’ means a person cultivating agricultural land (as owner or tenant or sharer or cropper) and ‘Farm Labourer’ means a person principally engaged with a farmer in the capacity of a labourer on hire or exchange and who get his wages in cash or kind in connection with the agricultural occupation he performs.

The Policy framework provides as under:

A) Financial Assistance:
   - To mitigate the sense of economic insecurity, monetary assistance should be provided on priority basis. A sum of Rs. 3.00 lac should be given after the reported death to the next of the kin with a view to tide over the
financial distress of the family because of the death of the bread earner of the family;

- Revolving Fund for Relief to the suicide affected families should be created with State Revenue Department to ensure timely relief to the affected families;

- 25% of relief amount should be paid to the mother and balance to the wife, if mother is not alive then full relief to be paid to the wife;

- If wife remarries outside the family or is not alive, then to the children; and in case the deceased is un-married/has no children, it should be paid to the parents in case they are dependent on the deceased;

- A Committee would be constituted to receive and verify documents and disbursement of assistance with Deputy Commissioner as Chairman and Chief Medical Officer, Senior Superintendent of Police, Sarpanch of victims' village as Members and Chief Agricultural Officer as a Member Convener; and

- The Committee would decide the matter within a period of one month from the date of receipt of completed application. The application should be submitted within a period of three months from the date of suicide. It should be submitted to Chief Agricultural Officer, or the SDM concerned. All such applications whenever received, shall be forwarded to CAO, who should process these for consideration of the Committee as per above.

B) Rehabilitation

- The officials of Revenue and Agriculture Departments would work with the distressed families for at least one year or as long as it is necessary to bring the family out of distress. These officials/employees would guide the deceased families regarding agricultural technology, inputs use, diversification, marketing etc.; and

- Preference would be given to the affected families in providing subsidized inputs under various development programmes of agriculture and allied departments including Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), etc.

C) Preventive Measures

- The State Government has constituted District level and block level Bankers Committee as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines under Lead Bank Scheme. The District Collector is the Chairman of District Level Committee and Lead District Manager of the district is the Chairman of the Block Level Bankers' Committee. All the banks operating the blocks/district including the district central cooperative banks and RRB, Block Development Officers, Technical Officers in the block such as Extension Officers for Agriculture, Industries and Cooperatives are held at quarterly intervals. These Committees shall also work as Institutional Finance Promotion Committees (IFPC) at block and district level to promote and extend institutional credit to the farmers. These Committees, apart from monitoring advancement of institutional credit to farmers as per District Credit Plan, would chalk out programmes for expansion of such credit in their respective areas of jurisdiction;
• For improving the economy of farmers, the State would assist in creating cool-chain infrastructure and modern processing and storage facilities to provide opportunities in the production of high value livestock products, fruits and vegetables and fisheries;

• A mass campaign would be launched by the state government to create work culture among the rural youth which would reduce the menace of drug abuse. For this purpose, drug de-addiction centres should be set-up;

• Likewise a mass campaign would be launched by the State Government to create awareness and persuade farmers community to desist from unproductive and avoidable ostentatious spending on social functions such as marriages, Bhogs etc.; and

• Implementation of Atta-Dal Scheme.

D) Special Initiatives by Department of Agriculture

• Promotion of Dairy Farming for small farmers through induction of animals and creation of related infrastructure viz. modern sheds for animals, milking machines, bulk milk coolers etc. at subsidized cost;

• Establishment of Integrated Buffalo Development Centres (IBDCs) for improvement of Buffalo Breed to improve their productivity and thereby the income of milk producers.

• Promotion of subsidiary occupations including Bee-keeping, Fisheries, Goatery and Piggery by providing subsidy on creation of required infrastructure under various central and State Plan schemes;

• Reduction in cost of production by facilitating of setting up Agricultural Machinery Centres in Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies for providing equipment on custom hiring basis;

• Interest subvention of 3 percent for Crop loans to provide credit at a lower interest rate i.e. 4 percent;

• Facilitating the farmers in food-grain production and cultivation of fruits and vegetables by providing appropriate technology and subsidized inputs through coverage under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM);

• Promotion of cultivation of vegetables in peri-urban areas and also under Net House;

• Organization of Farmers into producers companies to start small scale farm-gate processing of agricultural produce and its marketing; and

• Awareness Campaign for propagation of latest agriculture technologies for improving productivity and reducing cost of production through timely and adequate supply of inputs and their efficient use.

E) Implementation

• A Committee for providing Relief in Suicidal Death (CRSD) would be constituted with Financial Commissioner, Revenue as Chairman and Financial Commissioner, Development, Principal Secretary (Finance) and Principal Secretary Power, as Members and Director, Disaster Management as Member Secretary to coordinate and monitor the
implementation of Policy. The Committee may co-opt any other officer as member or can seek attendance of any officer for its efficient implementation.

- District level committees would be constituted under Deputy Commissioners of the districts and should be responsible for verification of claims and disbursement of aid.

5.0 The State Government in the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats would recommend and pursue with the Government of India to allow coverage of farm labour under MNREGA. Further, the State Government in the Department of Revenue would urge upon Government of India to share the cost of providing relief and rehabilitation and preventive measures as outlined above on 50:50 basis.

6.0 The expenditure on account of provision of financial assistance shall be met from the State Budget and for all other interventions it will be met from the existing schemes.

7.0 This issues with the approval of State Finance Department conveyed vide their I.D. No.8/21/2015-1FE3/530390/1 of 7th July, 2015.

Joint Secretary, Agriculture

Endst. No. No. 2/7/08-Agri.2(10)/8402-6415 Chandigarh, dated:23.07.2015

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

i. Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab.
iii. Financial Commissioner, Cooperation, Punjab.
iv. Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab
v. Principal Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Punjab
vi. Principal Secretary, Finance, Punjab
vii. Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Punjab
viii. Principal Secretary, School Education, Punjab
ix. Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab
x. Director General of Police, Punjab
xi. Commissioner Agriculture, Punjab
xii. Officer Incharge, Lead Bank
xiii. Director Agriculture, Punjab
xiv. Director Horticulture, Punjab

Joint Secretary Agriculture
पंजाब मंडळ
हेडीवाड़ी विभाग
(हेडीवाड़ी 2 मास)

मंजूर हुए,
1. पंजाब गणराज्य में शासन अंतर्गत विभाग;
2. पंजाब गणराज्य में मांग की विभाग;
3. पंजाब गणराज्य में मांग की सीमाधान और भुगतान विभाग;
4. पंजाब गणराज्य में मांग की हेडीवाड़ी विभाग;

भिंति तिथि: 2/7/2008-प.भ.2(10)/6398-6401
शीतकाल, निर्देश: 23-07-2015

विधिः-
पंजाब विभाग के विभिन्न मांग के प्राप्ति और प्रबंधन के लिए हेडीवाड़ी बैठक

सरकार इस बैठक के लिए एक-एक विभिन्न विभेदित विचार परिवर्तन और विभिन्न विभेदित विचार परिवर्तन के लिए करने की आवश्यकता है। सरकार इस बैठक के लिए एक-एक विभिन्न विभेदित विचार परिवर्तन के लिए करने की आवश्यकता है।

2.0 हेडीवाड़ी बैठक की वातावरणिक क्षमता में हेडीवाड़ी बैठक की अन्तर्गत निर्धारण और लाभदायक उन्नयन से सीखने और सीखने के लिए सुविधा प्रदान करना।
अ) मत्व प्रेमा
• मत्व दिव्यार्थ भारे देवीकुमारी लिखिता से भाषिकी ध्वनि दृष्टि देखा साहित्य द्वारा सजी सही तुल्य होते, पीढ़ियों पदार्थ दृष्टि मंदिर दृष्टि व्यापार संख्या बदलोगे। दिन अभिविवृत्ति/वक्तान्वित संकलन से दंडिता हुई देवीकुमारी ऊर्जाधारी, कारण दृष्टि बदले, पेड़ी विविध और बंडीवृक्ष अभित्र संबंधि नेप पुरुष वालोगे।
• देवीकुमारी अभी दिना दृष्टि देखा संबंधित दिग्गजन से बैठ बैठे विविध उपलब्ध मूल्य प्रभावित व्यक्ति दृष्टि एन्जेल (अन्तः में इंडस्ट्रीज़), व्यवहारी भाषा पुनरुत्थान (अन्तः के एस्ट्रीज़), व्यवहारी वाणिज्यिक पुनरुत्थान (अन्तः रेड रोटियरा) अभित्र दिना द्वारा विविध दृष्टि है, विविध उपलब्धि कारण, विविध उपलब्धि के बाल तुल्य उत्तमी लिखिता।

इ) उपन्यास से पूर्ण
• उपन्यास मंचन से हृदय नील से मौलिक उच्चार उपन्यास लिखिता नेप देखा संसार पप्पू नेप यूंवार गोदी लाठियों है। सिस्टर पप्पू वाली देखा पप्पू (चेकमेथ) सिस्टर रहितक २०१२ तो भांति सिस्टर चोक सिस्टर पैतृक जयसंध पप्पू है। सिस्टर/वर्तमान चिन्ता वर्णन वर्ण हो गते बैड़ साइड सिस्टर चेतना दे-आपेक्षिक वैड़ भांति ब्रह्म, वहन विविध भाषा, साहित्य विद्वानी भाषा निर्देश विद्वान वाली देखा कहती, उद्देश्य अभ्यास वाला वर्तमान वर्णन भाषा बहुत दृष्टि पूर्ण दृष्टि एन्जेल (अन्तः में इंडस्ट्रीज़) बैड़ दृष्टि वर्तमान। उपन्यास निस्त्र नर्म वाला विविध श्रमात्मक कोर्नेउलियर (अन्तः रेड रोटियरा) बैड़ बैड़ वर्तमान। विविध बहुती निस्त्र वाला अभित्र विविध श्रमात्मक है, विविध उपलब्धि कारण, अभित्र भाषा बेड़िया बिच अभित्र विविध विविधि है, विविधि है उद्देश्य उद्देश्य।
• विविधि है भाषात्मक विविध नुसार विविध दीपस्थापन करी दृष्टि नवं दोष नृत्य-व्यवसाय पुष्प नृत्यमार्ग, हृदय, सबसी नावे नामहे दृष्टि पेड़ नृत्यमार्ग बिच देखा में विज्ञानी विविध दृष्टि बैड़ खेत फिल्मचारी दृष्टि, अभित्र नृत्य गैजी जागरण से विविध बिच आत्मफल व्यक्ति।
(3) उपभोक्ता

* आर्थिक विविधता के लेख बिंदु श्रृंखला बनावट क्षेत्रीय ग्राम ढाँचा

दे लिख कॉले हो गाठन बीजा साधनार, सिम दे पपर (उच्चावली) बिंदु

विभागात, भर वेटर्स अथवा बिंदु विभागात विवाह, पुरुष स्वारंभ (बिंदु) अथवा

पुरुष स्वारंभ द्वारा मेला अथा बालाध्वात विस्मयात मेलामेंट दिम पाप्सी दे

उपभोक्ता अथवा मालगित रता देखा स्वारंभ वेटर्स। कॉले हिम वेद हु वस्त्रह मेला

रता बदल बदल करी दिमी वेद आपनें जी के मेला रता रता है

* सिंह दे दिपटि विभागातः उद्धव सिन्हा पपरी कॉले हो गाठन बीजा

साधनार नें लिख समस्यागत (तर्कम) रता सांभ बनावट अथवा मालगित ग्रामी

दे इकड़ बदल स्वारंभीः।

5.0 रता स्वारंभ, खेड़ा अथवा श्यामिलित विवाह रतीं बनावट रता अथवा

विभाग वेटर्स ही महत्त्वती दी बनावट हु पुलवारी देश रती विभाग बनें अथवा

पुलिस अथवा बनें। दिमे दे बिंदु रता स्वारंभ भाग अथवा पुलिसस्थान विवाह

नपी बनावट रता देखा हु रेपोर्ट स्वारंभ अभियान बनावट अथवा पुलिसस्थान अथवा

विभाग हु देखा हु रेपोर्ट नोटी वेद बिंदु 50:50 आपदा दे घोषणा अभियान

रते ही दे स्वारंभीः।

6.0 बिंदु श्रृंखला दे रेपोर्ट स्वारंभी पखवान ग्न क्षेत्र दिवस नरें पपर बीजा

साधनार अथवा देश मालगित यथास्थित रतोगत मालगित रती दिख मूल्यात मालगित अथवा

पुरुष स्वारंभ स्वारंभीः।

7.0 दिम बिंदु विवाह बनें भर पिच.पिचः 8/21/2015-1 मेला ही

3/530390/1 फिली 7 अगस्त 2015 दिनी दिनी पुब्लिकाती अभियान नागी

बीजा स्वारंभीः।

माली/-

मेलवाद मत्वेक, वेडीवाणी

भव.सं.: 2/7/08-स.भ.2(10)/6402-6415 जेडीवाला, भव.सं.: 23.7.15

दिम दे दिख दुर्गा अप दिखाना दुर्गा मुख्य अथवा दिनी दिनी

बाबूराम दिख वेदमात्र स्वारंभ है:**

1. बिंदु पुरुष स्वारंभ (भाग)-बिंदु-बिंदु विभागात, यमुना,

जेदीवाला।

2. बिंदु पुरुष स्वारंभ (भाग)-बिंदु-बिंदु विभागात, पुरुष यमुना,

गोविन्द बिंदुदेव पार अथवा विभागात, यमुना।

3. बिंदु विभागात, मालवाद, यमुना।

4. पुरुष स्वारंभ, विभाग अथवा पुरुष यमुना वही, यमुना।

5. पुरुष स्वारंभ, पुरुष अथवा पुरुष यमुना, यमुना।

6. पुरुष स्वारंभ, विंदु, यमुना।
7. ਪੁਰਾਣਾ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ, ਕ੍ਰਿਕਟੀ ਸਿਕਿਸਕਾਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
8. ਪੁਰਾਣਾ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ, ਮੌਤਦੀ ਸਿਕਿਸਕਾਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
9. ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ, ਸੁਵੀਚਕ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਤੋਂ ਪੁਨਰਹਿતਤ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
10. ਬੱਗਤਵਾਲਟ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਲੀਸ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
11. ਵਿਭਿਨਨਤ ਖੁਦੀਆਂਟੀ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
12. ਅੰਦਾਜ਼ਾ ਦੋਸ਼ੀਵਾਦ ਅਤੇ ਲੀਜਾ ਦੇਵਾਂ।
13. ਬੱਗਤਵਾਲਟ ਖੁਦੀਆਂਟੀ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।
14. ਬੱਗਤਵਾਲਟ ਭਗਤਾਂਮੁਖੀ, ਪੰਜਾਬ।

ਸੰਘੀ/-
ਸੰਘਭੁਜਾ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ, ਪੰਜਾਬਾਂਟੀ।
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-Agr.L.2(10)/6398-6415 of 23.07.2015, it is decided to constitute a Committee comprising the following to oversee the provision of relief in suicidal deaths:

i) Additional Chief Secretary/Financial Commissioner Revenue Chairman

ii) Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) Member

iii) Principal Secretary, Finance Member

iv) Principal Secretary, Power Member

v) Director Disaster Management Member Secretary

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

i) to arrange and provide requisite funds for relief under the policy;

ii) to review implementation of the policy to provide relief to the affected families of farmers and farm labourers who commit suicide in various districts of the State; and

iii) to issue appropriate advice/guidelines to the District Level Committees and the Deputy Commissioners to ensure full compliance of the policy in carrying out its objectives.

3.0 The Committee may meet as often as may be required but it shall meet atleast once in a quarter.

Chandigarh, dated 24th July 2015

Suresh Kumar, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) and
Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of Agriculture
A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Financial Commissioner, Revenue, Punjab
2. Principal Secretary, Finance, Punjab
3. Principal Secretary, Power, Punjab
4. Director, Disaster Management, Punjab
5. Commissioner, Agriculture, Punjab
6. Director, Agriculture, Punjab
7. Director Horticulture, Punjab
8. PS to ACS(D)- for information of ACS(D)

Joint Secretary, Agriculture
Government of Punjab  
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ORDER

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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.
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 at least once in a month.

Chandigarh, dated July 2015
Suresh Kumar, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary (Dev) and Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Agriculture

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