

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

1. Introduction

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched as a flagship scheme of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) in 2007-2008 to incentivize States to draw up comprehensive agriculture development plans, taking into account agroclimatic conditions, natural resources and technology for ensuring more inclusive and integrated development of agriculture and allied sectors. The scheme was implemented as a State Plan Scheme till the end of the financial year 2013-14 and is being implemented as a CSS (State Plan) scheme thereafter. In accordance with the directions of the Ministry of Finance, the funding pattern of the scheme from 2015-16 onwards has been altered from 100% funding by the Central Government to in the ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and States (90:10 for North-Eastern and Himalayan States). However, funding pattern to UTs continued as 100% by the Central Government.

The Scheme has been revamped as the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) for implementation from 2017-18 with a major focus on pre & post-harvest infrastructure, besides promoting agri-entrepreneurship, innovations & value addition with the approval of the Union Cabinet on 01.11.2017. A State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the concerned State/UT is empowered to approve projects under the scheme. The State Agriculture Department is the nodal Department for implementation of the scheme in the State. The scheme is available for the various activities of agriculture & allied sector such as crop development, horticulture, agricultural mechanization, marketing, pre & post-harvest management, integrated pest management, organic farming, research, extension etc.

As per recommendation of Expenditure Finance Committee, RKVY has re-structured as RKVY Cafeteria Scheme from 2022-23 onwards merging some schemes of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare which includes Soil Health & Fertility, Rainfed Area Development, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Per Drop More Crop, Agriculture Mechanization (including Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization and Management of Crop Residue (CRM), Village Haats & GRAAMS and Crop Diversification Programme. RKVY cafeteria scheme has 3 components Annual Action Plan (AAP), Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation including startup. Out of the total allocation of RKVY, a minimum of 70% will be allocated for Annual Action Plan (AAP) component including Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation purposes. A maximum of 30% of total allocation of RKVY will be earmarked for Detailed Project Report (DPR) component including Administrative charges and Startup Components.

2 Innovation & Agri-Entrepreneurship programme:

”Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” has been operational under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY-RAFTAAR) in 2018-19 with the objective to promote innovation and agripreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing the incubation ecosystem. Start-ups pertaining to agriculture and allied sectors are being encouraged in order to contribute directly and indirectly to enhancing the income of farmers by providing opportunities to them and to provide employment to youth. In this connection, five (5) Knowledge Partners (KPs) and twenty four (24) Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been appointed by this Department to advise on smooth and efficient execution of this programme in various States across the country (list enclosed at Annexure-I). The following are the main components of this programme:

- a. Strengthening of existing Agribusiness Incubators (ABI) and setting up new one R-ABI
- b. 2 months training/incubation support to entrepreneurs/startups.
- c. To provide technical and financial support to Agri-startups.
- d. Mentorship support on technical, IP issues, testing, product & technology validation, etc.
- e. Seed Stage Funding of R-ABI Incubatees – Funding upto Rs. 25 lakhs Grant-in-aid.
- f. Idea/Pre-Seed Stage Funding of Agripreneurs – Funding up to Rs. 5 lakhs Grant-in-aid.

So far, 1708 start-ups operating in agriculture and allied sectors have been selected for financial assistance. These start-ups were trained for two months at various agribusiness incubation centres i.e KPs & R-ABIs before providing financial assistance.

A Management Information System (MIS) has been developed and launched for monitoring the progress of implementation of Agri-Entrepreneurship Programme of RKVY by KPs and RABIs. The link of portal is <http://rkvstartups.nic.in>. All KPs and R-ABIs are required to upload information on various parameters of this programme on MIS portal for transparency.

The list of 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) and 24 R-ABIs RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) from across the country appointed by DA & FW are as follows:

I. 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs):

The DA &FW has appointed 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) for implementation assistance and advise on smooth implementation of the scheme, handholding of R-ABIs and implement a Centre of Excellence (CoE) to demonstrate best practices to startup ecosystem, etc.

- (1) National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad,
- (2) National Institute of Agricultural Marketing(NIAM) Jaipur,
- (3) Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Pusa, New Delhi,
- (4) University of Agriculture Science , Dharwad, Karnataka and
- (5) Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam

II. 24 RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs):

The DA &FW has also appointed 24 RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) for the purpose of encouraging start-ups, which are as follows:

- 1) Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Hisar, Haryana
- 2) CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh
- 3) IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- 6) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
- 7) Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 8) Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu, J & K
- 9) IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand
- 10) Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala
- 11) ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, Telangana
- 12) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- 13) Agri innovation and entrepreneurship cell, ANGRAU, Andhra Pradesh
- 14) National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha
- 15) S K N Agriculture University, Jobner, Rajasthan
- 16) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 17) Bihar Agricultural University, Bhagalpur, Bihar
- 18) Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat
- 19) ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 20) Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, Maharashtra
- 21) ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 22) College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura
- 23) Veterinary Medicine College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Mizoram
- 24) College of Horticulture & Forestry, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.