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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Guidelines for Application and Subsidy Disbursal for Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate (33%) under National Soil Health Mission

This memorandum is to clarify the standard operating procedures for the procurement and distribution of micronutrients, specifically Zinc Sulphate, which has been identified as a critical deficiency in Indian soils.

As per the findings of the National Soil Health Card Scheme, widespread Zinc deficiency is impacting crop yields, particularly in wheat and paddy zones.

Therefore, under the National Soil Health Mission, the following guideline is reinforced:

The recommended dosage for correction of Zinc deficiency is the application of Zinc Sulphate Monohydrate (33%) at 8-10 kg per acre, or Zinc Sulphate Heptahydrate (21%) at 15-20 kg per acre, based on soil test results.

All state-level implementing agencies are directed to ensure that subsidy claims for Zinc Sulphate are processed only for certified farmer beneficiaries who have a valid Soil Health Card.

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