

NABARD SCHEME HANDOUTS

RKVY



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Candidates are advised to refer "CLASS" taken for this scheme for better understanding

1 Introduction

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana was initiated in 2007 as an umbrella scheme for ensuring holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors by allowing states to choose their own agriculture and allied sector development activities as per the district/state agriculture plan.

1.1 Financial Assistance

It was converted into a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in 2014-15 also with 100% central assistance. Since 2015-16, the funding pattern of the scheme has been altered in the ratio of 60:40 between Centre and States (90:10 for North Eastern States and Himalayan States). For UT its 100%

Based on feedback received from States, experiences garnered during implementation in the 12th Plan and inputs provided by stakeholders, RKVY guidelines have been revamped as **RKVY – RAFTAAR - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation** to enhance efficiency, efficacy and inclusiveness of the programme for the remaining period of the Fourteenth Finance Commission.

1.2 Objectives

KVY-RAFTAAR aims at making farming a remunerative economic activity through strengthening the farmers' effort, risk mitigation and promoting agri-business entrepreneurship. The main objectives of the scheme are-

- (i) To strengthen the farmers' efforts through creation of required pre and post harvest agri-infrastructure that increases access to quality inputs, storage, market facilities etc. and enables farmers to make informed choices.
- (ii) To provide autonomy, flexibility to States to plan and execute schemes as per local/ farmers' needs.
- (iii) To promote value chain addition linked production models that will help farmers increase their income as well as encourage production/productivity (
- (iv) To mitigate risk of farmers with focus on additional income generation activities - like integrated farming, mushroom cultivation, bee keeping, aromatic plant cultivation, floriculture etc.
- (v) To attend national priorities through several sub-schemes.
- (vi) To empower youth through skill development, innovation and agri entrepreneurship based agribusiness models that attract them to agriculture.

1.3 Sectors Covered

Crop Husbandry (including Horticulture), Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Dairy Development, Agricultural Research and Education, Forestry and Wildlife, Plantation and Agricultural Marketing, Food Storage and Warehousing, Soil and Water Conservation, Agricultural Financial Institutions, other Agricultural Programmes and Cooperation.

1.4 Allocation

The quantum of assistance (or fund allocation) to the States will be in accordance with the parameters and respective weights as explained below

Inter State Allocation of the funds under RKVY-RAFTAAR

Inter-State allocation of RKVY-RAFTAAR funds will be based on the following parameters and weights:

Sl. No.	Criteria/Parameters	Weightage
1	Percentage share of net un-irrigated area in a State to the net un-irrigated area of all States.	15%
2	Percentage of small and marginal farmers in the state compared to total number of small and marginal farmers in the country.	20%
3	Moving averages of the increase in plan expenditure in agriculture & allied sectors including animal husbandry, fisheries etc. in the previous 3 year period.	30%
4	Average Gross State Value Added (GSVA) in agriculture and allied sectors in the last 3 years.	20%
5	Percentage of youth population in the state compared to total youth in the country.	5%
6	Inverse of Yield gap between state average yield and potential yields as indicated in the frontline demonstration data.	10%

Inter-State allocation criteria will not be applied for providing funds under the **sub-schemes of RKVY-RAFTAAR.

1.5 Outlay of allocation

Infrastructure and assets	70% <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% (of 70%) of regular RKVY-RAFTAAR outlay- pre-harvest infrastructure- 20%, post harvest infrastructure- 30%• Value addition linked production projects (agribusiness models) that provide assured/ additional income to
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	<p>farmers including Public Private Partnership for Integrated Agriculture Development (PPPIAD) projects- 30% (of 70%) of regular RKVY outlay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexi funds- 20% (of 70%) of regular RKVY-RAFTAAR outlay. States can use this fund for supporting any projects as per their local needs preferably for innovative activities in agriculture and allied sectors.
<u>RKVY-RAFTAAR special sub-schemes</u> based on national priorities as notified by Govt. of India from time to time for development of region and problem specific areas.	20%
<u>Innovation and agri-entrepreneur development</u> for encouraging innovation and agri-entrepreneurs through skill development and financial support. It will support incubatees, incubation centers, KVKs, awards etc.	10%
Total	100%

1.6 Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) under RKVY RAFTAAR

Formation of FPOs has been supported through the scheme "Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters (VIUC)" and Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulse Villages in Rainfed areas, whereby FPO projects has been taken up by some State Governments under general RKVY funds.

To enhance the farmer's income, the FPOs having 500 or above number of farmers may be supported under RKVY RAFTAAR

1.7 SLSC

State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC): A State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by the Chief Secretary of the State is vested with the authority to sanction specific projects recommended by the SLPSC under each stream of RKVY-RAFTAAR in a meeting attended by representatives of the Government of India also. SLSC will comprise of all Departmental Heads, Directors of concerned Directorates, State Agriculture University (SAU), with Secretary (Agriculture) as the Member Secretary and representatives of NITI Aayog, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, etc.

Agriculture Department, the Nodal Department at the State level will place RKVY-RAFTAAR project proposals before the State Level Project Screening Committee (SLPSC) which shall, after due consideration, place appropriate and adequately scrutinized project proposals before the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) for approval.

1.8 Monitoring

Twenty five percent (25%) of the projects sanctioned by the State each year under regular RKVY RAFTAAR and its Sub-schemes shall have to be compulsorily taken up for third party monitoring and evaluation by the implementing States

1.9 Budget

The government plans an outlay of ₹7,553 crore under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for the fiscal year 2024-25.

1.10 Innovation & Entrepreneurship

The Government of India is committed to promote Agri-startups by providing financial and technical support to agri-startups in agriculture and allied sectors. Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing **"Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development"** programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial and technical support for nurturing startups ecosystem in the country. So far, 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) and 24 RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been appointed for training & incubation of agri-startups and implementation of this programme. There are **5 KPs and 24 R-ABIs**. Under the programme, the funds are released to KPs and R-ABIs functioning in different States. These KPs and R-ABIs have established incubation centres to provide trainings, mentorship and financial support to startups under the programme. So far, 1554 agri-startups including 387 women led startups working in various field of agriculture & allied sector have been supported with technical and financial assistance of Rs. 111.57 crores released in instalments through various KPs and R-ABIs from 2019-20 to 2023-24 under this programme. Under the programme, the financial support up to **Rs. 5.00 lakh is provided at the idea/pre seed stage and up to Rs. 25 lakh at the seed stage** to entrepreneurs/ startups in the field of agriculture & allied sector to launch their products, services, business platforms, etc into the market and facilitate them to scale up their products and operations. Start-ups are trained and incubated by these Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) appointed under the programme. Besides, Government of India organize various national level programmes including agri-startup conclave, agri-fair and exhibitions, webinars, workshops to provide a platform for the promotion of agri-startups by linking them with various stakeholders.

The following are the components of this scheme:

- Agripreneurship Orientation – 2 months duration with a monthly stipend of Rs. 10,000/- per month. Mentorship is provided on financial, technical, IP issues etc.
- Seed Stage Funding of R-ABI Incubatees – Funding upto Rs. 25 lakhs (85% grant & 15% contribution from the incubatee).
- Idea/Pre-Seed Stage Funding of Agripreneurs – Funding up to Rs. 5 lakhs (90% grant and 10% contribution from the incubatee).

List of Knowledge Partners (KPs)

- National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad.
- National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM) Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Pusa, New Delhi.
- University of Agriculture Science, Dharwad, Karnataka.
- Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam.

Do you know

The Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has been supporting Agri-based startups under the project called National Agriculture Innovation Fund (NAIF) initiated in year 2016-2017. It has two components viz. (I) Innovation Fund; (II) Incubation Fund and National Coordinating Unit (NCU):

1.11 SMAF under RKVY

The erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of **Sub-Mission on Agro forestry (SMAF) has now been restructured with focus on Quality Planting Material as an Agroforestry component to be implemented as one of the components of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)** with an indicative outlay of Rs. 271.65 crore (Gol Share) for the 15th Finance Commission period i.e. 2021-22 to 2025-26 with special focus on production of certified Quality Planting Material (QPM). ICAR-Central Agro forestry Research Institute (CAFRI) is the nodal agency for providing technical support, capacity building, setting up of nurseries, production, and certification of QPM etc. CAFRI shall extend support through its All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) centers on agroforestry situated at various locations around the country. For the implementation of the scheme State Nodal Department/Agency shall be identified for each State/UTs. The Nodal Department/Agency shall ensure the availability of QPM by producing on its own or through the collaborative arrangement with individuals/institutions such as SAUs, KVKs, FPOs, SHGs, NGOs, Entrepreneurs/Startups, Forest/Agriculture institutes, farmers/cooperative societies etc. QPM raised under the scheme shall be made available for farmers/SHGs free of cost or as decided by the respective States/UTs. The scheme will have the following major components/ activities;

- Establishment of Nurseries for Production of QPM
- Tissue culture lab for quality planting material
- Skill Development and awareness campaign (up to 5% of allocation):
- Research & Development, Market linking:
- Project Management Unit (PMU) and Agroforestry Technical Support Group (TSG)
- Local Initiative (upto 2 % of Approved Annual Plan)

1.12 Schemes under RKVY Window

National priorities like Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), Crop Diversification Program (CDP), Reclamation of Problem Soil (RPS), Foot & Mouth Disease -

Control Program (FMD-CP), Saffron Mission, Accelerated Fodder Development Programme, etc. are being implemented through the window of RKVY.

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QUESTION

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DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC**

