

Rainfed Area Development

Details (Rainfed Area Development)

Rainfed Area Development (RAD) scheme was launched in 2014-15 to mainstream development of rainfed areas in a sustainable manner. It adopts an area-based approach, focuses on Integrated Farming System (IFS) for enhancing productivity and minimizing risks associated with climatic variability.

Programmatic interventions as per land capability and conducive to climatic parameters for ensuring integrated development through dissemination and adoption of rainfed technologies with greater reach in disadvantaged areas & location specific planning by way of coordination, convergence and leveraging investments from other Schemes/Missions like MGNREGA, PMKSY-WDC, RKVY, National Food Security Mission(NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Sub Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE), etc. The key objectives of the Mission are as follows:

- To undertake location specific and landscape-based approach to dry-land areas to ensure natural resources conservation and sustainable use, strengthening of agriculture production systems and livelihood development through integration/convergence of schemes in an area-based approach.
- To improve the productivity of rainfed farming by mainstreaming rainfed technologies refined under All India Coordinated Research Project on Dry land Agriculture (AICRPDA-NICRA) and by leveraging resources/provisions made under other Schemes/Missions like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), PMKSY-WDC, NFSM, RKVY, Krishonatti Yojana, SMAE, National Mission on Natural Farming etc.

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Important Features (Rainfed Area Development)

- It lays emphasis on integrating various components of agriculture such as agriculture, horticulture, fishery, animal husbandry, apiculture, agro forestry, mushrooms, vermi composting, etc. Supplementary support from this component will be admissible for gap
- filling resource conservation activities under converging programmes. will be encouraged under this component.

Benefits (Rainfed Area Development)

- The scheme targets to provide following benefits: 1) Enhanced agriculture productivity and overall remuneration in the rainfed areas. 2) Risk mitigation against climatic stress such as droughts and heat stress and crop failure. 3) Conservation of natural resources by soil fertility conservation, rainwater management, increased, etc. 4) Capacity building of farmers in the domain of improved agronomic practices & climate change mitigation. 5) Extensive support for Extensive Livestock Systems (health care, breeding, drinking water, fodder in commons, etc.) 6) Integrated value chain support systems to realize growth potential in pulses, millets and oilseeds
- based farming production systems including infrastructure and processing facilities – focus on local markets. 7) Monetary support of Rs. 30,000/
- per family for adoption of integrated farming systems.

Eligibility (Rainfed Area Development)

- All farmers are eligible under the scheme.

Application Process (Rainfed Area Development)

- Step 01: Interested beneficiaries can get in touch with the District / Block Agriculture Officer to enquire about village/cluster's eligibility for the scheme.

- Step 02: If found eligible, the proposal will be forwarded to the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) chaired by Chief Secretary for consideration.
- Step 03: Based on the approval of the SLSC, the project will be rolled out by the state government or state government appointed Project Promoter / Implementing agency.

Documents Required (Rainfed Area Development)

• 1) Aadhar Number 2) Land Documents 3) Bank Details 4) Photographs ■ The specific documents for availing the benefits of the program may vary depending on the type of intervention and the state. It is recommended to consult with the relevant authorities for detailed information on documents to be submitted.

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