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- 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 make agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient by promoting location specific Integrated/Composite Farming Systems.
- To conserve natural resources through appropriate soil and moisture conservation measures.
- To develop capacity of farmers and stakeholders in conjunction with other ongoing Missions such as National Food and Nutrition Security Mission, National Initiative for Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) etc., in the domain of climate change adaptation measures.
- 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, NFNSM, RKVY, Krishonnati Yojana, SMAE, National Mission on Natural Farming etc.

BenefitsThe 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.

EligibilityAll farmers are eligible under the scheme.**Application Process****Offline****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****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.**Frequently Asked Questions**What is the type of assistance provided in the scheme?A financial assistance of up to Rs. 30,000/- per family can be given for adoption of integrated farming systems such as cultivating crops along with trees (agro forestry or horticulture) or undertaking at least any two activities out of fishery, apiculture, silage making & vermicomposting.What is the maximum limit for the monetary assistance?A monetary support of Rs. 30,000/- per family for adoption of integrated farming systems. This amount is over and above any other assistance availed by other complimenting schemes such as WDC-PMKSY, MGNREGA, NFNSM, other components of RKVY, National Mission on Edible Oil-Oilseeds (NMEO-OS), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Mission on Natural Farming, Sub Mission on Agricultural Extension(SMAE) etc. through convergence.Does the financial assistance vary according to the farmer's landholding?The amount of assistance shall be uniform for all farmers irrespective of the size of their land holding. Credit support, if required, may be arranged to meet the balanceWho can avail benefits of this scheme?All the farmers of the State & Union Territory are eligible to take the benefits of this scheme.What activities are eligible for assistance under the scheme? Integrated farming systems or combination of at least any two activities out of fishery, apiculture, silage making & vermicomposting.Can I avail benefits under RAD scheme if I am already a beneficiary of PMKSY-WDC scheme?Yes, you can avail, benefits under RAD are over and above PMKSY-WDC and other complimenting schemes of RKVY.Is there any application fee?No. The entire application process is completely free of cost.What documents are required for application?Once the cluster is identified by the state government for scheme implementation, they may ask for KYC documents (Aadhar, Voter Id, etc.), bank account details, photographs, land documents/ownership proofs and any other document on case to case basis.**Sources And References****Guidelines**Ok Was this helpful?**News and Updates**No new news and updates availableShareSomething went wrong. Please try again later.Ok You need to sign in before applying for schemes [Cancel](#) [Sign In](#) Something went wrong. Please try again later.Ok It seems you have already initiated your application earlier.To know more please visit [Cancel](#) [Apply Now](#) [Check Eligibility](#) Ministry Of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Rainfed Area Development Dryland Agriculture Rainfed Sustainable Agriculture Watershed Details Benefits Eligibility Application Process Documents Required Frequently Asked Questions Rainfed Area Development (RAD) scheme was launched in 2014-15 to mainstream development of rainfed areas in a sustainable manner. It adopts an

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