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Sub : Involvement of IEG in CHAMAN (Phase-II) Project – regd.

Sir,

As you are aware, generating a timely and accurate estimates of horticultural crops is extremely important for various planning and management activities such as pricing, storage, import & export etc. Considering this, Department of Agriculture, Co-operation & Farmers' Welfare, under Mission for Integrated Development in Horticulture (MIDH), had launched a programme called CHAMAN (Coordinated Horticulture Assessment and Management using Geo-informatics) in September 2014. MNCFC had been given the responsibility of coordinating the Remote Sensing component of the programme, which was implemented in collaboration with ISRO Centres, IMD and State Horticulture Departments.

2. Under this project, apart from various horticulture developmental activities, using GIS and Remote Sensing, District, State & National level crops estimates were generated for 7 major horticulture crops, namely, Potato, Onion, Tomato, Chilli, Mango, Citrus and Banana. Based on the success of CHAMAN project, the Ministry has launched Phase-II of the CHAMAN project.

3. IEG has been a strong partner to the FASAL project. We request for your kind support for similar participation of IEG under the CHAMAN project for econometric model based estimates of horticultural crops identified under CHAMAN. A draft Work Plan, including the budget identified for IEG, is enclosed for your kind perusal and feedback.

4. Your support will be extremely useful for the success of this national level programme CHAMAN.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

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