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Sub : Involvement of ICAR Institutes 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. One of the major gap area found during the CHAMAN Phase-I was developing yield estimates for horticulture crops. In this context, the participation of ICAR Crop specific Institutes is extremely essential. A letter has been sent to the Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, in this regard, a copy of which is enclosed.

3. As you are aware, during the recent CHAMAN Phase-II launching workshop, the proposed work component for your Institute was discussed. Accordingly, a draft Work Plan is prepared for your comments and confirmation. You are also requested to identify the Nodal person from your Centre for this project and provide us the bank details for releasing the first instalment.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

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