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Subject: Ground-truth for Rabi Season Crop Assessment under FASAL Project

Sir,

As you are aware Mahalanobis National Crop Forecast Centre of Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmer's Welfare provides District/State/National level crop production forecasts with partnership of State Agriculture Departments & State Remote Sensing Centers under the FASAL project. We thank you and your department for providing valuable field information (Ground truth) for the satellite-based estimation of the crops.

We are now planning for Rabi season production forecast for the year 2019-20. All preparatory activities have been carried out for satellite data analysis. You are requested to arrange for the ground-truth data collection as per the following details:-

Crop	Number of Districts	List of Districts	Number of GT Sites*	Tentative GT period
Pulses	8	Anantapur, YSR Kadappah, Guntur, Krishna, Kurnool, SPS Nellore, Prakasam, Srikakulam	160	Jan 1 to 15, 2020
Rabi Rice	10	Anantapur, Chittoor, YSR Kadappah, East Godavari, Guntur, Krishna, Kurnool, SPS Nellore, Prakasam, West Godavari	200	Feb 15 to 29, 2020

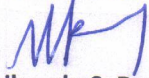
*The GT sites are also used for block level area estimation for PMFBY. Number of GT sites should be large (at least 20-30 per district), covering all major crops.

I sincerely request you for your kind support in this activity to provide us the ground-truth information. First installment for 2019-20 is being released shortly. It is mandatory to release the funds through PFMS only, please share PFMS account details including Unique ID etc. for the same at the earliest.

Your support will be extremely useful for the success of this National level programme, FASAL.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


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