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Fax No:- 0177-2830612

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:-

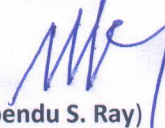
Crop	Number of Districts	List of Districts	Number of GT Sites	Tentative GT period
Wheat	7	Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Sirmaur, Solan, Una	70	Jan 15 to Jan 31, 2020

I sincerely request you for your kind support in this activity to provide us the ground-truth information. We have not received Utilization Certificate since 2016-17. You are requested to send the Utilization Certificate in GFR 2017 format, after which the funds can be released.

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

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Shibendu S. Ray)
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Sir,

Kindly refer to our above mentioned letter vide which Himachal Agriculture department had been requested to arrange for the ground-truth data collection, under FASAL project, as per the following details: -


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However, till now we have not received Ground truth from Himachal Pradesh. Since Agriculture Ministry wants early estimates, I sincerely request for your kind support for initiating collection of Ground Truth (GT), at the earliest.

The Agriculture Department of Himachal Pradesh may take support from Himachal Pradesh Remote Sensing Centre, Shimla for the collection of Ground truth.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


(Shibendu S. Ray)
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