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**Subject: Ground-truth and Crop Cutting Experiments (CCE) 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) and CCE data 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 and CCE data collection as per the following details: -

Crop	Number of Districts	List of Districts	Number of GT Sites*	Number of CCE Sites	Tentative GT period
Sorghum	10	Bagalkot, Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Kalaburgi, Koppal, Raichur, Vijayapura, Yadgir	220	40	Jan 1 to 15, 2020
Pulses	15	Bagalkot, Ballari, Belagavi, Bidar, Chamarajnagar, Chitradurga, Dharwad, Gadag, Kalaburgi, Koppal, Mandya, Mysore, Raichur, Vijayapura, Yadgir	320	--	Jan 15 to 31, 2020
Rabi Rice	6	Ballari, Davangere, Koppal, Raichur, Shimoga, Yadgir	120	24	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. We have not received Utilization Certificate since 2017-18. 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,

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