General Advisory to all States\UTs to adopt Cautious measures during registration and verification of farmers under PM KISAN Scheme.

It has been observed that a number of ineligible beneficiaries have been identified by certain States\UTs during various stages under the PM-KISAN scheme. Also, it has been observed that many beneficiaries, who are found ineligible in due course were also enrolled and they were getting the benefits. Considering the same, it is advised to all the States/UTs to properly verify the eligibility of the farmer before enrolling them for the benefits under PM-KISAN scheme.

Action being taken at Central Level:

The facility of farmers corner is opened to the farmers with facility of online registration, also the facility of online registration available with CSCs. In addition, States/ UTs can directly enroll the farmers after verifying the eligibility of the farmers.

For the enrollment under the scheme, land records are made mandatory, in addition to, Aadhaar number, Farmers name, Gender, Category, Mobile number etc., so that, identity of the farmers can be properly established and accordingly, eligibility can be verified by the States/ UTs officials.

As per the scheme guidelines, farmers who are income tax payee in the preceding Assessment year are barred from getting PM KISAN benefits," Therefore, connectivity with CBDT server through SFTP is established to cross-check with Income Tax payee information. Beneficiaries who are found ineligible, will be made available to the States\UTs to initiate recovery proceedings.

Further, there is strong credential policy implemented under the scheme. Apart from login and password combination, OTPs are also sent on the registered mobile numbers as well as registered e-mail ids so that misuse of login and password can be, practically, avoided. Further, now passwords are required to be changed once every 30 days so that cases of misuse of user login credentials can be eliminated. Further, the permission to correct Account number, Stop payment, correct the Aadhaar number and approval thereof, edit Aadhaar details etc. are provided to authentic logins only.

PM-KISAN portal has been following a two-stage validation process of all the farmers data being pushed on the PM-KISAN portal to ensure data hygiene and consistency:

Stage 1: Mandatory data field as well as data syntax is checked at the PM-KISAN portal at first level validation. Various checks are placed at this Stage including the demographic validation of Aadhaar with UIDAI server, bank account related checks before sending to the PFMS for account validation. In case of error, the data is opened to the States/ UTs for correction. After, the correction it is again sent for revalidation.

Stage 2: Once data is validated at the first level, the information is sent to PFMS for validation of account details provided at the time of registration and create a beneficiary id. There are two payment modes followed by PM-KISAN system, account-based payment and Aadhaar based payment. For account validation, PFMS sends the details to CBS systems of respective banks. Once validated successfully, the beneficiary id is created for the accepted farmer.

Similarly, in case of Aadhaar based payment, validation is done by NPCI and accordingly, beneficiary id is created after validation. In case of rejection, the data is opened to the States/ UTs for correction.

The States\UTs are advised to be very careful while correcting and uploading the data which is opened for correction and take exceptional care while uploading Name, Gender, Aadhaar Number, Bank account details like Bank account number and IFSC code. The States are advised to do a double check on these values with the applicant records.

In addition to the above, if agreed by the State/ UT government, the land record details available with them can be integrated with PM-KISAN portal. In addition, some States have family card, to identify the farmer families, if State/ UT require such provisions can be made mandatory for the enrollment of farmers under the scheme.

Action to be Taken at State Level:

While on the part of the States\UTs, Nodal officials are appointed for verification of the beneficiary records who are responsible for verifying the following details in order as per the Operational Guidelines:

Check on Exclusion Criteria:

Sl. No	Exclusion Criteria	Remarks
1	All Institutional Land holders	Check whether applicant producing land documents is part of the institution holding that land title. If Yes then reject application.
2	Former and present holders of constitutional posts	Verify from relevant records If Yes, then reject application.
3	Former and present Ministers / State Ministers and former / present Members of Lok Sabha / Rajya Sabha / State Legislative Assemblies / State Legislative Councils, former and present Mayors of Municipal Corporations, former and present Chairpersons of District Panchayats.	Verify from Central State\UT Govt Records If Yes, then reject application.
4	All serving or retired officers and employees of Central / State Government Ministries / Offices / Departments and their field units, Central or State PSEs and Attached offices / Autonomous Institutions under Government as well as regular employees of the Local Bodies (Excluding Multi-Tasking Staff / Class IV / Group	Verify from relevant records If Yes, then reject application.

	D employees)	
5	All superannuated / retired pensioners whose monthly pension is Rs.10,000/- or more (Excluding Multi-Tasking Staff / Class IV / Group D employees)	Verify from relevant records. If Yes, then reject application.
6	All Persons who paid Income Tax in last assessment year.	Verify from relevant records. If Yes, then reject application.
7	Professionals like Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants, and Architects registered with Professional bodies and carrying out profession by undertaking practices.	Verify from relevant records. If Yes, then reject application.
8	In case of new beneficiaries being uploaded on the PM-KISAN Portal, all land holding farmers' families who are Non-resident Indians (NRIs) in terms of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 shall be excluded from any benefit under the Scheme.	Verify from relevant records. If Yes, then reject application.

Due care should be exercised to check the below details:

A	Applicant Identity: Aadhaar	If actual identity of the beneficiary is different than Aadhaar records, then reject application. In case of beneficiaries in States of Assam, Meghalaya, J&K and Ladakh where Aadhaar number has not been issued to most of the citizens, Aadhaar number shall be collected for those beneficiaries where it is available while for others alternate prescribed documents such as Driving License, Voters' ID Card, NREGA Job Card, or any other identification documents issued by Central / State / UT Governments or their authorities, etc. can be collected for identity verification purposes. These four States/UTs have been exempted from the requirement of Aadhaar number till 31.3.2021. In the meantime, these States will complete Aadhaar enrolment. States / UTs shall ensure that there is no duplication of the payment transferred to eligible families.
B	Land Records	Verify from relevant records. If actual identity of the beneficiary is different from Land records, then check for exclusions as per the revised PM KISAN Operational Guidelines dated 29.03.2020. Clause 5

		The existing land-ownership system in the concerned State / UT will be used for identification of beneficiaries. Accordingly, it is of utmost importance that the land records are clear and updated. Further, State / UT Governments would also expedite the progress of digitization of the land records and linking the same with Aadhaar as well as bank details of the beneficiaries. Special exclusions for North Eastern States and Jharkhand which are defined in the operational Guideline must be adhered to.
D	Bank Account details	Due care must be exercised while providing the Bank Account details, like Account number and IFSC code. The passbook or another relevant document may be checked in this regard.
C	Login Access to the Portal	The State government officials should ensure upmost vigilance in the use of the PM KISAN access user ID and password at all levels of the block, sub district, district and state. The users designated should ensure that the credentials are not used by any unauthorized persons and only be used in authorized and secure computers systems, so that cases of misuse and theft of login credentials are eliminated. Phone numbers submitted to receive the OTPs should belong to the designated official and not any other unauthorized personnel. In case of transfer/leave of the respective Nodal Officer, it must be ensured that the credentials are handed over successfully and password is changed to avoid misuse.

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