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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
Department of Agriculture and Cooperation  
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To

1. vice chancellors (All the Identified designated testing institutions)  
2. Deans (All the Identified designated testing institutions)  
3. Head of Departments (All the Identified designated testing institutions)  
4. All Principal Secretary (Agri)/Secretary(Agriculture)/Director of  
   Agriculture/Director of Agricultural Engineering  
5. Directors (all FMTTI's)

Subject: Ensuring supply of quality agricultural machinery and equipment under Government Programmes.

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to say that this Department has granted recognition to  
29 SAUs/institutions for testing and certifying agricultural machinery and equipment.  
Guidelines issued by the Department vide letter dated 14th September 2010, under  
Annexure-I (Schedule – A) and (Schedule-B) specifies the equipments and machines to be  
tested by the FMTTIs and the identified designated testing institutions respectively.  

The Department is implementing 'Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization  
(SMAM)' w.e.f. 2014-15. Operational guidelines of the SMAM have been hosted on the  
website at http://farmech.gov.in/SMAM/Guidelines%20of%20SMAM.pdf. Printed copies of  
the guidelines have already been circulated.

As per the guidelines of SMAM, testing of agricultural machines and equipments is  
covered under the component 1 i.e. 'Promotion & Strengthening of Agricultural  
Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstration'. The process of testing and  
evaluation of agricultural machines/equipments has been described under Para 11.1.3 of  
the SMAM guidelines. Instructions on machines to be tested by the FMTTIs and the  
identified testing institutions have also been clearly stated under Para 11.1.3 (d) and  
Annexure II(c) of the SMAM guidelines.

As the Department has already started the implementation of SMAM guidelines, it  
supersedes all earlier guidelines issued in this regard from the date of issue of this letter.

All the identified designated testing institutions are therefore requested to strictly  
observe these guidelines of SMAM for testing and certifying agricultural machinery and  
equipment.

Yours faithfully,

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