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To,

The Director

Department Of Horticulture

Panth Krishi Bhawan

Jaipur ( Raj)

**Subject: - Guideline etc for Micro Irrigation System for year 2014-15.**

Sir

With respect to above subject we would like to bring your kind attention to the following:-

The financial year 2014- 15 have already passed three months and we have still not received any information with regard to:-

1. **Registration:** - The registration/ renewal process for 2014-15 which were supposed to be completed by May’14 is still awaited. Result to this we have faced several problems to supply Micro Irrigation System to needy farmers.
2. **Target & Budget**: - We are still waiting for district wise target and budget allocation but here also department has not declared any information with respect to above. Due to this entire Micro Irrigation Project is suffering, from farmer to manufacturer is suffered due to delay in budget and target allocation. Manufacturer doesn’t have any idea when he will get payments for the material supplied and to which district the material to be supplied under subsidy scheme resulting to this needy farmer is still waiting for Irrigation System.
3. **Guideline**: Since Guideline of MIS scheme decides the model and working pattern, Subsidy pattern etc. But still we are waiting for guideline to be published for year 2014-15. Schemes and policies for every financial year regarding subsidy is to be published in the stating of the financial year. April to July was the peak season for Micro Irrigation System installation and usage for farmers. We would like to bring in your notice that this was cotton sowing season and maximum farmers are using micro irrigation in cotton in summers, that has already passed and companies have supplied material to farmers in anticipation of that govt. will take favorable decision in the favor of the farmers. The peak Micro Irrigation System period for kharif is almost at end both farmers and manufacturers are still dreaming fruitful result at your end, which may help in cultivation and irrigation of crops if the decision is taken very fast. It may help and facilitate the farmers to escape from scattered rains and utmost draught conditions prevailing in the state.
4. **Unit Cost**: Since cost of raw material has increased in last two years there is a hike of more than 30% in raw material cost and other factors e.g transportation, electricity, labor cost has also increased proportionately. Other states have considered these factors and have several times increased per unit cost in last two years but we are still expecting remarkable increase in unit cost considering all the factors that are influencing cost of the system. Increase in unit cost will help us to supply quality product to the farmers and provide appropriate service to the farmers time to time as per his requirement.

We are hopeful that looking in to the above and in the interest of the State and farmer’s & manufacturer you will take an immediate step to come out of the above circumstance, and inform us at the earliest the development.

Thanking you

**For Plastic Manufacturers’ Association Rajasthan,**

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