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Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao said that the first phase of Cheque distribution program under Rythu Bandhu Scheme towards investment support for agriculture of Rs. 8,000 per acre will be launched and commenced from May 10, 2018. The CM said that along with cheques the week-long Pattaadar Pass Books distribution to farmers program will also commence from the same day. As part of this, the passbooks and cheques will be provided to all the farmers in all the villages said CM. The Chief Minister recalled the Rythu Bandhu scheme of distributing Rs. 4,000 for the monsoon crop and another Rs. 4,000 for the summer crop in this context. He said that the first batch of cheques of Rs. 4,000 per acre towards investment support scheme for agriculture for the monsoon crop will be distributed now. CM also said that to ensure availability of enough cash reserves in the banks for the farmers to withdraw adequate cash will be deposited in the banks concerned. For thoroughly discussing and drafting a detailed action plan for distributing 58 lakhs passbooks and an equal number of cheques, CM convened a meeting with all the district collectors on 21st April 2018 at Pragathi Bhavan.

Chief Minister held a high-level review meeting on Tuesday in Pragathi Bhavan on the distribution of pattaadar passbooks and distribution of cheques as part of investment support scheme for agriculture. Ministers Sri T. Harish Rao, Sri Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Sri G. Jagadish Reddy, MLAs Sri Marri Janardhan Reddy, Sri B. Ganesh Gupta, CMO Officers Sri Narsing Rao, Ms. Smita Sabharwal, Officers Sri Rajeshwar Tiwari, Sri Parthasarathy, Sri Jaganmohan Rao, Ms. Vakati Karuna, Sri Venkateshwar Rao and others. Action Plan for distribution of Passbooks and cheques has been finalized in this meeting. The details are:

- Passbooks and Cheques to be distributed: 58 Lakh
- Passbooks, Cheques to be distributed per day: 8,25,571
- Number of teams to be formed for the distribution: 2,762
- Each team to distribute Passbooks, cheques per day: 300
- Number of villages in which the programme will be held: 10,323
- No Villages in which the programme will be held per day: 1,546
- The 2,762 teams formed for this purpose will distribute cheques and passbooks in 1,546 villages per day

- CM will formally launch this program on May 10, 2018 and Ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs will launch the program in their respective constituencies
- A High-Level team consisting of Deputy CM Mohmood Ali who is in-charge of Revenue Portfolio, Agriculture Minister Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, Revenue Special CS Rajeshwar Tiwari, Agriculture Principal Secretary Parthasarathy, Agriculture Commissioner Jaganmohan and Land Administration Director Vakati Karuna will supervise and monitor the program every day by undertaking tour of 4-5 districts
- The District Collectors concerned will supervise the programme in their respective districts, form the officials' teams and ensure that the passbooks and cheques are reached the villages
- A special meeting will be held here at the Pragathi Bhavan on April 21 with the Collectors to create awareness among them about the programme. In the meeting Revenue, Agriculture officers will brief the Collectors about the program organization. Joint Collectors and District Agriculture officers have also been invited to the meeting
- Collectors will decide as to on which day and in which particular village the distribution program will have to be organized. The details will be widely publicized the Collectors in their districts through mass media, advertisements, Tom-Tom in villages, Flexies and through other sources
- The Collectors also will take a decision on how many teams can be deputed based on the number of passbooks and cheques to be distributed in a village. One team will be formed for 300 passbooks and they will be distributed in a day
- Signature of the farmer is taken after giving the passbook and Cheque. In case a farmer is not available to receive the passbook or cheques, they will be kept at the Mandal office for three months to be given to the farmer

The CM told the officials concerned that the scheme of Rs. 8,000 per acre which is meant for investment support to the farmer should be implemented with a lot of commitment and dedication and shall not give any scope for mistakes. CM said that the revenue staff with a lot of hard work spanning over 100 days and after touring each and every village have done the cleansing of land records and based on that the passbooks are developed. It is only when these passbooks are given to the farmer the real work is completed said CM. Dharani website with all details will also be made available shortly said CM.

“Farmers every year face lot of difficulties and hardships to mobilize investment for agriculture. If for any reason they fail to get proper crop then they lose all the investment. This pushes them to financial troubles. To overcome all these problems the Government has decided to give them investment support. Well before the monsoon crop season, the financial support shall reach the farmer. Then only the farmer will not

be in debt trap. Keeping all this in view the official machinery shall leave no stone unturned to make the whole program a great success” said CM.

Eye Camps Shortly:

Immediately after the distribution of cheques and passbooks, the Government will take up the activity of organizing statewide eye camps. The necessary action plan for this is being worked out by the health department said CM. He said that this program also shall be, made a great success.

CPRO to CM