

Under this scheme, new initiatives have been taken up during 2016-17 i.e., creation of seed hubs, breeder seed production, minikit distribution, cluster frontline demonstrations etc.

Use of wasteland

PMKSY is principally for development of rainfed portions of net cultivated & culturable wastelands.

Seed Village programme

To upgrade the quality of farmer's saved seeds financial assistance for distribution of foundation/certified seeds at 50% cost of the seeds for agricultural crops for half an acre per farmer was available up to the year 2013-14. From the year 2014-15, the financial assistance for distribution of foundation/certified seeds at 50% cost of the seeds for cereal crops and 60% for pulses, oilseeds, fodder and green manure crops for production of quality seeds is now available for one acre per farmer.

Certified Seed Production of Pulses, oilseeds, Fodder & Green Manure crops through Seed Village.

In order to enhance certified seed production of Pulses, oilseeds, Fodder & Green manure crops in the country, this component has been initiated from 2014-15. Under this component the financial assistance for distribution of foundation seeds at 75% cost of the seeds for pulses, oilseeds, fodder and green manure crops for production of Certified Seeds is available for the farmers.

The above schemes are demand driven and implemented by the States/implementing agencies for benefiting the farmers.

Model Contract Farming Act

In pursuance of announcement in the Union budget 2017-18, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has constituted a Committee on 28.02.2017 to formulate a Model Contract Farming Act for adoption by the States. This Model Act on Contract Farming would address the constraints in promoting contract farming in a holistic manner by the States.

The agriculture and allied sector road map endeavours growth of agriculture for meeting food and nutrition security of the country.