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> 528, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi Dated the 7th July, 2020

To,

The Secretary (Agriculture) Govt. of...... (All States & UTs)

Subject: Setting up Soil testing Lab and awareness generation in villages through NRLM-reg.

Sir,

It may be recalled that a list of Krishi Sakhis provided by the Department of Rural Development, Government of India has been circulated to all State Governments / UT Administrations. The Department of RD has informed that the Krishi Sakhis trained and deployed by NRLM are familiar with soil testing and also capacitated to train farmers and suggested that they may be used for awareness generation in their villages against a reasonable honorarium proposed as Rs.1000 per month.

You are aware that under Soil Health Card (SHC) and Soil Health Management (SHM) schemes there is a provision of 2% of funds for Management of the scheme. Therefore, it has been decided to meet the expenditure on the honorarium of Rs 1000/- per month for Krishi Sakhis from this provision of 2% of funds for Management of the scheme.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Y.R Meena)

(Dr. Y.R Meena) Additional Commissioner (INM)

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