

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

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RKVY scheme was initiated in 2007 as an umbrella scheme for ensuring holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors. The scheme has come a long way since its inception and has been implemented across two plan periods (11th and 12th).

The scheme incentivizes States to increase public investment in Agriculture & allied sectors. **The Cabinet has approved (as on 1st November 2017) for the continuation** of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme (State Plans) – Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) for three years i.e. 2017-18 to 2019-20

Aim

RKVY-RAFTAAR aims at making farming a remunerative economic activity through strengthening the farmers' effort, risk mitigation and promoting agri-business entrepreneurship.

Objectives of RKVY-RAFTAAR

The main objectives of the scheme are;

- To strengthen the farmers' efforts through the **creation of required pre and postharvest agri-infrastructure** that increases access to **quality inputs, storage, market facilities**, etc. and enables farmers to make informed choices.
- To provide **autonomy, flexibility to States** to plan and execute schemes as per local/ farmers' needs.
- To **promote value chain addition linked production models**

that will help farmers increase their income as well as encourage production/productivity

- To **mitigate the risk of farmers with a focus on additional income generation activities – like integrated farming, mushroom cultivation**, beekeeping, aromatic plant cultivation, floriculture, etc.
- To attend national priorities through several sub-schemes.
- To **empower youth through skill development**, innovation, and Agri entrepreneurship based agribusiness models that attract them to agriculture.

Eligibility Criteria and Inter-State Allocation of Funds:

RKVY-RAFTAAR will continue to be implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the ratio of 60: 40 (Government of India and State Share respectively) except in the case of northeastern and hilly states where the sharing pattern is 90:10. For UTs the grant is 100% as Central share

Eligibility Criteria:

Since RKVYRAFTAAR has now been recast as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme whereby States are contributing their share, all States / UTs will be eligible for funding under RKVY RAFTAAR

Inter-State Allocation of the funds under RKVY-RAFTAAR

Inter-State allocation of RKVY-RAFTAAR funds will be based on the following parameters and weights:

SL. NO.	Criteria/Parameters	Weightage
1	The percentage share of net un-irrigated area in a State to the net unirrigated area of all States.	15%

2	Percentage of small and marginal farmers in the state compared to the total number of small and marginal farmers in the country	20%
3	Moving averages of the increase in plan expenditure in agriculture & allied sectors including animal husbandry, fisheries, etc. in the previous 3 year period.	30%
4	Average Gross State Value Added (GSVA) in agriculture and allied sectors in the last 3 years.	20%
5	Percentage of the youth population in the state compared to total youth in the country	5%
6	The inverse of the Yield gap between state average yield and potential yields as indicated in the frontline demonstration data.	10%

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare could modify the above criteria/weights depending upon new parameters becoming relevant in the future.

List of projects that can be funded under the RKVY-RAFTAAR

- Horticulture
- Natural Resources Management
- Pest Management & Pesticide quality control
- Soil Nutrient Management
 - Fertilizers
 - Bio Fertilizers/Organic Farming
 - Integrated Manure Management
- Animal Husbandry
 - Dairy
 - Fisheries
- Marketing and Post-Harvest
- Seeds

- Agriculture Mechanization
- Agricultural Extension
- Credit & Cooperation
- Agriculture Research
- Minor / Micro Irrigation
- Fodder & Feed