Kumari Mamata Banerjee Ji,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Government of India has announced a 100% centrally sponsored scheme titled “Prime Minister’s Kisan Samman Nitish Yojana”-PM-KISAN. Under the scheme, all small and marginal farmer families having cultivable land up to two hectares will be provided income support of Rs.6000/-per year directly into their bank accounts, in three equal instalments of Rs. 2000/- each for four months period to take care of expenses related to agriculture and other needs.

2. The scheme will be implemented with effect from 1.12.2018. Therefore, the first installment for the period 1.12.2018 to 31.03.2019 has to be released in 2018-19 to the eligible farmer families after the States/UTs provide the details of eligible beneficiaries. For this purpose adequate funds have been provided in the Supplementary Budget of 2018-19 and the operational guidelines have also been communicated to the Chief Secretaries of your State.

3. Under the scheme, selection of eligible small farmer families has to be undertaken by the State Governments and the necessary details such as bank accounts etc., are to be provided on the online portal so that the first installment of the benefits can be transferred to the eligible families.

4. You will agree that a committed involvement of the administrative machinery from the State level to the village level is absolutely essential for timely implementation of this scheme. In this background, I would request you to provide your able leadership for speedy implementation of this scheme so that the eligible small and marginal families are transferred the entitled benefits expeditiously so that they can move towards prosperity with renewed enthusiasm.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear

As you are aware, the Government has implemented the new Central Sector Scheme, namely, the “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)” with a view to provide income support to landholding farmers’ families across the country. This measure enables them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. Under the Scheme, an amount of Rs.6000/- is transferred annually in three 4-monthly installments of Rs.2000/- each directly into the bank accounts of the eligible farmers.

2. All the States/UTs, except for West Bengal, have boarded with the Scheme to provide benefits to the farmers. So far, an amount of more than Rs.50,873 crore has been released to about 8.46 crore farmers across the country. As per the Agriculture Census, 2015-16, in West Bengal, about 70 lakh farmers are eligible to receive the benefit under the Scheme and they are deprived of getting a benefit of about Rs.4200 crore annually. Hon’ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers has already requested to Hon’ble Chief Minister, West Bengal twice to join the scheme.

3. Recently, Government has launched a Kisan Credit Card (KCC) saturation campaign in which all PM-KISAN beneficiary farmers will be able to get KCCs through a very simplified process. It has been targeted to give KCCs to PM-KISAN beneficiaries and in 15 days starting 12.02.2020, already over 40 lakh PM-KISAN beneficiaries have submitted their simplified one page form. Of these over 25 lakh farmers shall be given KCC by 29 Feb, 2020.

4. In view of the above, I would request you to kindly consider implementing the PM-KISAN Scheme in your State so that the farmers of the State are able to avail the benefit of the PM-KISAN Scheme as well as the additional facility of KCC in simplified manner through the PM-KISAN data base. I shall be happy to provide any information/clarification needed by the State Government to proceed further in the matter.

With regards,

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Yours sincerely,

(Sanjay Agarwal)
Kumari Mamata Banerjee Ji

As you are aware, the Government is implementing the “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)” with a view to augment the income of all landholding farmer families irrespective of their size of landholding.

Under the Scheme, a direct payment of Rs. 6000 per year is being transferred in three equal installments of Rs. 2000 each every four months into the bank accounts of eligible landholding farmer families.

As of now, out of targeted 14 Crore potential beneficiaries (as per Agri-census data, 2015-16), with the concerted efforts of all States/UTs, the data of 8.21 Crore beneficiaries has been uploaded on the PM-KISAN portal.

I wish to mention here that according to the Agri census 2015-16, West Bengal has approximately 70 Lakh estimated potential beneficiaries and the State has yet to implement the PM-KISAN Scheme.

I would request you to kindly issue necessary directions to the concerned officials to expeditiously upload the beneficiary data on the PM-KISAN portal so that the benefits of the Scheme may be transferred to the eligible beneficiaries at the earliest. This would go a long way in safeguarding the interest of the farming community of the country.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Km. Mamata Banerjee,  

As you are aware, the Government has implemented a new Central Sector Scheme, namely, the “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)” across the country with a view to provide income support to farmers’ families. The measure would enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. The Scheme was launched on 24th February, 2019.

The Scheme has already been implemented for all States/UTs. As of now, all the States/UTs, except for West Bengal, have onboarded with the Scheme to provide benefits to the farmers. So far, more than Rs. 27032 crore have been released to about 6.75 crore farmers across the country, a total of Rs. 72000 crore are to be released in current Financial Year.

Recently, the Ministry has created an exclusive ‘Farmers Corner’ in the PM-Kisan portal www.pmkisan.gov.in to enable farmers to register themselves for the Scheme on their own. Farmers of West Bengal have also started registering through this facility. However, the benefit cannot be extended to them unless the State Government onboards with the Scheme by registering in the PM-Kisan portal and appointing a State Nodal Officer for the purpose. My previous letter dated 27th August, 2019 (copy enclose) in this regard may also be perused.

In West Bengal, there are nearly 70 lakh farmers eligible under the Scheme, who would get benefit of about Rs. 4200 crore annually. Therefore, I would request you to kindly implement the Scheme for the benefit of the farmers in your State, as West Bengal is the only State, which remains to be part of the PM-Kisan Scheme.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

(Narendra Singh Tomar)

Encl: As above

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