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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(Mechanization & Technology Division)

547 Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 30th October, 2026.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Testing Guideline for Variant, Administrative Extension and Technical Extension in respect of agricultural implements and machines–reg.

At present, specific criteria and guidelines for Variant Testing, Administrative Extension and Technical Extension of various agricultural implements and machinery are not available. Consequently, whenever a manufacturer intends to introduce changes in the specifications or undertake minor modifications in an already tested base model, the entire machine is required to undergo testing afresh. This results in avoidable delays, increased testing time and additional financial burden on manufacturers towards payment of the full testing fee, even in cases involving only minor modifications or changes.

2. With a view to streamlining the testing process, reducing the time and cost involved in testing, promoting "Ease of Doing Business" and facilitating the timely introduction of technological advancements in agricultural machinery, guidelines for Variant Testing, Administrative Extension and Technical Extension have been formulated for the following seven agricultural implements and machines:

i. Rotavator
ii. Cultivator
iii. Disc Harrow
iv. Plough

v. Seed-cum-Fertilizer Drill
vi. Thresher
vii. Chaff Cutter

3. Guidelines for other agricultural implements and machinery will be developed and issued in a phased manner.

4. Accordingly, all Directors of the Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes (FMTTIs) and In-charges of the Farm Machinery Training Centres (FMTCs) are requested to implement the above guidelines with immediate effect and ensure that the prescribed concessional testing fee structure is extended to all eligible cases, strictly in accordance with the respective guidelines.

5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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