

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

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To

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**Sub: Approved Operational Guidelines of BALARAM (Bhoomihina
Agriculturist Loan & Resources Augmentation Model)**

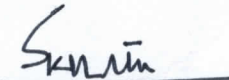
Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that the new scheme **BALARAM (Bhoomihina Agriculturist Loan & Resources Augmentation Model)** has been notified by this Department bearing No. AG-AB-20/2020-11207/A&FE., dated - 16.07.2020. The scheme is for financing Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) / sharecroppers through financial institutions. The target of the scheme is to form 1 Lakh Joint Liability Groups covering at least 5 lakh farmers mainly from among those who are sharecroppers using the ATMA (Agricultural Technology Management Agency) platform of this Department.

Now, the Operational Guidelines (OG) for **BALARAM** have been formulated. The scheme shall be reviewed if required, modified from time to time for ease of operations with the approval of the appropriate authority. The approved copy of the OG is enclosed herewith for your reference.

It is requested for necessary cooperation for wide publicity and successful implementation of the new scheme **BALARAM** using the Operational Guidelines for the welfare of the farmers.

Yours Faithfully



Special Secretary to Government

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