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Hyderabad
3rd January, 2025

To
Sri A. Revanth Reddy Garu
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Telangana State

Respected Sir,

Sub : Rythu Barosa – Certain suggestions from Forum for Good Governance for implementation of Rythu Barosa Scheme – Reg.

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Forum for Good Governance has few suggestions for implementation of Rythu Barosa scheme:

1. Government of India is giving Rs. 10,000/- to farmers having land up to 5 acres for agriculture.
2. Government of India reduced the cost of fertilizers by increasing the subsidy on fertilizers to help farming community.
3. Government of India has started Fasal Bheema Yojana (Crop insurance) to protect the farmers from vagaries of nature.
4. Government of Telangana is giving free electricity to agricultural pump sets.
5. Rythu Bheema scheme is being implemented.
6. Loans up to Rs. 2,00,000/- (two lakhs) are being waived off.
7. Government of Telangana is giving bonus to certain varieties of Paddy to help the farmers.
8. Earlier Government gave Rs. 10,000/- per acre irrespective of land holding and to all lands whether they are under cultivation or not. This step has put heavy burden on state economy and has set up a wrong precedent. For implementation of Rythu Bandhu Government issued G.O., inter-alia, the G.O. says that the amount is provided

to farmers to purchase seed, fertilizers, pesticides etc. It implies that lands which are under cultivation only eligible for Rythu Bandhu. But, in practice most of the fallow-lands were given Rythu Bandhu based on pattadar pass books. Farmers to be assisted and protected, but at the same time landlords, income Tax payers should be kept out of this scheme. Tenant farmers also to be compensated.

Keeping all these factors in view we request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to limit the Rythu Barosa to farmers having up to 5 acres. Further lands under cultivation only to be covered by Rythu Barosa.

In a democracy political parties promise many welfare schemes, but in many cases they are non-implementable and involves heavy cost and burden on State economy. Trying to implement such schemes under political pressures, some States are becoming bank-rupt and stopping implementation of such promised schemes. Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka are few examples. Taking loans to pay the loans has become the order of the day.

Farming community in the State are less than 50% of population, if major chunk of the budget goes to farming sector, what about other people? R.B.I. in its reports stated that large chunk of budget is going to welfare programmes leaving very little for developmental works.

Finally, we request the Hon'ble Chief Minister to limit the Rythu Barosa up to 5 acres land only and that to be land under cultivation.

Yours Sincerely

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FGG urges CM to restrict Rythu Bharosa to 5 acres

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THE Forum for Good Governance (FGG) has urged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to limit the Rythu Bharosa scheme to five acres of land only, and the land has to be under cultivation.

The FGG has given few suggestions to the CM on the implementation of the scheme. The FGG President, M Padmanabha Reddy, said that the government of India was giving Rs 10,000 to farmers having land up to five acres for agriculture. The Centre reduced the cost of fertilisers by increasing the subsidy on fertilisers to help the farming community and started Fasal Bima Yojana (crop insur-

ance) to protect the farmers from the vagaries of nature. The FGG secretary said that the Telangana government was giving free electricity to agricultural pump sets. The Rythu Bheema scheme is being implemented; loans up to Rs two lakh are being waived off, giving bonuses to certain varieties of paddy to help the farmers.

Padmanabha Reddy said that the earlier government gave Rs 10,000 per acre irrespective of land holding and to all lands whether they were under cultivation or not. This step has put a heavy burden on the State economy and has set up a wrong precedent. Most of the fallow lands were given Rythu Bandhu based on pattadar passbooks.

FGG favours cap on Rythu Bharosa

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Hyderabad: Forum for Good Governance (FGG) has written to chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao urging reforms in the Rythu Bharosa scheme.

In the letter on Friday, FGG president M Padmanabha Reddy proposed limiting the scheme to farmers with up to five acres of land and ensuring only actively cultivated lands are eligible for benefits. FGG emphasised that the indiscriminate extension of benefits to all landowners, including landlords and income tax payers, was financially burdensome for the state.

The letter criticised the previous administration's approach of providing Rs 10,000 per acre to all landholders, regardless of land use.

WHAT FORUM RECOMMENDS

- Limit benefits to ryots with up to 5 acres
- Include only actively cultivated lands
- Avoid benefits to landlords & I-T payers
- Include tenant farmers in scheme



FGG also called for tenant farmers to be included in the scheme, highlighting the challenges they face.

FGG warned that unchecked welfare spending could lead to economic instability and urged the govt to target resources effectively to ensure assistance reaches those most in need.

Fulfil vow, extend Bharosa to tenant farmers: Morcha

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Hyderabad: Farmer and agricultural worker organisations under Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) held a press conference here on Friday, urging the Telangana govt to fulfill its promises to tenant farmers and agricultural workers ahead of the state cabinet meeting on Jan 4.

The leaders criticised the govt for failing to recognise 22 lakh tenant farmers, despite a large protest and public hearing in Dec 2024.

They questioned the govt's lack of action on its promise to extend the Rythu Bharosa scheme to tenant

farmers. Holding copies of Congress's 'six guarantees' card and CM Revanth Reddy's Sept 2023 letter, they accused the govt of neglecting tenant farmers.

SKM leaders raised concerns about the govt's failure to implement the Telangana Land Licensed Cultivators Act, which mandates issuing loan and benefit eligibility cards.

They also opposed the proposed affidavit process for verifying cultivated land, which they believe would marginalise tenant farmers. They also demanded the promised Rs 12,000 payment to agricultural workers be extended without conditions.

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