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Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and Food Processing Industries, addressed the Annual General Meeting of TMA as the Chief Guest on 21 December 2020.

Highlights of address by Hon'ble Minister:

- Target of the Government is to double mechanization per hectare for agricultural development in 10 years
- Useful resources available to small acreage farmers
- Government emphasis on providing expensive and advanced farm equipment to farmers fields

Address by Mr T R Kesavan, President, Tractor and Mechanization Association

The AtmaNirbhar Krishi initiative has brought about a paradigm shift in the relationship between the farming community, industry stakeholders and the Government which has become a facilitator rather than a regulator. This was most apparent and visible during the worst time of the pandemic. A sensitive and efficient government machinery, navigated the course responsibly, stepping up all engagements related to Indian agriculture, taking care of logistics, procurement and taking extra care to run the "home and hearth" of poor farmers.

The world is witnessing changes along multiple dimensions - new technologies, new business models, new competitors and new challenges. Technology and innovation are key factors if the farm mechanization industry must continue as the engine of growth for the Agriculture sector in India.

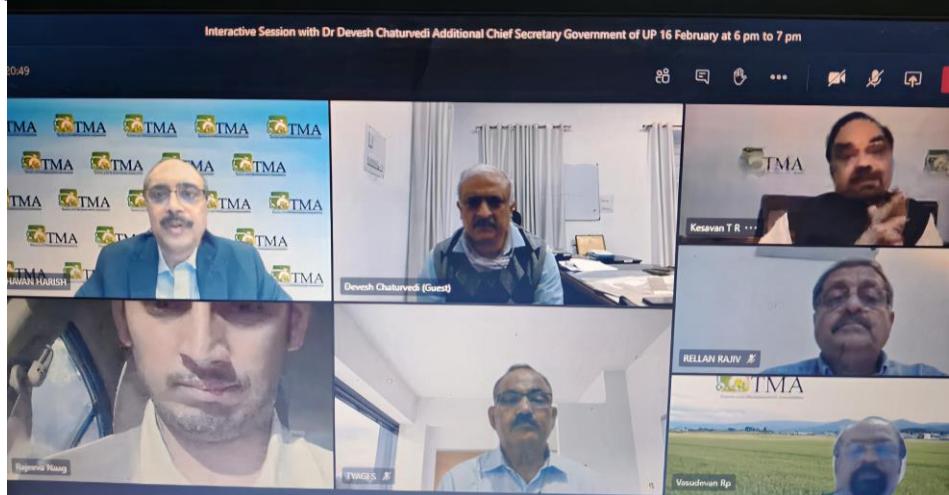
MEETINGS

I N F O C U S



Policy roundtable interaction
TMA members with
Thiru Gagandeep Singh Bedi
Principal Secretary
Agriculture Production Commissioner
Department of Agriculture
Government of Tamil Nadu

Policy roundtable interaction
TMA Members with
Dr Devesh Chaturvedi
Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Agriculture
Government of Uttar Pradesh



VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Extension of GST dates

Yogendra Garg
Principal Commissioner
GST Policy Wing

Welcoming

Shomita Biswas
Joint Secretary, M & T Division
Ministry of Agriculture

Interaction

Senior Gem Officials
• Commercial Aspects
• Technical Aspects

highlights

Policy Advocacy and Recommendations

Representations with GST Authorities for relaxation

- Documents to facilitate movement of Goods during Lockdown.
- Cut-off dates for utilization and input credits.
- Date extension for completion of GST Audits.

Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP)

- RoDTEP will replace current Export Benefits provided by Government.
- Calibrated rates and representation submitted to the RoDTEP Committee.

The Future Emission norms for Agricultural Tractors (the final Gazette notification), GRS 598(E) dated 30th Sep 2020 released

- Norms for tractors and agricultural equipment were bifurcated into separate categories (from CEV and Auto) in line with MoA's recommendation.
- Postponement of the emission norms applicable for agricultural tractors.
- Bharat (TREM) IV norms for tractors above 50 hp extended to 1 October 2021 Bharat (TREM) V will be effective from 1 April 2024 for all HP tractors. Provision given for 6 months for registration of tractors produced before 30 September 2021.

Conversion of AIS (Agricultural Innovation System) to BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards)

The AISC (Automotive Indian Standard Committee) and ARAI is working along with TMA and other stakeholders for Formulation of testing standards for electric tractors.

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Policy Advocacy and Recommendations

Fuel Efficiency and STAR Rating

Petroleum Conservation Research Association to develop fuel efficiency norms along with TMA and BEE (Bureau of Energy Efficiency).

New Standards Introduction for MPS Testing - IS 12207-2019

Ministry of Agriculture had extended the date of validity for 2014 version up to 31 December 2020 which is now further postponed till 1st April 2021.

Tractor Testing Application Submission - Online Portal

Ministry of Agriculture has launched the online portal for testing agricultural machinery. This is clubbed with the existing Marketing DBT Portal. TMA has requested for separate login for technical specification. The Ministry of Agriculture and National Informatics centre are working on enhancing and improving the features on the portal.

Deliberations on healthy business practices

Engagement with CRISIL team to explore ways to refine projection of future demand and get insights on crop situation in terms of production, productivity and profitability on periodic basis across states to gauge the possibility of disposable income in hands of farmers.

New initiatives

New Vision and Mission Statement, a dynamic tagline and a new, appealing, interactive and inclusive website to be launched shortly.

TMA RECOMMENDATIONS



Increasing the production and export while having less dependency on imports. Government support required for enhancing exports



Testing should be limited to only safety and emission which is in line with International and Indian Auto practices. Boosts early introduction of technology in Indian agricultural tractors, equipment and implements



Increase the testing infrastructure across India. The Test centers available in India under DHI (Department of Heavy Industries) within the NATRIP structure should also be permitted to test tractors and equipment



Benefit of subsidy should reach farmers directly through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Farmers should be given the choice on what to buy under subsidy



Need to introduce "Lend2Rent" as defined under already existing SMAM (Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization) guidelines. These will help the Small and Medium Farmers who are unable to pay rental to acquire services. The State of Madhya Pradesh executed this successfully under the Haldar Scheme