

**APPENDIX-I TO ATMA CAFETERIA – 2010**

# Average tentative figure

<b>OPERATIONALIZING FARM SCHOOL AT BLOCK / GRAM PANCHAYAT LEVEL - COST NORMS/ CEILINGS</b>		
	<b>At Farm School (Block /GP Level)</b>	<b>Rupees</b>
1	Frontline demonstration at Farm School on a maximum area of 2.5 acre at same rates as approved under the Guidelines of National Food Security Mission for the crops mentioned therein. For other crops rates, rates may be decided by ATMA MC subject to a maximum of Rs. 4000 acres covering items mentioned in NFSM Guidelines.	7,500#
2	Grant towards logistics support to Farm School	1,000*
3	Contingency	2,000
4	IPM Kit to 25 Farm School trainees @ Rs. 200/- per kit.	5,000
5	Details of interactions / training at Farm School	
(a)	<i>Honorarium for maximum two external trainer for maximum 6 visit @ maximum of Rs.250 per visit per trainer</i>	3,000
(b)	<i>Travel expenses for maximum two external trainer for maximum 6 visits @ maximum of Rs. 150 per trainer per visit</i>	1,800
(c)	<i>Food expenses for 28 participants @ Rs.30 per participant per day for 6 events.</i>	5,040
(d)	<i>Printed literature @ Rs.50 per participant for 28 participants and trainers</i>	1,400
<b>Total:</b>		<b>26,740</b>
6	Maximum service charge to achiever farmer/Implementing agency running the Farm School, as per decision of GB, ATMA	2,674
7	Either Training or Exposure Visit of Achiever Farmer for about a week	**
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>29,414</b>

\* Lump-sum amount of up to Rs. 4000 (once for a set of Farm Schools) will be provided to the BTM so that capital assets are reused on a rotational basis as far as possible.

\*\* Expenditure may be met from B2/B4 of cafeteria of activities

## **Appendix -II to ATMA Cafeteria, 2010 continued**

### **CONCEPT OF FARM SCHOOL**

Key features of the Farm Schools to be promoted under the ATMA programme are given below:

- i. Farm Schools would be operationalized at Block/Gram Panchayat level.
- ii. These would be set up in the field of outstanding or achiever farmers. The list of such farmers having potential for organising farm schools in the Block for different sectors will be identified jointly by FAC and BTT and sent to ATMA GB through the Panchayat Samiti (block level elected body of Panchayati Raj Institutions). "Farm Schools" and "Farm School Trainers" for each season will finally be approved by the ATMA GB.
- iii. "Teachers" in the Farm Schools could be progressive farmers, extension functionaries or experts belonging to Government or Non-Government Sector.
- iv. One of the main activities of Farm Schools would be to operationalize Front Line Demonstrations in one or more crops and/or allied sector activities. These demonstrations would focus on Integrated Crop Management including field preparation, seed treatment, IPM, INM, etc.
- v. Farm Schools would provide season long technical backstopping/ training to target farmers by having an interactive session once at least during each of the 6 critical stages in a cropping season.
- vi. While selecting the trainee farmers, about 50% representation should be given to small and marginal farmers. Preference may be given to members of CIGs / FIGs.
- vii. "Students" will visit Farm Schools as per specified schedule or as may be necessary. "Teachers" may also visit students as may be necessary.
- viii. Knowledge and skills of "teachers" would be upgraded on a continuous basis through training at district/ state/ national level institutions and/or exposure visits, etc.
- ix. In addition to technical support through Farm Schools, knowledge and skill of "students" may also be upgraded through training at district/ state level and exposure visits, etc.

“Students” would have the responsibility of providing extension support to other farmers in the respective village or neighbouring villages.

- x. Maximum Service Charge to achiever farmer may be 10% of the total cost incurred on item No.1-5 of Farm School (**Appendix-II below**).
- xi. Achiever Farmer, while conducting the Farm School, can take the technical support from KVK scientists and extension personnel to explain the scientific rationale behind a particular practice.
- xii. Either Training or Exposure Visit of about 5 to 6 days of the Progressive / Achiever Farmer is supported under the Farm School as per norms approved in the Cafeteria.
- xiii. Trainees would bear their own travel expenses, which would suffice as their beneficiary contribution to the activity.

BTM should act as coordinator for Farm Schools with periodic monitoring of the activities done at his level (at least 1 visit at every crucial crop stages) to oversee and monitor the functioning & maintain record of visits). He may arrange an Interface between the achiever farmers (taking up Farm School) and the BTT & KVK scientists at least on quarterly basis to exchange ideas at district level.

- xiv. Performance of all farm schools in each block should be reviewed at BTT-FAC meetings on a half-yearly basis and by ATMA GBs on an annual basis.
- xv. For the reasons to be recorded in writing, highly successful Farm Schools may be continued for another season or two, with provision of only recurring expenses during subsequent years/seasons. When continued in subsequent seasons, the participants should be selected from villages/panchayats not covered in the earlier Farm Schools.
- xvi. States may consider suitably awarding the best Farm school in the district/state.

Trainings in Farm School should be flexible and non-lecture based with emphasis on hands-on-experience, observation, analysis and discussions.