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**Sub: Visit of Technical expert team to study Millet Mission in Odisha regarding...**

Dear Sir,

Govt. of India has recently changed focus from "Food Security" to "Nutritional Security" under NFSM. This is a welcome step for crop diversification towards climate resilient crops which is ultimately aimed at enhancing nutritional balance. Inaugural workshop of this programme was held at Pune in Maharashtra during 2018. Looking to the health issues in general and specifically of tribal population, promotion of Nutri Cereals is need of the hour.

We are implementing NFSM-Nutri Cereal programme in Maharashtra. To change food habits and creating mass awareness, we have involved all the departments and stakeholders in this activity. We have also suggested some policy changes required for this purpose to State and Central Govt. Your presentation during National Workshop and information gathered at National Conference has created a great impact. The "Mission Mode" approach for promotion of nutri cereals is of utmost important to carry forward the initiative. Odisha became a torch bearer for the country. Maharashtra was also one of the major players of Nutri-Cereals earlier. However, situation has changed considerably thereafter. It is required to be restored in view of Nutritional Security. We are planning to launch a massive programme in that direction.

With this objective I would like to depute the team of expert to study "Millet Mission" that you have pioneered in Odisha. The experts involved in the team are

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Team will discuss and study about the formation of Millet Mission, modalities of operation, Stakeholders involved, defined role of stakeholders, inter-departmental coordination, processing, field operations, budgeting etc. alongwith field visit to relevant areas and discussion with stakeholders. I expect that the team will gather necessary information and experiential learnings from the Mission that will help us to formulate and implement similar activity in Maharashtra. Hon. Governor of Maharashtra has also focused on this issue and is keen to take forward the concept.

Tentatively planned study visit of team will be from 23-28 March, 2020. However, it can be modified as per your convenience and confirmation. Necessary directives for local arrangements may please be given to your concerned officers accordingly and communicate the name, designation and contact numbers for sake of convenience.

I would be grateful if you could give us an opportunity to study "Millet Mission" initiative of Odisha. A line of confirmation may please be sent on [nutridda@gmail.com](mailto:nutridda@gmail.com) and [nfsmipuises@gmail.com](mailto:nfsmipuises@gmail.com).

Warm regards!

Yours sincerely,  
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