

Section 4(1)(b)(xii) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005

The manner of execution of subsidy programmes, including the amounts allocated and the details of beneficiaries of such programmes

As a premier scientific research organization under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), **ICAR-CRIJAF does not directly handle, allocate, or disburse commercial or financial subsidies** to the public or the farming community (unlike line departments such as the State Department of Agriculture or Ministry-level subsidy schemes).

However, in alignment with its institutional policy of agricultural extension, the development of marginalized sectors, and technology dissemination, the Institute executes **fully funded central developmental schemes, input distribution drives, and capacity-building programs**.

The standardized disclosure matrix for Section 4(1)(b)(xii) at ICAR-CRIJAF is detailed below:

1. Nature of Programs Executed (In Lieu of Direct Subsidies)

Rather than cash payouts, the institute transfers benefits in the form of **critical agricultural inputs, advanced farm tools, and specialized skill training** at zero cost to selected target groups through the following institutional frameworks:

- **Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP):** Aimed at elevating the economic status of resource-poor farmers belonging to Scheduled Caste communities in rural clusters.
- **Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) / Scheduled Tribe Component:** Dedicated to the livelihood security and technology adoption of tribal farming families.

2. Types of Benefits and Inputs Distributed

Under these welfare and technology-transfer programs, the following components are provisioned completely free of cost to eligible beneficiaries:

- **High-Yielding Varieties (HYV):** Certified seeds of jute (e.g., JRO 204, JROB-2), sunnhemp, sisal, or flax, along with matching pulse/oilseed seeds for crop rotation.
- **Farm Machinery & Tools:** Distribution of specialized CRIJAF-developed implements such as the *CRIJAF Multi-Row Seed Drill*, *CRIJAF Nail Weeder*, or single-wheel hoes to smallholder cooperatives.
- **Scientific Interventions:** Micro-nutrients, eco-friendly bio-fertilizers, and specialized microbial consortia (like *CRIJAF Sona*) for fast, water-saving jute retting.
- **Capacity Building:** Free residential and non-residential institutional training, including food, lodging, and instructional kits, conducted at the main campus or KVKs.

3. Norms for Selection of Beneficiaries

To ensure transparency and eliminate duplication, beneficiaries are selected through structured institutional norms:

1.Target Area Identification: Demographic Survey.

The Institute, alongside local Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and local Gram Panchayats, identify backward agricultural clusters with high concentrations of SC/ST or smallholder farming households.

2.Eligibility & Document Verification: Statutory KYC.

Farmers must present statutory proof to qualify for specific sub-plans. This includes checking valid Caste Certificates (for SCSP/TSP), land possession documents/records, and linking their identity with **Aadhar cards**.

3.Peoples' Committee Vetting: Local Level Verification.

The final list of candidates or self-help groups (SHGs) is vetted in consultation with local village coordinators, progressive farm leaders, and extension scientists to ensure the inputs reach the most eligible, distressed, or active cultivators.

4. Record Maintenance and Transparency Systems

- **Compliance with Central Directives:** The data of beneficiaries and physical inputs distributed under institutional sub-plans (SCSP/TSP) are systematically maintained by the respective Scheme Nodal Committees in standard formats as per the guidelines of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and overarching DBT frameworks.
- **Public Financial Management System (PFMS):** The expenditure incurred in purchasing these inputs is routed exclusively through PFMS, mapping it directly against the specific scheme component codes under the authorization of the respective Nodal Officer.