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**F.No. 2-1/2017-NRAA**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare**  
**Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare**  
**(National Rainfed Area Authority)**

NASC Complex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
DPS Marg, Pusa, New Delhi  
Dated 26<sup>st</sup> December, 2018

**ORDER**

In pursuance of a decision taken in the Brainstorming Workshop on “Prioritization of Rainfed Districts in India” organized by NRAA, DAC&FW; and ICAR-CRIDA from 11-12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, Task Force with following composition is hereby constituted to take forward the deliberations for conclusive deliverables:-

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| i.    | Dr. B. Venkateswarlu, Former VC,<br>Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada, Krishi Vidyapith, Parbhani | – Chairman        |
| ii.   | Dr. C.S. Murthy, Head Agriculture Division, NRSC   | – Member          |
| iii.  | Dr. Shibendhu S. Roy, Director, MNCFC  | – Member          |
| iv.   | Shri Sandeep Ranjan, Director, CWC   | – Member          |
| v.    | Dr. G. Ravindra Chary, Director I/C, CRIDA   | – Member          |
| vi.   | Dr. K.V. Rao, Principal Scientist, CRIDA   | – Member          |
| vii.  | Dr. B.M.K. Raju, Principal Scientist, CRIDA  | – Member          |
| viii. | Dr. C.A. Rama Rao, Principal Scientist, CRIDA  | – Member          |
| ix.   | Shri. B. Rath, Technical Expert (WM), NRAA   | –Member Secretary |

2. The terms of the reference of the Task Force shall be as under:-

- (i) To suggest clear definition of rainfed areas with acceptable dimensions to different user agencies;
- (ii) To finalize the Natural Resource Index (NRI) and Integrated Livelihood Index (ILI) parameters and the process of aggregation for deliberation of rainfed districts and prioritization;
- (iii) To suggest template for generating important data base pertaining to rainfed agriculture for use by both central and state level agencies;
- (iv) To suggest an institutional mechanism with a consortium of national agencies to periodically generate dynamic information system for rainfed districts.

- (v) To reorder 150 districts identified as vulnerable based on revisited RAPI parameters and reorganization of districts, to also suggest 50 of these most critically drought prone districts for first phase drought proofing interventions.
- (vi) To study and suggest any other related issue as felt appropriate by the Committee.

3. The Task Force will submit its report to CEO, NRAA within a period of three months from a date of issue of this order.

4. A copy of the deliberations held in the said Brainstorming Workshop is also enclosed.

(B Rath)  
Technical Expert (WM)

To

All Members of the Task Force.

Copy to:

- (i) Secretary, DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- (ii) Secretary & DG, DARE, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- (iii) Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation.
- (iv) Chairman & Ex-officio Secretary, Central Water Commission, New Delhi
- (v) CEO, NRAA, New Delhi
- (vi) AS (RFS), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
- (vii) JS (RFS), DAC&FW, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi