GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND • DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ATMA), SIMDEGA

DISTRICT RABI CAMPAIGN & CROP ADVISORY BULLETIN (RABI SEASON 2024-25)

National Food Security Mission (NFSM) • Oilseed & Pulse Expansion in Rice Fallows

1. STRATEGY FOR RICE-FALLOW MANAGEMENT IN SIMDEGA

In Simdega district, substantial cultivable area remains fallow after Kharif Paddy harvest. Under the National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) and Birsa Crop Expansion Scheme, farmers are advised to utilize residual soil moisture immediately by adopting **Paira / Utera cropping** or sowing low-water requirement pulses and oilseeds before November 25.

2. RECOMMENDED RABI CROPS, VARIETIES & MANAGEMENT

Mustard / Rai (Sarson)	Pusa Mustard 28, PM-30, Shivani, Pusa Bold	October 15 - November 10. Seed rate: 4-5 kg/ha. Spacing 30x10 cm.	2 irrigations (flowering & pod formation). Spray Dimethoate 1.5 ml/L for aphid attack.
Chickpea / Gram (Chana)	Birsa Chana-3, JG-14, Pant G-186, Pusa 372	Oct 20 - Nov 15. Seed rate: 75-80 kg/ha. Treat with Carbendazim + Rhizobium.	Pre-flowering irrigation. Pheromone traps @ 5/ha for Helicoverpa pod borer control.
Lentil (Masoor)	HUL-57, KLS-218, Birsa Masoor-1	Nov 01 - Nov 20. Paira cropping in standing paddy or zero-till.	1 light irrigation. Highly resilient in rice fallow moisture.
Vegetables (Potato/Tomato)	Potato: Kufri Pukhraj, K. Jyoti Tomato: Swarna Sampatti, GS-600	Raised bed planting with Drip Irrigation subsidy under PDMC.	Fungicidal spray against Late Blight (Mancozeb 2.5g + Metalaxyl 1g/L).

3. MICRO-IRRIGATION & WATER CONSERVATION SCHEMES

Scheme	Subsidy Pattern	Eligible Components
Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)	Up to 90% for Small/Marginal ST/SC Farmers	Drip Irrigation, Micro-Sprinklers, Portable Sprinklers
Birsa Jal Sanchay Yojana	100% Govt Grant via District Watershed	Farm Ponds (Doba), Check dams, renovation of talabs

4. KISAN CREDIT CARD (KCC) FACILITATION CAMPS

Special saturation drive camps for KCC crop loans at 4% effective interest rate are being organized at all 10 Block Agriculture Centers (BACs) in Simdega. Farmers can submit filled KCC application forms along with Land Possession Certificate (LPC) and Aadhaar directly to their Block Technology Manager (BTM).

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