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Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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To

The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries/Commissioners of Tribal Welfare Department of the States of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh & Telengana.

Subject: Invitation of Proposals under the scheme "**Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of Value Chain for MFP**" for the financial Year 2015-16 - regarding.

Madam/ Sir,

As the State Governments are aware, this Ministry provides grants under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Mechanism for marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and development of Value Chain for MFP". These grants are disbursed to State Implementing Agencies on recommendation of the State Nodal Agency.

2. The basic objective of the scheme is to ensure fair returns to the MFP gatherers mainly through minimum support price for identified MFP collected by them along with necessary infrastructure at local level.

3. The scheme has following main components:-

a) **Revolving Fund:** A revolving fund is operated at state level for upfront payment for procuring MFP for the initial two years on 75:25 sharing by the Central and participating state governments. After the MFP is disposed off, the proceeds there from, is credited back to this fund.

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