Government of Telangana
Department of Agriculture

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To
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Lr. No. IT cell/AO-III/456545/2023-24 dated 04.11.2026

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Agriculture department - unauthorised SMS messages sent to approximately 273128 farmers in the name of Rythu Bharosa – Request for investigation -Reg.

Ref: CDAC portal report related to SMS dated 4.11.2026

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Madam,

It is submitted that the Department of Agriculture, Government of Telangana, has come to its notice that SMS messages relating to the **Rythu Bharosa Scheme** have been delivered to approximately **273128 farmers**.

In this regard, it is hereby clarified that **the Department of Agriculture has not initiated or authorised any such SMS communication** to the farmers in connection with the said messages.

It is further to inform that the Department of Agriculture has been utilising the **CDAC SMS Service Portal** for sending official SMS communications to farmers. However, the Department has not initiated any SMS transmission of the nature referred to above.

In view of the above, there is a possibility of unauthorised access, misuse of the Department's name, or misuse of SMS communication channels to send messages to farmers since

In this context, it is requested that the Cyber Crime Wing may kindly:

1. Investigate the source and origin of the SMS messages delivered to farmers.
2. Identify the agency, individual, or entity responsible for initiating and transmitting the SMS messages.
3. Examine whether any unauthorised access or misuse of the CDAC SMS Service Portal or any other SMS gateway has taken place.
4. Trace the technical details, including SMS gateway, sender ID, transmission logs and related IP addresses, wherever available.
5. Take appropriate legal action against the persons/agencies responsible for such unauthorised SMS communications.

The matter is of serious concern, as such unauthorised messages may create confusion among farmers and adversely affect the credibility of the Department and the Rythu Bharosa Scheme.

Therefore, it is requested that the matter may kindly be treated as urgent and necessary investigation and appropriate action may be initiated.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Agriculture
04/11/2026

Copy submitted to APC & Secretary to Agriculture for favour of kind information