

Upload farmers' data by Feb 20, states told

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New Delhi: The Centre has written to all states, asking them to be on board to launch its 'assured income support' scheme for farmers simultaneously on February 24 when PM Narendra Modi formally launches it in Gorakhpur.

States and Union Territories have been asked to share with the Centre the data of eligible beneficiaries on the dedicated portal for the scheme at a fast pace so that "substantial entries" are made by February 20.

"The scheme (PM-KISAN) will also be simultaneously launched in all Indian Council of Agricultural Re-

search institutions and Krishi Vigyan Kendra across the country," said an official referring to the agriculture ministry's communication.

A note was written to all states and UTs on Thursday. The ministry has target to cover one crore eligible small and marginal farmers

PM-KISAN

by transferring the first instalment of Rs 2,000 in each of their bank accounts on the day of the national launch of PM-KISAN on February 24. Remaining eligible farmers will get Rs 2,000 each in their bank accounts by March 31.

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