

## **8. Eligibility Criteria for Candidates**

The course is open to all the practicing input dealers, who have appeared at least for 10<sup>th</sup> standard exam, and to candidates sponsored by the input Agencies/agribusiness companies/agri-cooperatives etc. The application form is given in **Annexure-I**.

## **9. Duration:**

The program is spread over a period of 48 weeks with 40 classroom sessions and 08 field visits.

## **10. Course Fee: Rs.20,000/-**

- (i) The course fee will be subsidized by DAC, GoI, to the extent of Rs.10,000/- per input dealer. However, where Agribusiness Companies are involved, the Company will contribute Rs.10,000/- and the balance Rs.10,000/- will be contributed equally by DAC and the input dealer @ Rs.5,000 each.
- (ii) Agribusiness companies' sponsorship can be considered for tax benefit under 35 CCC, subject to other conditions laid in the notification.
- (iii) The States of Jharkhand and Orissa are contributing Rs.15,000/- per input dealer from RKVY funds thus reducing the course fee share of input dealer to Rs.5000/- only. It is suggested to continue this model in these States, and other States may also adopt this model.
- (iv) The GoI share would be released to MANAGE directly on the basis of targets assigned to the respective States.
- (v) The input dealers will have an option to pay their share of course fee i.e. Rs.10,000/- in a single instalment or in two instalments of Rs.5,000/- each. In the latter case, the first instalment should be paid at the time of enrolment, and the second instalment within 4 months of commencement of the program.