

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE , DIRECTORATE
OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FARMERS' WELFARE,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

(Present Sri.A.M.Sunilkumar)

Sub: Annual Plan 2018-19 – Scheme on Biodiveristy and Local Germplasm
Conservation and Promotion – Continuous Administrative Sanction accorded –
orders issued- reg:

Read: 1) G.O. (Rt.) No. 984/2017/AD dated 10-10-2017
2) Annual Plan 2018-19

Order No. TP (2) 7468/2018

Dated:07.05.2018

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1st above accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the component '**Biodiveristy and Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion**' during the year 2017-18 for an amount of Rs.250.00 lakhs debiting expenditure to head of account 2401-00-103-77 (P), with the following objectives.

Objectives

- Identification of local varieties of rice and millets and include them in the cropping system and seed multiplication chain.
- On farm multiplication of indigenous rice and millet varieties
- Strengthening seed production, processing and storage activities for conservation of traditional varieties.
- Establishment of modern seed bank for conservation of seed materials of traditional and other varieties of crops.
- Ensure biodiversity and local germplasm conservation and promotion.

As per the Annual Plan 2018-19, the scheme component is proposed to be continued during the current financial year with a budget allocation of Rs.100.00 lakhs, abiding by the norms and conditions of the Government Order read 1st above, as follows.

Programme

1. Cultivation of traditional rice and millet varieties (Rs.62.50 lakhs)

Cultivation and multiplication of seeds of traditional varieties will be promoted by local farmer clusters, tribals, NGOs and other organizations. Cultivation of traditional

varieties of paddy and millets having farmer acceptance in an area of 625 ha is targeted during 2018-19. Assistance of Rs.10000/- per ha will be provided for the cultivation of such traditional varieties. An amount of **Rs.62.50 lakhs** is set apart for this purpose.

2. Assistance for seed multiplication and procurement (Rs.37.50 lakhs)

Seed materials of traditional paddy/ millet varieties produced by farmers, NGOs etc will be procured, processed and further distributed for cultivation by Kerala State Seed Development Authority (KSSDA). It is targeted to procure 75 MT of seeds of traditional varieties of paddy/ millets @ Rs.50/- per kg during 2018-19. An amount of **Rs.37.50 lakhs** will be utilised towards procurement and processing charges during the current year.

Financial Outlay

During the current financial year, an amount of **Rs.100.00 lakhs** (Rupees One hundred lakhs only) is earmarked for the scheme '**Biodiveristy and Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion**' under head of account 2401-00-103-77 (P). The programme proposed during 2018-19 is summarised below.

Sl. No.	Components	Rate	Area/ Qty	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Assistance for conservation and multiplication of traditional and indigenous varieties of paddy and millets	Rs.10,000/ha	625 ha	62.50
2	Assistance for seed procurement	Rs.50/kg	75 MT	37.50
	Total			100.00

(Rupees One hundred lakhs only)

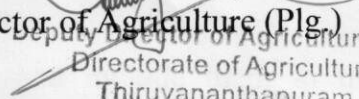
In the circumstances mentioned above, Continuous Administrative Sanction is hereby accorded and orders issued for implementation of the scheme '**Biodiveristy and Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion**' for an amount of **Rs.100.00 lakhs** (Rupees One hundred lakhs only) as per the above statement, debiting expenditure to head of account **2401-00-103-77 (P)** from current year's budget provision. The scheme shall be implemented abiding by the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Order read above.

Since agriculture is a season bound activity, timely implementation of the scheme has to be ensured by arranging the required inputs in time and this should be reflected in the monthly booking of expenditure from the first quarter of the financial year onwards.

Monthly progress report should invariably contain component wise physical and financial targets and achievements, number of beneficiaries, and the stage of implementation of each component.

Since Government is giving emphasis to women participation and gender budgeting, maximum efforts have to be made to include women beneficiaries in the scheme. The number of women beneficiaries and the amount utilised for such beneficiaries (component wise) should also be separately shown in the monthly progress report.

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