Directorate of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram Dated: 11-05-2018

CIRCULAR

- Sub:- Annual Plan 2018-19- Scheme for Strengthening of Agricultural Extension **Karshaka Naipunya Award** Sanction accorded-Working Instructions issued reg.
- Ref:- 1. GO (Ms) No. 102/2017/AGRI dated 10.08.2017 of Agriculture (Planning-A) Department
 - 2. Order No.TP (2) 7462/18 dtd 28.04.2018 of Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare Department

The scheme "Karshaka Naipunya Award" is for felicitating award winning farmers, and for taking them for study tour to National level institutes. Foreign visit shall not be considered under this component. This scheme is intended for taking farmers and officers of Agriculture and allied sectors for study tour to national level institutes for a maximum of 10 days with a maximum assistance of Rs. 800 per head per day. 50% of the beneficiaries under the programme shall be award winning farmers. Officers can be included in the team, for which the provision under exposure visit under ATMA can be utilized. Award winning officers may be given preference.

The following institutes can be considered for visit

- 1. TNAU, Coimbatore
- 2. Banana Research Station, Thrichi
- 3. Jain Micro Irrigation
- 4. Saphal Market, Bangaluru
- 5. IIHR, Hasarghatta, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 6. MANAGE, Hyderabad
- 7. ICRISAT, Hyderabad
- 8. KVK, Baramathi

Apart from this other National Institutes of agriculture and allied sectors can also be considered. Cost norms of exposure visit of ATMA can be considered as a baseline while preparing project proposals. Principal Agricultural Officers shall form a district level committee comprising of Principal Agricultural Officer, Project Director ATMA, DDA (E&T) and block ADAs and scrutinize the proposals and forward the same to this office for sanction. Therefore you are requested to submit eligible proposals before October 2018 so as to conduct the tour during this financial year (2018-19).

Financial outlay:-

Under the scheme Strengthening of Agricultural Extension an amount of Rs. 50.00 lakhs is set apart under the Head of Account 2401-00-109-80 Plan during the year 2018-19 for Karshaka Naipunya Award.

For officers, the provisions available under A.3. component of ATMA cafeteria can be utilized. The budget estimate of officers shall be included in the proposal for Karshaka

Naipunya Award.

SI No	District	No. of Blocks	Amount for farmers (In Rs. @ maximum of Rs. 800/day for maximum of 10 days)
1.	Thiruvananthapuram	11	360000
2.	Kollam	11	360000
3.	Pathanamthitta	8	264000
4.	Alappuzha	12	400000
5.	Kottayam	11	360000
6.	Idukki	8	264000
7.	Ernakulam	14	464000
8.	Thrissur	16	528000
9.	Malappuram	15	496000
10.	Palakkad	13	432000
11.	Kozhikode	12	400000
12.	Wayanad	4	120000
13.	Kannur	11	360000
14.	Kasaragode	6	192000
	Total	152	5000000

Monitoring and Evaluation:-

The scheme will be monitored by Project Directors ATMA at District level. Monthly progress reports (format attached) regarding conduct of training programmes including number of training programmes conducted, number and list of participants, amount expended, institute visited with areas or technologies covered etc may be forwarded to this office by the 5th of the succeeding month through the email id nodalatmakerala@gmail.com

Sd/-

Director Directorate of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare

To

All Additional Directors of Agriculture All Principal Agricultural Officers All Project Directors (ATMA) Planning Sn CA to Director of Agriculture DDA (IT) for uploading in the website Stock File

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