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Directorate of Agriculture  
Development and Farmer's Welfare,  
Thiruvananthapuram  
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**CIRCULAR**

Sub: Agriculture Department – Scheme on Biodiversity and Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion 2019-20 - Working Instruction -issued- reg

- Ref: 1. G.O. (Rt) No. 984/2017/ AD dated 10.10.2017  
2. Order no. TP(2)7468/2018 dated 07.05.2018 of the Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram  
3. Circular No. 31/Fin/2019 dated 10.4.2019  
4. Order no. TP(2)12939/2019 dated 23.05.2019 of the Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram

As per the Government Order 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, sanction was accorded for the implementation of the Scheme "**Biodiversity & Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion**" during 2017-18 and vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, Continuous Administrative Sanction was accorded by the Director of Agriculture during 2018-19 for an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakh (Revised as Rs. 68.3758 lakhs after 20% Plan cut) debiting expenditure to the head of account 2401-00-103-77 Plan.

As per the Annual Plan 2019-20, '**Biodiversity & Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion**' is a continuing scheme component with budget allocation of Rs. 50.00 lakhs. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 30.024 lakhs is allotted for encashment of Queue bills of 2018-19 (detailed as Annexure 1) and as stipulated in the circular 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Director of Agriculture has accorded Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs.19.976 lakhs for implementation of the scheme during 2019-20 vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited. The details of the continuing components is as furnished below.

**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.
- Ensure biodiversity and local germplasm conservation and promotion.

## Activities:

### 1. Cultivation of traditional paddy and millet varieties:

Cultivation and multiplication of seeds of traditional varieties of rice and millets will be promoted through local farmer clusters, tribals, NGOs and other organizations. Traditional varieties of paddy and millets having farmer acceptance are to be cultivated in an area of 200 ha during 2019-20. A register showing the details of variety selected for cultivation, its morphological characters, duration, adaptability, yield, quality of grains, dormancy of seed etc should be maintained at the Krishibhavans. Assistance at the rate of Rs.10,000/- per ha will be provided for meeting the input costs including seed cost (100%) and cultivation expenses of traditional varieties of rice and millets. An amount of Rs. 19.976 lakhs is earmarked for this purpose during 2019-20. District wise physical and financial targets are given below.

Sl. no.	District	Crop	Target		Total for the district (Rs. in lakhs)
			Physical (ha)	Financial (Rs.in lakhs)	
1	Thiruvananthapuram	Paddy	0	0	0
2	Kollam	Paddy	2	0.20	0.20
3	Pathanamthitta	Paddy	3	0.30	0.30
4	Alappuzha	Paddy	13	1.30	1.30
5	Kottayam	Paddy	16	1.60	1.60
6	Idukki	Paddy	2	0.20	0.20
7	Ernakulam	Paddy	0	0	0
8	Thrissur	Paddy	25	2.50	2.50
9	Palakkad	Paddy	31	3.10	3.40
		Millet	3	0.30	
10	Malappuram	Paddy	19	1.90	1.90
11	Kozhikode	Paddy	28	2.80	2.80
12	Wayanad	Paddy	20	2.00	2.00
13	Kannur	Paddy	20	2.00	2.00
14	Kasaragod	Paddy	18	1.80	1.80
	<b>Total</b>		<b>200</b>		

### Financial Outlay:

Sl. no.	Components	Rate	Area (in ha)	Total amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Assistance for Conservation and multiplication of traditional and indigenous varieties of paddy and millets	Rs. 10,000/ha	200	19.976
	<b>Total</b>			<b>19.976</b>

(Rupees Nineteen lakhs Ninety seven thousand Six hundred only)

### Mode of implementation and monitoring :

The scheme will be implemented through the Krishibhavans. Traditional and indigenous varieties may be identified and selected for cultivation with the help of local farmer groups and scientists. At block level Assistant Director of Agriculture will co-ordinate and supervise the programme. At the district level, Deputy Director of Agriculture(WM) will be the nodal Officer and at the state level, Additional Director of Agriculture(CP) will monitor the programme.

All the assistance to the farmers should be credited to the bank account of the concerned beneficiaries. Monthly progress report should be submitted to the Directorate of Agriculture **on or before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month**. The amount of Rs.19.976 lakh required for the implementation of the above scheme can be met from the budget provision provided under the head of account 2401-00-103-77(Plan) of the current year.

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 be submitted in the enclosed proforma (Annexure 2) and invariably contain **physical and financial target and achievement, number of beneficiaries and the stage of implementation** of each component.

Since the 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 th**

amount utilized for such beneficiaries should also be shown in the monthly progress report.

The following general guidelines have to be followed during the implementation of the scheme during the current year.

- i) All rules, formalities and procedures shall be followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be followed to in toto.
- ii) The expenditure would be met only from the provisions available under the appropriate head of account
- iii) The fund release will be based on actual requirement and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
- iv) Store purchase rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- v) Tender/ e- Tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
- vi) Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.
- vii) Principal Agricultural Officers shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.

  
Director of Agriculture

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Encl: Proforma - 1

To

All Principal Agricultural Officers for information & necessary action  
Joint Director of Agriculture, KSSDA for information & necessary action  
CA to Director of Agriculture/CAs to all Additional Director of Agriculture  
Planning section, Finance section, SW section  
IT Cell ( for publication in department website)  
Stock file/Spare


Annexure 1

**Scheme on Biodiversity and Local Germplasm Conservation & Promotion**

Details of Encashment of Queue bills of 2018-19 from the Budget allocation of 2019-20

Head of Account : 2401-00-103-77(Plan)

Sl no	Component	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	Remarks
1.	Assistance of procurement of seeds of traditional varieties	20.00	KSSDA
2.	Partial Refund of amount withdrawn from TSB account	10.00	KSSDA
3.	Biodiversity and local germplasm conservation and promotion	0.024	PAO, Kasaragod
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30.024</b>	

  
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