Directorate of Agricultural Development and Farmers Welfare Department Thiruvananthapuram Dt 03/06/2019

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Sub:- Annual Plan 2019-20 -Scheme on Production and Distribution of planting Materials through Departmental Farms - "Promotion of Intergrated farming System in potential department farms" - Working Instructions - issued - regarding.

Ref: 1. G O(Rt) No. 803/2017 AD dtd 19/08/2017

2. TP(2) 12931/19 dt.13/05/2019 of Director of Agricultural Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

Government of Kerala, vide order cited in the reference had accorded administrative sanction for the implementation of the project proposal for the Promotion of Intergrated farming System in potential Department farms during 2018-19. As per GO(Rt) No.803/2017 AD dated 19/08/2017 Government have approved the scheme and it is proposed to implement the scheme component during 2019 20 for an amount of Rs.163.00 lakhs from the head of account 2401-00-104-91 Plan.

Integrated farming System is an ideal model where agriculture and allied activities are managed in tandem as a single composite unit. This mainly involves farming as base unit with animal husbandary, poultry, fisheries, apiculture etc,. as associated components. The advantage of such a system is the optimum use of space and recycling of food, water and avoiding wastage of resources. Integrated farming has the advantage that any loss in one system will be compensated by better prices/returns from others.

The scheme mainly aims at transforming the farms of the Department of Agriculture into model, modern and market oriented agricultural units.

It is proposed to establish model Integrated farming units in the farms under Department of Agriculture. At least 3 activities other than farming shall be included in the unit. The officer in charge of farm shall prepare suitable proposals and get it approved by the District level Committee. The cafeteria of activities that can be included with Agriculture as the base unit are listed below:

- 1. Animal Husbandary
- 2. Poultry rearing
- 3. Pisciculture
- 4. Apiculture
- 5. Vermi compost /coir pith compost units.

The following working instructions are issued for the implementation of this project.

The scheme aims at implementing mixed farming demonstration units in farms of Agriculture Department. AnimalHusbandary, Pisciculture, Apiculture, Poultry rearing, Establishment of Vermi compost units, & Coir pith compost units, will be given priority in these farms. The fund incurred for this scheme can also be utilised for the farms where Integrated farming system is already started in the previous years to meet the feeding expenses of the cattles, poultry, Pisci culture etc, with the sanction of district commette.

The Principal Agricultural Officers should submit the approved proposal on or before 15/06/2019. The district wise allocation of the components and fund will be allotted in accordance with the proposals received from the concerned Principal Agricultural Officers. The required fund can be met from the budget provision of Rs.163.00 lakhs for the component under head of account **2401-00-104-91 Plan.**

An amount of Rs.163.00 lakhs is set apart for the scheme "Promotion of Intergrated farming System in potential department farms". The expenditure related to implementation of the scheme will be met from the **Head of account 2401-00-104-91 Plan** from the Budget Provisions of 2019-20.

Monitoring

Joint Director of Agriculture (Farms) will be the implementing officer at state level. Additional Director of Agriculture (Farms) will monitor the implementation of the scheme at state level. Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) will be the implementing officer at District level and Principal Agriculture Officer should monitor the scheme effectively in each district. Reporting and official correspondence in respect of this scheme should be made in the email.id (agrifarmsth@gmail.com) The Deputy Director of Agriculture who is in charge of farm will submit a detailed report in to the Additional Director of Agriculture(Farms)on or before 5th of every month.

Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

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