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Directorate of Agriculture Development
and Farmer's Welfare Department
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Sub:- Annual Plan 2019-20 - Strengthening of Karshikakarmasena - Scheme for Agro Service Centres and service Delivery 2019-20.

Ref:- 1. G.O.(Rt)No.818/2017/Agri of Agriculture (IFA) Department dated 24/08/2017
2. GO(Rt) No:1053/2018/AGRI dtd Thiruvananthapuram 23/10/2018
3. Circular no. TV (1)15086/18 Dt. 6/12/2018
4. Order No: TP(2) 12936/2019 Dt. 13/5/2019 of Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department.

In Kerala one of the major reasons for the farmers to refrain from Agriculture is higher wages of labourers and poor quality of work. Hence 200 Thozhil senas namely Karshika karmasenas were constituted in 200 gramapanchayats during 2014-15 and 97 no. of Karshika karma sena were formed in 2018-19 the scheme "Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery" The main objectives were:

- To create a labour bank of well trained, disciplined force.
- To provide regular and uninterrupted supply of labourers on reasonable/ standardized wage rates on demand/call
- to create a service bank of technicians and plumbers etc. for agricultural purpose on call or demand at reasonable/standardized rates
- To provide facilities for land bank so that farmers can lease land for crop production based on fixed terms and conditions from a leasee.
- To generate employment opportunities to the poor, unemployed rural and urban people.
- To enhance the status of agriculture into a profitable business enterprise
- To make farming labour friendly as well as farmer friendly.
- To bring the rural labour strength under an institutional frame work
- To provide dignity to farmers as well as labour force.
- To bring fallow land into cultivation
- To reduce the cost of cultivation

As per GO(Rt) No. 1053/2018/AGRI dtd. Thiruvananthapuram 23/10/2018; and as per Circular in reference no.3 guidelines were issued for establishment of karshika karmasena . These guidelines are applicable to all the karshika karmasena established in the state .

As per the order the overall functioning of the Karshikakarmasena is under Grama Panchayath Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC) . Hence all the Karshika karmasena has to constitute GPLAC as per the order .

Grama Panchayath Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC)

Convener : Agricultural Officer
Chairman : Grama Panchayath President
Member : Development Standing Committee Chair Person, Ward Members (2 members) President, Secretary & treasurer , Farmer representatives, Assistant Engineer (Agri), Assistant Director of Agriculture of the Block , Co ordinator, (Agricultural Assistant in charge of Karshika Karmasena)

As per reference cited 4 continuous Administrative Sanction has been accorded for the scheme "Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery" with a provision of total **Rs. 1099.52902 lakhs under the H/A 2401-00-113-83 and Rs. 24.88098 under the H/A 4401-00-113-98** plan; for the year 2019-20 . One of the components of this scheme is Support to Karshika karmasena for which **of Rs.64.364 lakh (Rupees sixty four lakh thirty six thousand and four hundred only) is sanctioned under the Head of Account 2401-00-113-83 (P).**

In order to strengthen the activities of Karshika karmasena already equipped with agricultural machineries and technical skill, the performance of each Karmasena may be evaluated and selected KKS should be provided with additional support on project basis.

Objectives of the programme 2019-20

1. To improve the infrastructure facilities of Karshika karmasenas
2. To improve the quality of services provided by the Karmasenas
3. To give additional support to performing KKS for their innovative activities
4. To help in increasing the quantity of services offered by the KKS
5. To improve the productivity of different crops in the panchayat thereby the income of farmers
6. To improve the income of members of KKS

Cafateria of Activities

Enhancement of infrastructure facilities such as facilities for storage of machineries and implements, marketing facilities, ecoshop, and bio pharmacy can be included under the activities for getting assistance.

Implementation

Agricultural officers will assess the requirement of the Karshika Karmasena and Grama Panchayath Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC) will discuss and approve the requirement and send the request along with the minutes of GPLAC; to PD ATMA. The centre wise request will be scrutinized by Deputy PD ATMA and DDA (E&T) at district level; under the guidance of PD, ATMA; according to the Performance of Karshika Karmasena based on activities under taken , funds issued and utilized by the **KKS** during previous years.

Selection criteria of eligible KKS should be as follows:

- Activities of the KKS for the last year-Changes in the area, production, productivity of important crops of the panchayat especially paddy, organic vegetable production, fallow land cultivation etc.
- Proposal for innovative activities like eco shop, bio pharmacy, marketing of agricultural products produced by farmers of the panchayat etc. Proposal for purchase of implements and machineries not allowed. Instead the machines already purchased under different schemes shall be properly utilised.
- Number of mandays generated for laborers of KKS
- Income, expenditure and savings of KKS
- Maintenance of registers and review of activities by office bearers
- Unity, discipline and harmony among KKS members
- Cooperation from panchayath
- Leadership quality of the office bearers
- Response of farmers towards the activities of KKS
- Whether gender concerns are taken care of
- Number of active working group members
- Area of operation / no. of panchayats covered
- Integration with agro service centre and Custom hiring centres.

Custodianship of Assets

GramaPanchayath Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC) will be the custodian of all the assets created.

Finanacial Outlay

Rs.64. 364 lakh (Rupees sixty four lakh thirty six thousand and four hundred only) is sanctioned under the Head of Account 2401-00-113-83 (P) for Enhancement of infrastructure facilities such as facilities for storage of machineries and implements and Innovative activities under Karshika karmasenas.

The physical and financial targets are assigned to the disticts tentatively as follows:-

| Sl.no. | Name of district | Physical target (No. Of KKS) | Finanacial target(Rs) |
|--------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Thiruvananthapuram | 2 | 15 |
| 2 | Idukki | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Thrissur | 2 | 10 |
| 4 | Palakkad | 1 | 5 |
| 5 | Malappuram | 2 | 10 |
| 6 | Wayanadu | 1 | 5 |
| 7 | Kannur | 1 | 5 |
| 8 | Kasargod | 2 | 4.364 |
| | Total | 14 | 64.364 |

(Rupees Sixty four lakh thirty six thousand and four hundred only)

Project Director (ATMA) will submit Karshika Karma Sena wise detailed requirement of funds for Strengthening of Existing Karshika Karma Sena to Director of Agriculture with Copy to Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) before 15/7/2019.

At district level the scheme will be implemented by Project Director ATMA in coordination with the Assistant executive Engineer (Agri) under the overall monitoring by Principal Agricultural Officer .

State level Monitoring

Monitoring of the scheme at state level will be done by Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) and State Agricultural engineer. Monthly review and inspection of ASC will be conducted and report submitted to higher authorities as follows.

Agricultural Officer – monthly report to- PD ATMA , PAO
ADA - bimonthly -PAO
PD ATMA - quarterly-Additional Director Extension

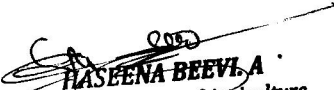
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To

All PD ATMA with direction to convey to concerned ADA's & AO's
All PAO, ADAS, AOS

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CA to the Director of Agriculture
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CA to State Agricultural Engineer
CA to Joint Director of Agriculture (AR & T) at Headquarters
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