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Directorate of Agricultural Development  
& Farmers welfare Department  
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Sub: Agriculture Department-Rice Development Programme 2019-20-New components-working instructions issued-reg

Ref: 1. GO (Rt) No 137/2019/Agri dated 9/2/2019 of Agriculture (PB) Department

2. GO (Rt) No 251/2019/Agri dated 8/3/2019 of Agriculture (PB) Department

3. Order No TP(2) 12920/2019 dated 1/7/2019

4. GO(Rt) No 762/2019/Agri dt 8/8/2019 of Agriculture (Planning A) Department

The Scheme 'Rice Development Programme' has been included in the Green Book for the year 2019-20. As the scheme has been included in the Green Book, Working Instructions regarding the scheme is issued and the scheme can be implemented right from the beginning of April 2019 itself. The scheme on "Rice Development Programme 2019-20" under the H/A 2401-00-102-90 plan, comprises the following scheme components

- 1) Sustainable Rice Development
- 2) Support to Paddy Development Agencies
- 3) Promotion of Speciality Rice
- 4) Operational support to Padasekhara Samithies for Group Farming
- 5) Operationalization of Paddy land and Wetland Act 2008
- 6) Promotion of Upland Paddy
- 7) Promotion of Fallow Land Cultivation
- 8) Support for converting single crop to double crop
- 9) Registered Seed Grower's Programme/ Seed Village Programme
- 10) Project based support for infrastructure development in padasekharams for receiving paddy cultivation including Block level convergence
- 11) Mini Rice mills for local processing including special varieties of rice and support for packing

12) Trial plots for flood and drought tolerant varieties

13) Operational support

As per greenbook administrative sanction was accorded for Sustainable Rice Development, Promotion of Speciality Rice; Operational support to Padasekhara Samithies for Group Farming, Operationalization of Paddy land and Wetland Act 2008, Promotion of Upland Paddy, Promotion of Fallow Land Cultivation and Registered Seed Grower's Programme/ Seed Village Programme for an amount of Rs 7970.00 lakhs.

Vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited above, administrative sanction is being given for the implementation of Support for converting single crop to double crop and Operational support for an amount of Rs 120.00 lakhs ; and Working Instructions were issued accordingly.

Vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited above, administrative sanction has been received for the implementation of the components establishment of mini rice mills for local processing including special varieties of rice and support for packing for an amount of Rs 60.00 lakhs, and re-functioning of Modern Rice mill, Alathur for an amount of Rs 10.00 lakhs.

**Establishment of mini rice mills for local processing including special varieties of rice and support for packing**

It is proposed to establish Mini Rice mills and parboiling units to undertake local processing and distribution of rice and rice products in potential padasekharams. The aim is to process, brand and market the rice produced in each region there itself, converting each area into self sustaining units. In areas where specialty rice varieties like Njavara are grown, special mini rice mills to process such rice varieties are also proposed to be established. The cooperatives involved in rice production can be encouraged to set up rice mills. Such interventions from seed to marketing of produce will fetch more income to the farmer. This component will be implemented on a project mode.

**Selection of beneficiaries:** Co-operatives, Padasekhara samithies, other registered groups and individual entrepreneurs recommended by Padasekhara samithies are eligible beneficiaries of this component.

Rice mill proposals up to Rs 5.00 lakhs will be sanctioned by the District Committee and eligible proposals above Rs 5.00 lakhs will be scrutinized by District Committee and forwarded to State Committee with clear recommendations for approval.

An amount of **Rs 60.00 lakhs** is proposed for this component under the head of account 2401-00-102-90 plan.

**Operation of the programme:**

The projects received under the scheme will be sanctioned by the District Level Sanctioning Committee or the State Level Sanctioning Committee depending upon the total cost of the programme. The constitutions of the District Level Sanctioning Committee and the State Level Sanctioning Committee are furnished below:

**1. District Level Sanctioning Committee**

1	Principal Agricultural Officer	Chairman
2	Project Director ATMA	Member
3	Deputy Director of Agriculture(WM)	Convenor
4	Assistant Director of Agriculture (concerned block)	Member
5	Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri)	Member
6	Expert from KAU/ KVK (wherever possible)	Member

**State Level Sanctioning Committee**

1	Director of Agriculture	Chairman
2	Additional Director of Agriculture(Extension)	Member
3	Additional Director of Agriculture(CP)	Member
4	Additional Director of Agriculture (Plg.)	Member
5	State Agricultural Engineer	Member
6	Joint Director of Agriculture(WM)	Convenor

## **Re-functioning of Modern Rice mill, Alathur**

Modern Rice Mill, Alathur set up by Kerala State Ware housing Corporation was completed in 2001; but still has not started functioning. In order to operate the same; repair and maintenance of the machinery has to be undertaken; for which an amount of Rs 10.00 lakhs is sanctioned under the head of account 2401-00-102-90 plan.

### **Monitoring and evaluation**

Project proposals for Establishment of mini rice mills has to be prepared and approved by the District level sanction committee. Proposals with project outlay above Rs 5 . 00 lakhs has to be forwarded to the State level sanctioning committee. Allotment will be given based on the requirement. Monthly progress report on the number of applications received, approved, fund required etc should be given to the Director of Agriculture for allotment of funds.

At district level Deputy Director of Agriculture (WM) will be monitoring the progress of achievement of each component of the scheme. At the state level the programme will be monitored and evaluated by Additional Director of Agriculture (CP).

Sd/-  
Director of Agriculture

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All Principal Agricultural Officers-(you are requested to collect and approve proposals from the grass root level Officers before 30.09.2019)

All ADAs

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