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Directorate of Agriculture Development &  
Farmers Welfare Department,  
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**CIRCULAR**

Sub: Annual Plan 2019-20 Scheme included in the Green Book 2019-20 - Rehabilitation and Rejuvenation of Coconut Palms in Kerala as a part of Coconut Mission - Coconut Development Council Head of Account 2401-00-103-87 Plan - Revised Working Instructions Issued - regarding.

- Ref: 1.GO(Rt)No.251/19 Agri, dated: 08.03.2019 of Agriculture (PB) Department.  
2. GO(Rt)No.231/20 Agri, dated: 19 02.2020 of Agriculture (PB) Department.  
3.This office circular of even no. dt.5/02/2020

Vide Government Order cited as 1 in the reference, Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for the Scheme "Rehabilitation and Rejuvenation of Coconut Palms in Kerala as a part of Coconut Mission - Coconut Council, which is included in the Green Book 2019-20 at a total Cost of Rs.1900 lakhs.

The Director of Agriculture has submitted a revised proposal for inclusion of additional components in the above scheme and requested to revise the Govt. order accordingly as per the decision taken by the general council of Coconut mission.

Vide Government Order cited as 2 in the reference, Government have accorded revised administrative sanction to the revised proposal having 3 components for Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of Coconut Mission- Coconut Council for an amount of Rs. 1900 lakhs under the scheme coconut development debiting the expenditure under the Head of Account 2401-00-103-87(P) subject to the condition that concurrence of Finance Department will be obtained regarding sale proceed Mechanism as whether the sale amount of coconut seedlings received by the farm can be kept in a separate bank account for production of coconut seedlings for subsequent years and also subject

to certain general conditions.

The three components for which Administrative sanction has been received has been received are

1.Distribution of Coconut Seedlings	-Rs.463.00 lakhs
2.Seednut Procurement	-Rs.868.00 lakhs
3.Nursery expences	-Rs569.00 lakhs
TOTAL	-Rs.1900.00 lakhs

In respect to the revised AS accorded by Govt. of Kerala, the working instructions issued vide reference 3 above stands modified to the following extent. It is proposed to provide assistance for the following components.

**1.Coconut Seednut Procurement Rs.868 lakhs**

A. Cost of Seed nuts: Rs.710.25 lakhs

It is proposed to procure 8.60 lakh WCT, 2500 dwarf and 1.42 lakhs hybrid (TxD / Dxt) Coconut seednut during 2019-20 seednut procurement season. The seednut procurement shall be done from selected mother palms in accordance with coconut seednut procurement process being carried out by the Department every year and as per the working instructions issued for 'Kera Samrudhi' Scheme under production and distribution of improved planting materials. The present cost of seednut fixed is Rs.70 / nut for WCT and dwarf varieties and Rs.75 / nut for hybrid varieties.

The district wise target is as shown below. This target is inclusive of the additional 3.712 lakhs seednuts already communicated vide TH(2)19943/2019 dated: 02.12.2019.

Name of District	No. of nuts to be procured			Amount allotted (in lakh Rs.)			
	Dwarf @ Rs.70/nut	WCT @ Rs.70/nut	Hybrid (TxD/DxT) 75/nut	Dwarf	WCT	Hybrid (TxD/DxT)	Total
Thrissur	2500	136800	70000	1.75	95.76	52.5	150.01
Malappuram						7.5	7.5
a) (Field)			10000			7.5	22.55
b) SGC		21500	10000		15.05		
Munderi							
Kozhikkod		614500			430.15		430.15
Kannur		87200	52000		61.04	39	100.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>860000</b>	<b>142000</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>710.25</b>

Allotment of funds for Coconut seed nut Procurement under H/A 2401-00-103-87 Plan is as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of Principal Agricultural Officer	Amt(Rs in lakhs)
1	Thrissur	150.01
2	Malappuram	30.05
3	Kozhikkod	430.15
4	Kannur	100.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>710.25</b>

### **B. Transportation Charges**

An amount of Rs. 28.5 lakhs is set apart for the transportation of seednuts within the district and also inter district which will be carried out through tender process. The district wise allotment of funds is as follows\*

Sl. No.	Name of Principal Agricultural Officer	Amt(Rs in lakhs)
1	Thrissur	8.25
2	Malappuram	1.5

3	Kozhikkod	16
4	Kannur	2.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28.25</b>

**C. Honararium for hybridisation workers Rs.69lakhs**

In order to procure good quality hybrid seednuts, hybridisation is carried out where in pollination is done manually following prescribed scientific procedures and guidelines of KAU and CPCRI. An amount of Rs.69 lakhs is provided for meeting the honararium of hybridisation workers engaged in the seednut procurement programme. 46 workers selected on contract basis will be trained to carry out hybridisation works for which honararium of Rs.25000/per month can be given.

Sl. No	Name of Principal Agricultural Officer	Amt(Rs in lakhs)
1	Thrissur	30
2	Kozhikkod	15
3	Kannur	24
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>

**D. Operational Expences of Seed development units and Pollination units RS.40.5 lakhs**

The 2 seed development units each at Chavakkadu in Thrissur district and vadakara in Kozhikkode district and also TXD Pollination unit at Chalode at Kannur distict are involved in coconut seednut procurement programme. An amount of Rs.40.5 lakhs is earmarked for meeting the operational expences of these units. This amount can be utilised for the purchase of computer, printer, laptop, office furniture, purchase of refrigerators, electronic scale, microscopes etc. for pollination units, maintenance of pollen storage rooms, paint, coir, banding, numbering, sealing charges, building rent, hiring of vehicles, feul charges etc. and all other operational expences in connection with coconut seednut procurement

Sl. No	Name of Principal Agricultural Officer	Amt(Rs in lakhs)
1	Thrissur	12
2	Kozhikkod	16.5
3	Kannur	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>40.5</b>

### **E. Tagging of coconut seedling and miscellaneous expenses -Rs.20 lakhs**

The Coconut seedlings distributed under this programme is tagged for traceability. The tags are printed and distributed by Kerala Books and publishing society (KBPS,Kakkanad, ERnakulam ). An amount of Rs. 10 lakhs is set apart for meeting the printing charges of tags.

Rs. 10 lakhs is provided for meeting the miscellaneous expenses in connection with coconut seednut procurement activities. The allotment of funds for these items is as follows.

Sl.No	Item	Allotted to	Amount (Rs.in lakhs )
1.	Printing of tags	HQ	10.0
2.	Miscellaneous expenses	PAO Thrissur	2.5
		PAO Malappuram	1.5
		PAO Kozhikkode	4.0
		PAO Kannur	2.0
<b>Total</b>			<b>20.0</b>

### **2.Nursery Charges: Rs.369 lakhs**

An amount of Rs.369 lakhs has been earmarked for nursery charges.This amount can be utilized for site clearing, purchase of inputs in connection with coconut seedling production, establishing and maintaining irrigation systems, providing temporary shade / pandal etc. All expenses right from sowing of seednuts in the nursery till distribution can be met from nursery expenses. The

amount allotted can be utilized for all departmental farm involved in coconut seedling production.

The target for coconut seednut procurement under captioned scheme is 10.045 lakhs. For sowing this huge numbers of seednuts in addition to the already assigned targets under Kera Samrudhi, additional nursery area needs to be developed. Coconut nursery can be set up additionally in 8 no. Of coconut nurseries, 9 DAFs and in special farms and seed farms wherever possible.

Principal Agricultural Officers should ensure that the maximum coconut seedling production capacity of all the farms in their districts have been attained, by utilizing the funds allotted for nursery charges.

Special focus should be given to SGC Munderi for recouping the coconut nursery which was totally devastated by flood.

The district wise allocation of funds for nursery charges is as follows.

**District wise allotment - Nursery Charges - Rs.369 lakhs**

Sl. No.	District	Amount (in lakhs)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	25
2	Kollam	20
3	Pathanamthitta	15
4	Alappuzha	18
5	Kottayam	18
6	Idukki	18
7	Ernakulam	20
8	Thrissur	20
9	Palakkad	25
10	Malappuram	150
11	Kozhikkod	20
12	Kannur	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>369</b>

Working instruction for distribution of coconut seedlings ( Rs.463 lakhs) and nursery expenses for strengthening Aralam Farm (Rs.200 lakhs) will be issued separately from TB section HQ.

**Total allocation of funds (Rs. In lakhs)**

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SI No	Name of Principal Agricultural Officer	Cost of Seednut	Transp ortatio n cost	Honora rium	Operati onal expens es	Printing tags and miscellan eous Expenses	Nurs ery expes nes	Total
1	Thiruvananthapu ram						25	25
2	Kollam						20	20
3	Pathanamthitta						15	15
4	Alappuzha						18	18
5	Kottayam						18	18
6	Idukki						18	18
7	Ernakulam						20	20
8	Thrissur	150.01	8.25	30	12	2.5	20	222.76
9	Palakkad						25	25
10	Malappuram	30.05	1.5			1.5	150	183.05
11	Kozhikkod	430.15	16.0	15	16.5	4.0	20	501.65
12	Kannur	100.04	2.5	24	12	2.0	20	160.54
	HQ					10		10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>710.25</b>	<b>28.25</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>1237</b>

**Monitoring**

All the palms selected under the programme should be periodically inspected by both Agricultural Officers and Agricultural Assistant. The seed development officers should closely watch the implementation of the programme and prepare weekly reports. Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) in charge of the scheme at district level should inspect 5% of the selected plots. The Principal Agricultural Officer of the district should visit at least 1% of the garden / plots. It should be

ensured that palms are selected according to the guidelines specified. In case of erring officers, appropriate actions should be initiated / recommended to higher officials at state level.

Additional Director of Agricultural (farms) will monitor the scheme at state level. The Principal Agricultural Officer should send weekly reports of the programme to [agrifarmsth@gmail.com](mailto:agrifarmsth@gmail.com). Any difficulties or bottlenecks in the implementation of the programme should be brought to the notice of Additional Director of Agriculture (Farms) or Joint Director of Agriculture (Farms) and get it cleared then and there itself.

The following General Conditions should be followed, wherever applicable

- i) All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to .
- ii) The expenditure would be met only from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.
- iii) The fund release will be based on actual requirement, and the fund File No.AGRI-PB2/264/2019-AGRI 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 Officer shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
- viii) The implementing agencies/ Departments also should prepare an implementation schedule to complete the project in time and send regular progress report on financial and physical progress on a quarterly basis.



ix) Monitoring meetings shall be hold once in 2 months to review the progress and send report to Government.

8. In addition to the above conditions, Director of Agriculture should sign an MOU with the implementing agencies concerned of the scheme before releasing the funds. It should also be ensured that the Utilization Certificates pertaining to all schemes are submitted by these agencies in time.


The expenditure towards the implementation of the scheme will be met from Rs.1900 lakhs earmarked for the scheme Coconut Development Council under the H/A 2401-00-103-87 Plan.

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