PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FARMERS' WELFARE, VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

(Present: Dr. K. Vasuki IAS)


Read: 1) Instructions received from Hon’ble Chief Minister of Kerala

Order No. ADFW/464/2020-TP2           Dated: 15.04.2020

As per reference (1) cited the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Kerala has instructed that vegetable seeds have to be distributed to all the households of Kerala during the COVID-19 lock down period, in order to effectively utilize their time at home for vegetable cultivation and thereby produce pesticide free safe to eat vegetables in their homes. This will help to utilize the time of people effectively and also produce pesticide-free vegetables. It is proposed to distribute vegetable seed kits and vegetable seedlings worth Rs.10/- per seed kit and Rs.2.5/- per seedlings respectively free of cost, to promote homestead cultivation during lock down period throughout the state. Seeds and seedlings available in Department farms, KAU, KKS/ASC and VFPCK shall be utilized for this purpose.

In the Annual Plan 2020-21, an amount of Rs.1000.00 lakhs is set apart for “Onathinu oru muram pachakari” programme towards supply of seed kits and production and supply of seedlings to homesteads and farmers. Required fund for the purpose can be met from this outlay.

In the circumstances mentioned above, Administrative Sanction is hereby accorded for the implementation of the programme “JEEVANI – Nammude Krishi Nammude Aarogyam” ‘supply of seed kits to households of Kerala during the COVID-19 lock down period’ for the supply of seed kits and vegetable seedlings free of cost for homestead cultivation during lock down period. The required amount of Rs.500.00 lakhs (Rupees five crores Only) can be met from the budget provision of Rs.1000.00 lakhs for the sub-component ‘Onathinu Oru Muram Pachakkari’ under Vegetable Development Scheme 2020-
21 head of account 2401-00-119-85 (Plan). The scheme shall be implemented abiding by all the rules and regulations issued with regard to COVID 19.

Sd/-
Director of Agriculture

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