

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

(Present Dr.K.Vasuki IAS)

Sub: Annual Plan 2020-21 – **Scheme on Coconut Development** – Component of
'Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of Coconut
Mission – **Coconut Council (2nd year activities)** – Continuous Administrative
sanction accorded – orders issued.

Read: 1) G.O. (Rt) No.251/2019/Agri dated.08.03.2019.
(2) G.O. (Rt) No.231/2020/Agri dated.19.02.2020.
(3) Annual Plan 2020-21.
(4) Circular No. S.S.1/132 (1)/2020/Fin dated. 30.3.2020.
(5) Circular no.21/2020/Fin dated.08/4/2020.
(6) G.O.(Rt) No.393/2020/Agri dated.22/4/2020.

Order No. ADFW/470/2020-TP2

Dated: 01.07.2020.

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1st paper above, accorded Administrative sanction for the component 'Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of Coconut Mission – Coconut Council' for Rs.1900.00 lakh under **Coconut Development** Scheme during the year 2019-20 as part of Green book. Revised Administrative Sanction was accorded, as per order read as reference (2) above, based on the revised proposal submitted from this office.

During financial year 2020-21, there is a budget provision of Rs.7421.00 lakh for implementation of the scheme 'Coconut Development' under head of account 2401-00-103-87 (P). As part of this scheme, Rs.2000.00 lakh is earmarked for the component 'Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of Coconut Mission – Coconut Council (2nd year activities)' of which an amount of Rs.29.7355 lakh was allotted for encashment of bills not e-submitted to treasury upto 31.3.2020 and can be submitted on or before 18/4/2020 as per circular cited (4) above and for encashment of Queue bills & WAMS clearance bills of 2019-20 as per circular cited (5) above. Hence the balance available for issuing Administrative sanction for the above mentioned component during 2020-21 is Rs.1970.2645 lakh only as stipulated in the above mentioned circulars.

During 2020-21, the details of the activities to be implemented as part of the component 'Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of Coconut Mission – Coconut Council (2nd year activities)' are as follows:

Components

1. Distribution of coconut seedlings - Rs.585.50 lakh

1. A. Distribution of coconut seedlings @ 75 numbers/ward: It is proposed to supply 8.50 lakh no. of good quality coconut seedlings comprising of WCT, Dwarf and Hybrid seedlings which will be sourced from the institutions and agencies, as detailed below. The seedlings will be supplied with 50% financial assistance, the balance to be borne by the beneficiaries.

Sl. No	Variety of seedlings	No. of seedlings to be distributed (in lakh)	Cost/seedling	Total amount required (50% subsidy) (Rs. in lakh)
a	WCT	6.50	100	325.00
b	Dwarf	0.50	100	25.00
c	Hybrid	1.50	250	187.50
	Total	8.50		537.50

Institutions and Agencies for sourcing the coconut seedlings

1	Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department
2	Kerala Agricultural University
3	Central Plantation Crops Research Institute
4	Coconut Development Board
5	Decentralised nurseries under CPCRI

1 B. Distribution of WCT Coconut seedlings for planting in the bunds of R-block kayal lands:

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture has announced the programme for distribution of coconut seedlings for planting in the bunds of R-block kayal lands during the current year. Accordingly 25000 WCT coconut seedlings will be distributed to free of cost to the farmers, for which an amount of **Rs.25.00 lakh** is earmarked.

1 C. Transportation of seedlings & Awareness programmes

An amount of Rs.23.00 lakh is provided for conducting inaugural function /meetings/ seminars/ training/ awareness programme for farmers and for transportation of coconut seedlings for distribution at ward level. Transportation will be carried out following tender procedure.

2. Seednut procurement and nursery charges – Rs.884.7645 lakh.

It is proposed to procure 6.00 lakh seednuts of variety WCT, 2.00 lakh Dwarf seed nuts and 2.00 lakh hybrid seednuts from December 2020 onwards from selected mother palms in accordance with coconut seednut procurement process being carried out by the Department every year, for which an amount of **Rs.710.00 lakh** is provided. The present cost of seed nuts fixed is Rs.70/nut for WCT and Dwarf varieties and Rs.75/nut for hybrid varieties. Assistance for transportation will also be provided. An amount of **Rs.25.00 lakh** is set apart for transportation of seednuts within the district and also inter district which will be carried out through tender process.

Coconut is a cross pollinated crop and hence the the characteristics and vigour seedlings produced from the seed nuts collected from mother palms will vary from that of mother palms. In order to produce good quality seedlings, hybridization is carried out wherein pollination is done manually following prescribed scientific procedure. Hybridization works are carried out at 3 stations under the Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, viz. 2 Seed Development units each at Chavakkad in Thrissur district and Vadakara in Kozhikode district and also at TXD pollination unit at Chalode in Kannur district. Required number of workers selected on contract basis will be trained to carry out this procedure for which honorarium of Rs.25000/p.m. is proposed for 6 months, for which an amount of **Rs.69.00 lakh** is proposed. An amount of **Rs.40.00 lakh** is also earmarked for meeting the operational expenses of Seed Development Units (SDU) and Pollination unit. An amount of **Rs. 20.00 lakh** is provided for meeting expenses for tagging of coconut seedlings for traceability and other miscellaneous activities.

An amount of **Rs.20.7645 lakh** is earmarked for department farms for coconut seedling production and nursery management expenses.

Abstract

Sl. No	Item	Amount proposed (Rs. In lakh)
1	Sourcing and distribution of coconut seedlings & awareness programmes	585.50
2.a)	Seednut procurement and nursery charges	864.00
b)	Funds for department farms for coconut seedling production and nursery management expenses	20.7645
	Total	1470.2645

(Rupees fourteen hundred and seventy lakh twenty six thousand four hundred and fifty only)

In the circumstances mentioned above, continuous administrative sanction is hereby issued for implementation of ongoing component 'Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of Coconut Mission – Coconut Council (2nd year activities)' under 'Coconut Development Scheme' during 2020-21 for an amount of **Rs. 1470.2645 lakh (Rupees fourteen hundred and seventy lakh twenty six thousand four hundred and fifty only)** as per the above statement, debiting expenditure to head of account **2401-00-103-87 (Plan)** from current years' budget provision of Rs.7421.00 lakh. The scheme shall be implemented abiding by the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Orders read above.

As per G.O read as reference (6) above, fund allocation for schemes have to be provided AEU wise. Accordingly, implementing sections at the Directorate of Agriculture will provide AEU wise fund allocation while issuing working instructions for the scheme.

Monthly progress report should invariably contain component wise physical and financial targets and achievements and the stage of implementation of each

component. Since the Government is giving emphasis to women participation and gender budgeting, maximum efforts have to be made to include women beneficiaries in the scheme. The number of women beneficiaries and the amount utilised for such beneficiaries (component wise) should also be separately shown in the monthly progress report.

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