



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department – Establishment of the 'Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres' to support the activities and scientific requirements of various activities under Subhiksha Keralam project in 152 blocks – Administrative sanction accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.716/2020/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15/08/2020

Read 1 Letter No. ADFW/587/2020-TP2, dated. 30-07-2020 from the Director of Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram.

2 G.O. (Rt.) No.609/2020/Agri, dated.30-06-2020

3 G.O. (Rt.) No. 631/2020/Agri, dated.02-07-2020.

ORDER

As per the letter read as first paper above, Director of Agriculture has requested Government to accord Administrative Sanction to the proposal for the Establishment of the 'Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres' to support the activities and scientific requirements of various activities under Subhiksha Keralam project in 152 blocks with the participation of scientists, field level officials, people's representatives and farmer representative. It is proposed to utilize the funds for an amount of ₹.156.775 lakhs (Rupees One Crore Fifty Six lakh Seven Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) available under the scheme. 'Krishipadashala' – under head of account 2401-00-109-60 Plan and 'Human Resource Development' under the head of account 2415-01-277-98 Plan for this programme as per the following split up;

(₹ in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Component	Rate of Assistance	Total Amount (₹ in lakhs)	Funds
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1.	Establishment of frontline demonstration plots	0.075 per Krishi Bhavan for 1077 Krishi Bhavans (0.075*1077=80.775)	80.775	2401-00-109-60-P Krishipadashala (sanctioned vide G.O.Rt.No.631/20/Agri, dated, 02-07-2020))
2.	Surveillance of farmer's field	0.25 per Block for 152 Blocks (0.25*152)	38.00	2415-01-277 -98-P Scheme of Human Resource Development
3.	Other expenses - meetings, reporting, documentation etc.	0.25 per Block for 152 Blocks (0.25*152)	38.00	2415-01-277-98-P Scheme of Human Resource Development
	TOTAL		156.775	

2. As per Government order read as 3rd paper above, administrative sanction has been accorded to the scheme "Krishipadashala" for an amount of ₹.350 lakhs subject to the condition that the detailed training module shall be prepared by the Agriculture Department in consultation with, the Kerala Agriculture University. Hence the Component 1, i.e. Establishment of frontline demonstrative plots for an amount of Rs.80.775 lakh can be met from the head of account 2401-00-109-60 Plan.

3. For the second and third components of the proposal i.e., Surveillance of farmer's field and for Other expenses - meetings, reporting, documentation etc., for a total amount of Rs.76 lakh, the Director of Agriculture has requested administrative sanction from Government for utilizing the fund from the continuing scheme Human Resources Development for which a budget provision of ₹.250 lakh has been earmarked for the current year under the head of account 2415-01-277-98 plan.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord administrative sanction for the Establishment of the '**Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres**' to support the activities and scientific requirements of various activities under Subhiksha Keralam project in 152 blocks for an amount ₹.156.775 lakhs (Rupees One Crore Fifty Six lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred only) available under the sanctioned schemes 'Krishipadashala' and "Human Resource Development" from the

head of accounts, 2401-00-109-60-P and 2415-01-277-98- P respectively in the current financial year as detailed in the above table and subject to the following conditions:

- i. Academics, Research and Extension are the mandate of Kerala Agriculture University (KAU). The Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres is an extension activity intended for providing scientific information on interventions related to Subhiksha Keralam.
- ii. Extension also is a mandate of scientists of KAU, hence no amount can be spend as remuneration or honorarium to the Scientists for participating in activities under Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres. It may form part of the normal official work wherein, normal TA/DA rules shall apply. Any additional expenses, if needed, to the Scientists will be met by KAU. The Department of Agriculture may provide vehicle and support services to the officials of Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres on a need based manner.
- iii. The involvement of scientists in Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres should not jeopardise academics and research in KAU. There shall not be any reduction in teaching hours or research hours due to the Scientists' involvement in the activities of Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres.
- iv. The activities of Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres shall be merged with the activities under Krishi Padashala
- v. All technologies/interventions advised to the farmers by Block level Agricultural Knowledge Centres will be strictly in conformity with the Package of Practices recommendation of KAU and ICAR.
- vi. All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
- vii. The expenditure would be met only from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.
- viii. The fund release will be based on actual requirement, and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
- ix. Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- x. Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary
- xi. Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.

- xii. The Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department shall monitor the implementation of the Scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
- xiii. The Implementation agencies/Departments should prepare and implementation schedule to complete the project in time and provide regular progress report on financial and physical progress on a quarterly basis.
- xiv. The Director of Agriculture should hold meetings once in two months to review the progress and send the report to Government.
- xv. The Director of Agriculture should ensure signing of an MoU with concerned implementing agencies before releasing the funds. It should also be ensured that the utilization certificates pertaining to the scheme are submitted by the agencies in time.

5. The Director of Agriculture is authorized to draw and disburse the amount to the concerned for the above purpose and shall issue the Operational Guidelines of the scheme only after obtaining prior approval from the Government.

(By order of the Governor)
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