

**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 Rice Development** – Revised Continuous  
Administrative sanction accorded – orders issued- reg:

Read: 1) Order no.ADFW/4887/2020-TP2 dated 08/05/2020  
2) Note no.TA(1)8176/20 dated 25/09/2020

**Order No. ADFW/487/2020-TP2**

**Dated: 28.10.2020**

The Budget provision for the scheme 'Rice Development' for 2020-21 is 11824.00 lakhs. Continuous Administrative Sanction was accorded for the scheme, vide reference (1) cited for Rs.3484.00 lakh (**Rupees thirty four crores and eighty four lakhs Only**) for the scheme after deducting the amount of Rs. 262.01844 lakh allotted for encashment of bills not e-submitted to treasury upto 31.3.2020 and can be submitted on or before 18/4/2020 and Rs. 3854.5913 lakh for encashment of 'Queue' bills & WAMS clearance bills of 2019-20 as per circulars from finance section of Government in this regard. The components for which sanction was accorded are as follows:

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
<b>1</b>	<b>Group Farming</b>	
a	Sustainable Rice Development (Input assistance @ Rs.5500/ha) -	2666.40
b	Operational support to Padasekhara Samithies for Group Farming	300.00
c	Operational support to Paddy Development Agencies	30.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Area expansion</b>	
a	Promotion of Fallow Land Cultivation (IInd & IIIrd years)	312.60
<b>3</b>	<b>Registered Seed Growers Programme (RSGP)</b>	125.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Operationalization of Paddy and Wet Land Act 2008</b>	50.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3484.00</b>

Now, as per reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, TA(1) section has reported that various districts have surrendered funds allotted for implementation of various components in 2020-21. Moreover, Principal Agricultural Officers, Alappuzha and Wayanad have surrendered funds allotted for encashment of pending bills of 2019-20. Under this circumstance the Continuous sanction is revised with revision in the financial targets of the following components under the scheme as follows:

## 1) Group Farming

The component is being implemented to achieve a rice based farming system approach based on group farming concept and scientific package of cultivation suited to each agro climatic condition. It aims at enhancing production and productivity and simultaneously bringing down cost of cultivation. The group farming activities in each padasekharam will be undertaken in each season in a co-ordinated manner as per an approved action plan prepared at Krishibhavan level.

### a) Sustainable development of Rice (Rs.2672.93577 lakh)

An amount of Rs.2672.93577 lakh is set apart for input assistance under sustainable rice development for 48598.83 Ha @ Rs.5500/Ha. The support for input assistance will be in the form of quality seeds, inputs (based on AEU based recommendations from Krishi Bhavan), and certification and bio control agents only.

### (b) Operational support for Group farming activities of padasekhara samithies (Rs.300.18282 lakh)

An amount of **Rs. 300.18282 lakh** is sanctioned for promoting group farming activities of active padasekhara samithis. The amount will be released to padasekhara samithis on a transparent criterion for promoting group farming and facilitating e-payment system. The Padasekhara Samithies have to be strengthened to encourage group activities by integrating state schemes for rice development, rice development projects of Local Self Governments & rice promotion schemes under RKVY. Consequent to the introduction of e-payment system of crediting subsidy to individual bank account of farmers, the availability of funds for group activities with Padasekhara Samithies are practically nil. In such a situation, operational support of Padasekhara Samithies is an inevitable item for the existence and functioning of Padasekhara Samithies. Hence an amount of Rs.300.00 lakhs is sanctioned as operational support to Padasekhara Samithies for group farming for 83,334 ha @ Rs.360/ha subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- padasekharam. The padasekharams having a minimum area of 5 ha alone will be considered for assistance under this programme.

The amount can be utilized for the following activities for the benefit of the individual farmers as group activities.

- a. Renewal of registration.
- b. Maintenance of accounts.
- c. Conducting group meetings, executive committee meetings etc.
- d. Office expenses for printing charges of forms, registers etc.
- e. Laying out of demonstration plots, erecting boards etc.
- f. Repair and maintenance of farm machineries and equipments.
- g. Hiring of machineries during peak seasons.
- h. Maintenance and repair of common bunds, channels etc.
- i. Expenses for the repair of bunds breached due to flood.
- j. Registered seed growers programme.
- k. Additional expenses for dewatering and irrigation.

- l. Selling the produce through Civil Supplies Corporation.
- m. Preparation of claims and statement for e-payment.
- n. Organizing seminars, campaigns, harvest melas with farmers participation, highlighting their achievements.
- o. Development of infrastructural facilities for Selected Group Farming Padasekharams in the Block Area.
- p. Mechanisation of tillage operations. Packing and distribution of seeds, fertilizers, pp chemicals and other inputs.

## 2) Area Expansion

### (a) Fallow Land Cultivation (Rs.307.35342 lakhs)

In order to increase rice production in the State, it is important to revive paddy cultivation in paddy lands kept fallow. In order to promote paddy cultivation in rice fallows, it is proposed to give assistance for a continuous period of 3 years in a phased manner in project mode and also to institutionalize fallow land cultivation wherever possible. The assistance for bringing new area under cultivation will be sanctioned as part of the 'COVID 19 Mitigation proposal for Agriculture'. An amount of Rs.312.60 lakh was set apart for this purpose. An amount of Rs.4.29376 lakh from this component was available as savings which was utilized to meet the requirement under the component "Operational support to paddy development agencies". Therefore the total amount allotted under this component was 308.30624 lakh.

As per request from the implementing section, this is revised and thus an amount of Rs.307.35342 lakh is set apart for providing financial assistance II and III year of fallow land cultivation as given below:

(Amount in Rs.)

Year	Assistance for the land owner/ha (Rs)	Assistance for the cultivator/ha (Rs)	Total assistance / ha (Rs)	Total area to be covered (Ha)	Total amount set apart (Rs in lakh)
II Year	3500	5800	7000	3054.1	213.78768
III Year	750	3750	4500	2079.24	93.56574
<b>Total</b>					<b>307.35342</b>

### Abstract

The component wise breakup is summarized as follows :

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
<b>1</b>	<b>Group Farming</b>	
a	Sustainable Rice Development (Input assistance @ Rs.5500/ha) -	2672.93577
b	Operational support to Padasekhara Samithies for Group Farming	300.18282
c	Operational support to Paddy Development Agencies	30.00

2	<b>Area expansion</b>	
a	Promotion of Fallow Land Cultivation (IInd & IIIrd years)	307.35342
3	<b>Registered Seed Growers Programme (RSGP)</b>	125.00
4	<b>Operationalization of Paddy and Wet Land Act 2008</b>	50.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3485.47201</b>

Continuous sanction for scheme "Rice Development" accorded vide reference (1) stands modified to this extent only.

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Director of Agriculture

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