



**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

**Abstract**

Agriculture Department - Exposure tours for farmers -  
Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

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**AGRICULTURE (EB) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt)No.944/2022/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 02-11-2022

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- Read 1. Letter No. ADFW/9395/2021-TP2 dated 25.09.2022 from the  
Director,Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Department  
2. Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 14.10.2022

**ORDER**

The Budget Speech 2022 envisages a scheme at a cost of Rs 2 Crore by which the farmers of the State can understand the best practices in agriculture by visiting farms in India and abroad where profitable farming is practiced using modern techniques and an amount of Rs 0.01 lakh has been allocated in the current financial year under the H/A 2401-00-109-80 Plan .

2) The Director, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, vide letter read above, has submitted a project proposal for conducting National and International Agricultural Technology Exposure tours for farmers for an estimated cost of Rs. 200 lakh and requested sanction the required amount through additional

authorization towards H/A- 2401-00-109-80 Plan as the available budget provision earmarked for the Scheme "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension" under this Head is required for implementing the components sanctioned for the current financial year.

(3) The working Group meeting as per the minutes read (2) above approved the proposal.

4) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction as approved in the working group meeting, for conducting national and international exposure tours for farmers, for an amount of ₹200 lakh by meeting the expenditure from the 2401-00-109-80 Plan earmarked as budget provision during the current financial year subject to the specific conditions as follows:

- a. International exposure tour group shall include 10 farmers and 1 Government Official to co-ordinate.
- b. Online application shall be called for from progressive farmers with all requisite details.
- c. Transparent selection shall be ensured.
- d. The selection committee shall be chaired by Secretary, Agriculture Department, Director SHM with Director/Nominee and Additional Director (Extension) and Addl.Direcor, SAMETI
- e. Duration of visit shall be fixed as four nights stay at the designated country of visit.
- f. Farmers willing to afford air fare as their own cost shall be given preference to a maximum of 50% of the total participants to accommodate maximum full cost participants.
- g. Tour shall be arranged through ODEPC or through credible private tour operators through quotation process
- h. Government Official accompanying the farmers shall only seek

Government approval as a Tour.

- i. The Administrative Sanction for the farmers tour will be issued by the Agriculture Department.

5) The following General Conditions shall 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 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. The Head of Departments shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
- viii. The implementation 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. The Director should hold monitoring meetings to review the progress and send report to Government regarding the progress of implementation of the approved scheme.

- x. The Director, Agriculture / Director of Soil Survey & Soil Conservation Department shall sign an MoU with the concerned implementing agencies of the scheme before releasing the funds. It should also be ensured that the Utilization Certificates pertain to all schemes are submitted by the agencies in time.
- xi. AIMS portal registration and Digital Soil Health Card is mandatory.
- xii. Geo fencing & Geo tagging is mandatory. It should be ensured in every scheme wherever beneficiaries exist.
- xiii. Plan review will be conducted on every month.

6) The project will be managed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) and project implementation will be completed by 31.03.2023.

(By order of the Governor)

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The Planning and Economic Affairs Department

The Finance Department

The Agriculture (PB) Department

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