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

(Present : Sunil Kumar.A.M)

Sub: Annual Plan 2018-19 – 'Development of Location Specific Crops' – Continuous Administrative Sanction accorded – orders issued- reg:

Read: 1) G.O.(Rt)No.782/2017/AD dated.04.08.2017

2) G.O.(Rt)No. 964/2017/AD dated.07.10.2017

3) Annual Plan 2018-19

Order No. TP(2)7451/2018

Dated: 09.04.2018

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1st above accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme, 'Location Specific Scheme' during 2017-18 for an amount of Rs.330.00 lakhs. Government vide order read 2nd above accorded modified orders for implementation of the above scheme. The components of the scheme were as follows.

SI. No	Item	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	
1.	Promotion of tribal agriculture		
a)	Cultivation of Traditional Millets	100.00	
b)	Cultivation of Pulses	60.00	
c)	Apiculture through honey bee fencing	5.00	
d)	Logistics and marketing	5.00	
e)	Establishment of Small Scale millet processing units	25.00	
f)	Organizing tribal fest of Oorukoottums	5.00	
	Sub total	200.00	
2.	Project for promotion of annual oil seeds viz. sesamum and ground nut	55.00	
3.	Project for promotion of Sugarcane	75.00	
	Total	330.00	

As per the Annual Plan 2018-19, the scheme is proposed to be continued during the current financial year with a total allocation of Rs.350.00 lakhs, with the following components, abiding by the norms and conditions of the Government Orders read above.

Sl. •No	Particulars	Rate of assistance	Phy.Target	Fin. target (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Promotion of tribal agriculture			
A	Attappady Millet Village	C. C. Standard State		
i).	Cultivation of Traditional Millets			
a	Ragi	Rs.10,000/ha	150 ha	15.00
b	Maize	Rs.10,000/ha	75 ha	7.50
с	Other minor millets like foxtail millet, little millet, Kodo millet, proso millet, barnyard millet	Rs.10,000/ha	75 ha	7.50
	Sub Total		300 ha	30.00
ii).	Cultivation of Pulses			
a	Red gram	Rs.12,000/ha	100 ha	12.00
b	Horse gram	Rs.12,000/ha	50 ha	6.00
С	Others (blackgram, Cowpea etc)	Rs.12,000/ha	75 ha	9.00
	Sub Total		225 ha	27.00
iii).	Cultivation of ground nut	Rs.15000/ha	60 ha	9.00
iv).	Cultivation of vegetables including traditional varieties	Rs.15,000/ha	75 ha	11.25
v).	Logistics and marketing		na 100 100	1.50
vi	Operational expenses			23.25
	Total (Millet Village in Attappady)		660 ha	102.00
В	Cultivation of traditional millets in Thayannamkudy of Idukki district	Rs.10000/ha	30 ha	3.00
	Total (Promotion of tribal agriculture)		690 ha	105.00
2.	Promotion of annual oil seeds a) sesamum	Rs.5000/ha	750 ha	37.50
	b) ground nut	Rs.15000/ha	100 ha	15.00
¢	Total (Promotion of annual oil seeds)		850 ha	52.50
3.	Promotion of Sugarcane	Rs.20000/ha	750 ha	150.00
	Grand Total			307.50

The details of the components are as follows.

1) Project for tribal agriculture

This component will be implemented in Attappady of Palakkad district and Thayannamkudy of Idukki district as follows

A) Attappady Millet Village

i) Cultivation of Traditional Millets

Attappady will be developed as a Millet Village. It is proposed to provide financial assistance @ Rs.10,000/ Ha for cultivation of millet crops which form the traditional food of tribals. Assistance proposed is towards the cost of seeds, manures and fertilizers, plant protection chemicals and cost of land preparation, irrigation etc. It is proposed to provide assistance for cultivation in 300 ha with a financial commitment of Rs.30.00 Lakhs. The details are furnished below.

Sl. No.		Target		
	Crop	Phy. (ha)	Fin. (Rs. in lakhs)	
1	Ragi	150	15.00	
2	Maize	75	7.50	
3	Other minor millets like foxtail millet, little millet, Kodo millet, proso millet, barnyard millet	75	7.50	
	Total	300	30.00	

ii) Cultivation of Pulses

It is proposed to provide financial assistance @ Rs.12,000/ ha for cultivation of important pulse crops to provide additional nutritional security for tribals. Assistance proposed is towards the cost of seeds, manures and fertilizers, Plant protection chemicals and cost of land preparation. It is proposed to provide assistance for cultivation in 225 ha with a financial commitment of Rs.27.00 Lakhs. The details are furnished below.

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	Crops	Phy. (ha)	Fin. (Rs. in lakhs) 12.00	
1	Red gram	100	12.00	
2	Horse gram	50	6.00	
3	Others (blackgram, Cowpea etc)	75	9.00	
105	Total	225	27.00	

iii) Cultivation of groundnut

It is also proposed to provide financial assistance @ Rs.15,000/ ha for cultivation of groundnut. Assistance is towards the cost of seeds, manures and fertilizers, Plant protection chemicals and cost of land preparation. An area of 60 ha will be brought under cultivation f groundnut with a provision of Rs.9.00 lakhs.

iv) Cultivation of vegetables including traditional varieties

It is proposed to promote cultivation of vegetables including traditional varieties in tribal hamlets following cluster approach so as to provide nutritional security to the native population and also for income generation. It is proposed to promote vegetable cultivation on a cluster basis in an area of 75 ha by providing assistance @ Rs.15,000/ha. An amount of Rs.11.25 lakhs is set apart for this purpose.

v) Logistics and Marketing

Transportation of agriculture produce from different pockets to the market place is cumbersome process in most of the tribal areas. For the marketing of the ethnic produces of the tribal people, transport subsidy will be provided for the transportation of agriculture commodities to the nearby markets/ecoshops. Transport subsidy will be disbursed to tribal clusters on the basis of distance from production centres and the volume of produce brought for sale at the following rates.

Distance from production centre (km)	Transport subsidy (Rs. per kg.)
upto 10 km	3.00
above 10 km	5.00

An amount of provision of Rs.1.50 lakhs is earmarked for this purpose.

vi) Operational expenses

An amount of **Rs.23.25 lakhs** is proposed for meeting the operational expenses of the project including engaging manpower on contract basis in the cadres of Agriculture Officer, Agriculture Assistant, Field Assistant, Data Entry Operators, Jeep Drivers etc.

Additional activities will be undertaken in Attappady millet village utilizing funds from Tribal Development Department.

B) Cultivation of traditional millets in Thayannamkudy of Idukki district

Apart from attapady, there is potential for millet cultivation in Thayannamkudy of Idukki district. It is proposed to provide assistance for cultivation of traditional millerts in Thayannamkudy in an area of **30 ha** by providing assistance @ Rs.10,000/ ha. Assistance proposed is towards the cost of seeds, manures and fertilizers, Plant protection chemicals and cost of land preparation. An amount of **Rs.3.00 lakhs** is set apart for this purpose..

2) Promotion of annual oil seeds (Sesamum & Groundnut)

It is proposed to provide financial assistance @Rs.5000/ha for cultivation of sesamum in potential pockets of the State like Onattukara region in Alappuzha district and in other traditional tracts like Malappuram district.

It is also proposed to provide financial assistance @ Rs.15,000/ ha for cultivation of ground nut in traditionally cultivated areas and non traditional areas in Alappuzha, Palakkad and other districts.

Assistance proposed is towards the cost of seeds, manures and fertilizers, Plant protection chemicals and cost of land preparation. It is proposed to provide assistance for cultivation of oilseeds in **850 ha** with a financial commitment of **Rs.52.50 lakhs**. The details are as furnished below.

S1.		Target		
No	Crops	Phy. (ha)	Fin. (Rs. in lakhs)	
1	Ground nut	100	15.00	
2	Sesamum	750	37.50	
	Total (oil seeds)	850	52.50	

3) Promotion of Sugarcane

At present, the sugarcane crop is predominantly concentrated in central Travancore region, Marayur region in Idukki district and in tracts of Palakkad district.

Assistance will be provided for quality planting materials, land preparation, irrigation, plant protection, harvesting, transportation, setting up of processing units etc. It is proposed to provide assistance @ Rs.20,000/ha, for taking up sugarcane cultivation in an area of **750 ha**. The assistance for setting

up of modern units of jaggery may be availed from RKVY scheme. An amount of **Rs.150.00 lakhs** is earmarked for this component.

Financial Outlay

Abstract of the scheme is as follows.

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(Rupees Three crores seven lakhs and fifty thousand only)

In the circumstances mentioned above, continuous Administrative Sanction is hereby issued for the implementation of the scheme 'Location Specific Scheme' during 2018-19 for an amount of Rs.307.50 lakhs (Rupees Three crores seven lakhs and fifty thousand only), as per the above statement, debiting the expenditure to the head of account 2401-00-103-75 (P) from current year's budget provision.

The scheme shall be implemented abiding by the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Orders read above.

Separate proposal seeking Administrative Sanction for the balance provision of Rs.42.50 lakhs shall be submitted to Government.

Since agriculture is a season based activity, timely implementation of the scheme has to be ensured by arranging the required inputs in time and this should be reflected in the monthly booking of expenditure from April 2018 onwards.

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