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Sub:- Agriculture Department-Annual Plan 2018-19 Scheme on 'Special Agricultural Zones'-SAZ for vegetables Devikulam Special Agricultural zone -Establishment of Agro-pharmacy at Vattavada /Kanthallur -Working Instruction issued:-reg

- Ref:- 1)GO(Ms) No.128/2017/AD dtd 12/10/2017
2)GO(Ms) No. 22/2018/AD dtd 19/02/2018
3)Circular No. VC 8725/18 dtd. 14/03/2018 , Director of Agriculture
4)Order No.TP(2)17170/2018 dtd 07/05/2018 of Director of Agriculture

Special Agricultural Zones are proposed for convergence based result oriented scheme implementation through focused project based interventions in identified potential zones. SAZ is a flagship pro-programme included in the Annual Plan 2018-19 .A total number of 15 zones are designated for the major crops grown in the State including vegetables.

As per ref(1) cited ,Administrative sanction has been accorded for the implementation of the scheme on 'Special Agricultural Zones' for infrastructure development activities and filling of critical gaps in specific identified zones for an amount of Rs. 985.00 lakhs subjected to the approval of DPR by Government

As per ref(2) cited the DPR of various SAZ proposed by the department were approved by Government and sanction has been accorded for the release of funds to the tune of Rs. 970.00 Lakhs out of which an amount of Rs.76.45 Lakhs is earmarked for Devikulam Special Agricultural Zones.

As per ref(3)cited common working instruction were issued from Vegetable Cell for the implementation of the SAZ for vegetables in different zones. One of the activities proposed during 2017-18 under Devikulam SAZ is establishment of Agro-pharmacies at Vattavada and Kanthallur. The Working instruction were issued for the specific activity of establishment of Agro-pharmacy in Devikulam SAZ.

As per the ref(4) cited sanction has been accorded for the implementation of the scheme Special Agricultural zone for the specific activity of establishment of Agro-pharmacy in Devikulam SAZ for the year 2018-19.

Objectives

- i) To ensure availability of quality inputs for organic agriculture.
- ii) To promote Eco-friendly Good Agricultural Practices and production of Safe to eat produces.
- iii) Popularization of Good Agricultural Practices including INM, IPM etc.

Establishment of Agro-pharmacy

Agropharmacy is aimed at making available quality inputs for carrying out eco-friendly organic agriculture. The organic inputs include nutrient supplying products like Organic manures (Vermi compost, Bio-compost, cowdung, Poultry manures, oilcakes etc), Bio fertilizers (Rhizobium, Azetobacter, Azospirillum, PSB, VAM) and growth promoting organic mixtures like Panchagavya, Fish Amino Acid, Egg Amino Acid including bio-dynamic preparations, Plant Protection inputs like botanical, bio-pesticides, pheromone traps, Yellow sticky traps, light traps. The Agropharmacy will be established at a central accessible location in Vattavada/Kanthallur wherever feasible location is made available. The running of the Agro-pharmacy will be as per the proposal furnished by the Principal Agricultural Officer, Idukki. A committee will be constituted for the functioning, monitoring and review of the activities.

Terms and conditions to be followed while implementing the scheme

- 1) The provision under Special Agricultural Zone scheme shall be utilized only for group based activities
- 2) No individual assistance shall be provided under the scheme
- 3) Technical sanction from competent authority has to be obtained wherever applicable before implementation
- 4) Government norms and rates have to be strictly adhered to for purchases, works etc.
- 5) Detailed action plan and calendar for activities have to be prepared and communicated to the Director of Agriculture prior to implementation.

Source of funds

The Total estimated cost for the Agri-Pharmacy is **Rs. 6.00 Lakhs** (Rupees six lakhs) .Which is to be met from the sanctioned provision under the Devikulam SAZ.

Estimated cost for one Agro Pharmacy - Rs. 6.00 Lakhs

Total cost of Project - Rs. 6.00 Lakhs

Total Assistance - Rs. 6.00 Lakhs

The expenditure in this regard will be met from the H/A 2401-00-102-79 plan of current year's budget.

Implementation , Monitoring & Reporting

Implementation – At the district level, scheme will be monitored by Principal Agriculture Officer concerned. The Deputy Director of Agriculture (NWDPR) in charge of Organic Farming will be the nodal Deputy Director for implementing the Scheme. The Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) will extend assistance for designing the Agro-pharmacy building. The component will be monitored by the Organic Farming Cell at the State level.

A separate Register for Special Agricultural Zone has to be maintained by the nodal section & implementing section at state level and by the Principal Agricultural Officer at district level which shall be kept updated for providing relative information.

The monthly Progress Report should invariably contain component wise physical and financial targets and achievements, number of beneficiaries and the stage of implementation.

Since the Government is giving emphasis to women participation and gender budgeting, the number of women beneficiaries involved should also be separately shown in the Progress Report.

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