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Directorate of Agriculture

Vikas Bhavan

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Sub : Contingency programme to meet natural calamities and pest and disease endemic –
“**Management of pest and disease endemic 2018-19**” implementation during 2018-19 – working instructions issued – regarding

Ref: 1) TP(2)7467/18 dated 04/04/2018

2) G.O(Ms)No.75/2017/AGRI dated 29/05/2017

Administrative sanction was received for the scheme “Contingency Programme to meet natural calamities and pest and disease endemic” during 2017-18 vide reference 2nd cited with a financial outlay of **Rs.500 lakhs** under the **Ha/c 2401-00-800-91** Plan. Now continuous sanction is received for the implementation of following components with a financial allocation of 350 lakhs during 2018-19

- Creation of buffer stock of short duration varieties of crop seeds – 100.00 lakhs
- Assistance for strengthening of bunds – 100.00 lakhs
- Management of pest and disease endemic – 150.00 lakhs

The following working instructions are issued for implementing the component “**Management of pest and disease endemic.**”

The scheme “Crop Health Management” is under implementation with the objective to develop a pest surveillance based crop advisory system to help the farmers from the vagaries of pests and disease problems by adopting suitable control measures at the appropriate time and save the crops. However, contingencies may occur in the event of sudden pest/ disease outbreak which need to be controlled to avoid spread and crop loss. In such cases Agricultural Officer should immediately report the same to the Principal Agricultural Officer. The Principal Agricultural Officer should take immediate steps to arrange visit of Multi Disciplinary Diagnostic Team to the site. Recommendations on suitable prophylactic and corrective measures duly signed by the team members should be provided to the farmer group in writing. The recommendations should include Integrated Pest and Disease Management components which help in reducing the use of chemicals and reducing the cost of cultivation. Only in very demanding situations, chemicals which are safe to use should be prescribed with correct dosage and frequency of application. Wherever chemicals are recommended, farmers should be warned about the waiting periods to be followed before consumption or marketing.

A copy of the detailed MDDT report including details like name and designation of officers in the team, date and time of visit, area visited, crop situation, details of symptoms noticed, nature and extent of damage, stage of the crop, field condition, endemic nature etc. should be sent to the Director of Agriculture by **fax/ e mail** along with the following details.

Name of Block	Name of Krishi Bhavan	Location	Name of crop affected	Name of pest/disease	Area affected	Recommendation of MDDT team	Name of chemical used with rate	Total quantity of chemical used	Total cost of chemicals	Labour charges for application of chemicals	Grand Total

Based on this report the Rapid Action Wing at the State level , under the leadership of the Joint Director of Agriculture (Plant Protection) , if required , will visit the area , and give suggestions regarding the control measures and the financial assistance to be provided to take up the control measures. The expenses involved in the adoption of such control measures on emergency basis including cost of fungicides, pesticides and spraying charges will be sanctioned from Directorate of Agriculture to districts from the provision under this component for which an amount of **Rs.150 lakhs** is set apart during the year 2018-19.

The remedial measures/ control measures should be undertaken on a campaign mode by mobilising local leadership and ensuring massive adoption. A register should be maintained with the details of the farmer/ field , nature of the problems, contact phone number , exact location of the field , signature of the farmer, recommendations given etc.

The Principal Agricultural Officer should submit the final claim to the Director of Agriculture immediately after completion of the spraying programme with necessary certificates. The Agricultural Officer in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at Panchayat Level. The Assistant Director of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the Block Level. The Deputy Director of Agriculture (E & T) will be in charge for the implementation of the programme at District Level under the supervision and control of the Principal Agricultural Officers. At State level a separate monitoring committee headed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) with the following members will monitor the scheme for the effective and timely implementation.

1. Joint Director of Agriculture (PP)
2. Joint Director of Agriculture (WM)
3. Plant Protection Officer

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The expenditure will be met from the provision under the Head of Account **2401- 00-800-91 OC** Plan in current year's budget.

Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

9/4/18

To

All Principal Agricultural Officers and Project Directors, ATMA

**DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE
VIKAS BHAVAN, TRIVANDRUM.**

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