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Directorate of Agriculture Development
& Farmer's Welfare, Vikas Bhavan,
Thiruvananthapuram
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Sub: Annual Plan 2018-19- Scheme on " Soil Health Management and Productivity Improvement "- Awareness programmes, seminars, workshops -working instructions-regarding

Ref: 1. G.O. (Rt.) 634/2017/AD dated 23.06.2017

2. Order No. TP (2) 7457/18 dated 11/04/2018 of the Director of Agriculture

As per the reference 1st cited, Government have accorded administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme 'Soil Health Management and Productivity Improvement' during the year 2017-18 for an amount of Rs. 415 lakh under the Head of Account 2401-00-800-28(Plan), of which Rs. 10 lakh was set apart for the component 'Awareness programmes, seminars, workshops'.

As per the reference 2nd cited, continuous sanction has been accorded for implementation of the scheme during 2018-19 for an amount of Rs. 360 lakh under the Head of Account **2401-00-800-28 (Plan)**, out of which Rs. 10 lakh is set apart for "Awareness programmes, seminars, workshops". The scheme is to be implemented during 2018-19 at a cost of Rs. 10 lakh from the total budget outlay of Rs. 2833 lakh set apart for "Soil and Root Health Management and Productivity Improvement" under the H/A 2401-00-800-28 Plan.

Objectives:

Campaign mode of implementation of soil testing programme has been found to be successful in rapid expansion of soil testing programme.

1. To make the farmers aware about the importance of soil testing.
2. To make the farmers widely adopt the INM principles for increasing the productivity.
3. To make the soils more healthy.
4. To help farmers by interpreting the Soil Health Card and recommending optimum crop management practices for different crops with due consideration for the topography, land utilisation, soil type and other micro-climatic conditions that prevail in the fields.

Programme:

Block panchayat level campaigns (2 no.s per block) in all the districts of Kerala will be organised covering all the panchayaths in each Block to make the farming community aware of the importance of soil testing and to collect soil samples for preparation of Soil Health Cards. During these campaigns, the service of the Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory should be made use of for giving some spot results. Special classes will be taken to educate farmers on importance of soil

health and benefits of soil testing by different extension methods.

During these campaigns, special attention should be given for emphasizing the need of using soil test based micro-nutrient application for correcting the micro-nutrient deficiency which is a fast spreading problem today. Farmer groups /clubs should be actively involved.

It is proposed to cover 152 blocks (Assisatnat Director's Offices) of the State by conducting two (2 No.s) Soil Testing Campaigns in each block covering all Krishi Bhavans in the Block. A State level programme is also suggested for getting a bird's eye view for the technical experts and extension officials engaged in the campaigns on soil test based fertiliser application.

Mode of implementation:

The block level programmes will be conducted by the concerned Assistanat Directors of Agriculture, Agricultural Officers of the Krishi Bhavans in co-ordination with Local Self Government and Assistant Soil Chemists of Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory in the district. In districts where there are no Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories, Assistant Soil Chemist, District Soil Testing Laboratory should conduct the Soil Testing Campaign. Special thrust should be given for issue and interpretation of Soil Health Cards in these Campaigns.

At District level the scheme will be implemented by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (WM).

At the State level, Additional Director of Agriculture (Planning) will be in charge of the programme.

The schedule fixed for conducting campaign at Block Level should be intimated to the Principal Agricultural Officer. Monthly progress report in the enclosed proforma (Annexure-1) should be submitted to the Director of Agriculture by the 5th of every month. Reporting and official correspondence in respect of the scheme should be made in the email id: fertilizer2010@gmail.com

The Principal Agricultural Officer shall furnish a detailed completion report including number of beneficiaries (male, female, SC ST, General) and Utilisation Certificate in proper format (Annexure-2) immediately on completion of the project.

Financial outlay:-

The component wise financial outlay is presented in the following table.

Sl. No.	Component	Rate / unit (Rs.)	Number	Total Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Block Level Soil test Campaigns	3250	304	9.88
2.	State level Nutrient Management Seminar	12,000	1	0.12
Total				10.00

District wise Physical and Financial allocation:

Sl. No.	Districts	No.of Block Level Campaigns (2 No.s /Block)	Amount (a) Rs.3250/- per Campaign (Rs. in Lakh)	Amount allotted to Districts (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	22	0.715	0.715
2	Kollam	22	0.715	0.715
3	Pathanamthitta	16	0.52	0.52
4	Alappuzha	24	0.78	0.78
5	Kottayam	22	0.715	0.715
6	Idukki	16	0.52	0.52
7	Ernakulam	28	0.91	0.91
8	Thrissur	32	1.04	1.04
9	Palakkad	26	0.845	0.845
10	Malappuram	30	0.975	0.975
11	Kozhikode	24	0.78	0.78
12	Wayanad	08	0.26	0.26
13	Kannur	22	0.715	0.715
14	Kasaragod	12	0.39	0.39
Total		304	9.88	9.88
	State level Nutrient Management Seminar	1	0.12	CSC
TOTAL			10.00	10.00

The total financial requirement of the programme of Rs.10.00 lakh can be met from the budget provision under the head of account 2401-00-800-28 Plan.

Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

Copy to:

1. All Principal Agricultural Officers
2. TA to Director of Agriculture
3. All Addl. Directors of Agriculture
4. Deputy Director of Agriculture (IT) for publishing in website
5. Chief Soil Chemist
6. Planning section for allotment of funds
7. Accounts section
8. Stock file.

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Annexure-1

Monthly progress report of the Scheme 'Awareness programmes, seminars, workshops'

Head of account 2401-00-800-28 Plan

District:

Rs. in lakh

Sl. No.	Name of District	Physical		Financial		Details of beneficiaries	
		T	A	T	A	Men	Women
1	Awareness programmes, seminars, workshops					No.	No.

Annexure-2
Completion Report of the Scheme 'Awareness programme, seminars, workshops
Head of account 2401-00-800-28 Plan

District:

Division Certificate

Principal Agricultural Officer