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Sub:- Agriculture Department – Annual Plan 2018-19 – Scheme on “Operational Support (Wages to Mobile Agro Clinics) under “Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery” – Administrative Sanction accorded – Working Instructions issued.

Read:- 1. GO.(Rt) No. 818/2017 /AGRI Dt. Thiruvananthapuram , 24-8-2017 - “Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery”- Administrative Sanction accorded.
2. GO.(Rt) No. 294 /2018 /AGRI Dt. Thiruvananthapuram. 31-3-2018.
3. Order No: TP(2) 7465/18 Dt. 28/04/2018 of Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department.

As per ref. 1st Administrative Sanction was accorded for meeting the operational cost of 75 mobile Agroclinics (in bolero jeeps) established in the State, by engaging driver-cum-attendants on contract basis @ of Rs.18000/- honorarium per month. As per the reference 2nd cited sanction was accorded for effecting the enhanced rate of Rs. 18,000/- per month from 01/04/ 2017.

As per the annual plan 2018-19, the scheme “Agro Service Centre and Service Delivery” is proposed to be continued during the current financial year with a budget allocation of Rs. 3167 lakhs and As per reference cited 3rd continuous Administrative Sanction has been accorded for the scheme “Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery” with a provision of total Rs. 2471.705 lakhs under the H/A 2401-00-113-83 and 4401-00-113-98 plan; for the year 2018- 19 . One of the components of this scheme is ‘Operational support’ (wages to drivers) to Mobile Agro Clinics for which Rs. 190 lakhs under the HA/c 2401-00-113-83 plan @ of Rs18000/- per month for 2018-19 . This amount is for providing honorarium to drivers of Mobile Agro Clinics.

The Mobile Agro Clinics were established with the following objectives:

1. Monitor Pest and disease incidence, diagnosis and suggestions for remedial measures.
2. Finding out deficiency symptoms, micro nutrients status, soil nutrients status, soil pH etc.
3. To reorient the extension activities of the department, enabling service delivery at door steps
4. To ensure involvement of youth in the professional management of agricultural related services.
5. To improve the farm clinical services by providing mobility equipped with facilities for field problem diagnosis, Pest and disease management etc.

For smooth functioning of these Mobile Agro Clinics which involves extensive travel for the service delivery, drivers were **engaged locally on contract basis as there is no sanctioned post of drivers** presently for these Mobile Agro Clinics. As per the reference cited above, funds are provided for operation support (including payment of wages to drivers of Mobile agro Clinics).

In this scheme an amount of Rs. 18,000/- per month is provided for the payment of honourarium to driver cum office attendant engaged, which will be met from the head of account 2401-00-113-83-Plan -Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery scheme from the budget provision for 2018-19

During 2017-18 enhanced rate of Rs. 18,000/- per month was effected from the date of Administrative sanction of the scheme (Ref. 2 cited). **As per the reference 3rd cited above sanction was accorded for effecting the enhanced rate of Rs. 18,000/- per month from 1/4/2017. The arrear amount due to the driver cum office attendant from 01/04/17 to 23/08/17 can also be met from the amount allotted during 2018-19.**

The district wise financial allocation of the scheme is given in Annexure I.

Monitoring:- At the district level, the scheme will be monitored and implemented by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (E&T) and Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) under the supervision of Principal Agricultural Officer. The Principal Agricultural Officer shall submit the monthly expenditure statement of the fund allotted to the name cover of Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) of the Directorate before 5th of every succeeding month in the proforma given in Annexure 2nd. Principal Agricultural Officer will conduct random verification regarding the proper utilization of vehicle. The custodian officer will ensure that the Logbook is maintained up to date and the vehicle is utilized exclusively for field visit and service delivery as envisaged in the scheme.

Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

To

All Principal Agricultural Officers,
All Project Directors, ATMA.
All Assistant directors of Agriculture.
All Agricultural Officers, Krishibhavans.

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1. CA to the Director of Agriculture
2. CA to all Additional Director of Agriculture
3. CA to State Agricultural Engineer
4. CA to Joint Director of Agriculture (AR & T) at Headquarters/Senior Finance Officer
5. TP Section – for allotment of funds to district as per Annexure
6. Deputy Director of Agriculture, IT Cell – to publish in the website
7. TV/Fin Section/TG Section
8. Stock File/Spare

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ANNEXURE 1

DISTRICT WISE FINANCIAL ALLOCATION OF WAGES TO DRIVERS OF MOBILE AGRO

CLINICS 2018-19 (HEAD OF ACCOUNT 2401-00-113-83)

Sl No	District	Allotted No. of Bolero Jeeps	No. of Drivers to be appointed on contract basis	Amount of honorarium @ Rs. 18,000/- per month (Rs in lakhs)	Remarks
1.	Thiruvananthapuram	5	5	12.8	
2.	Kollam	5	5	12.8	
3.	Pathanamthitta	4	4	10.24	
4.	Alappuzha	6	6	15	
5.	Kottayam	5	5	11.4	
6.	Idukki	4	4	10.24	
7.	Ernakulam	7	7	17.92	
8.	Thrissur	6	6	15.36	
9.	Palakkad	4	4	10.	
10.	Malappuram	6	6	15.36	
11.	Kozhikkod	5	5	12.8	
12.	Wayanad	3	3	7.68	
13.	Kannur	6	6	15.36	
14.	Kasargod	3	3	7.68	
15.	Headquarters	6	6	15.36	
Total		75	75	190 lakhs	

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ANNEXURE 2

PROFORMA FOR PROGRESS REPORT OF HONORARIUM FOR DRIVERS OF MOBILE DISTRICT

AGRO CLINICS FOR THE MONTH OF Head of Account 2401-00-113-83

Sl No	No. of drivers engaged	No. of field visits conducted with details	Financial Target	Financial Achievement		
				Up to previous month	During this month	Progressive Total