Directorate of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department Thiruvananthapuram Date: 14 .05.2018

CIRCULAR

Sub: Annual Plan 2018-19 scheme on "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension"—Administrative sanction accorded for implementation **Establishment of Integrated Farming System Models-** working instructions-issued.

Ref: 1. GO.(Ms.) 102/2017 Thiruvananthapuram Dt. 10/8/2017
2. Order no. TP(2) 7462/2018 Dt. 28/4/2018 of Director of Agricultuire

As per the reference 1cited administrative sanction has been accorded for the scheme "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension" in 2017-18. As per the Annual Plan 2018-19 the scheme is proposed to be implemented during the current financial year with a budget allocation of Rs. 4400 lakhs under the Head of Account 2401- 00-109-80 plan and as per reference 2nd cited continuous administrative sanction is issued for the scheme for an amount Rs.2053 lakhs for the year 2018-19. One of the component of this scheme is Establishment of Integrated Farming System Models (IFSM) . for which Rs. 635 lakhs is sanctioned.

Because of the micro size of land holdings in Kerala and the homestead nature of farming, it is absolutely necessary to develop such holdings into model farms which provide major or subsidiary income to the farmer. This is very important because another reason that most agricultural development schemes focus on land holdings with more area. In order to achieve production in a holistic and sustainable manner, it is necessary to establish and popularise Integrated Farming System Models in the state. An Integrated farming System Model comprises of components from Agriculture, animal husbandry, poultry, fisheries and other allied sectors, coexisting in a mutually complementary and self sustainable manner for optimum utilisation of land and providing maximum returns to the farmer.

It is proposed to popularise Integrated Farming System Model units in the state in the next 5 years utilising the expertise of KAU. During the current year, it is proposed to set up 2190 numbers of IFSM across the state @ 1 to 2 no.s/panchayat, providing 100 % assistance @ Rs.10000/- per 10 cents on an average and upto a maximum of Rs.50000/- for 50 cents and above.

Objective of the scheme is to popularise Integrated farming System Model units by encouraging the farmer to integrate at least 3 additional enterprises selected from allied sectors of agriculture with agriculture as the base. Training programmes will be arranged to selected farmers for successful implementation of the programme utilising the expertise of KAU and Department of Agriculture.

PROGRAMME

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Details of assistance are as shown below

Sl.	Unit size	Number of units	Assistance proposed/unit (Rs.)	Total amount required (Rs. in lakhs)
No.		500	10000	50.00
1	3-10 cent (upto20cent)	500	20000	100.00
2	20 cents (20-30cent)	400	30000	120.00
3	30 cents (30-40cent)		40000	160.00
4	40 cents (40-50cent)	400	50000	195.00
5	50 cents and above	390	30000	10.00
7	Trainings, reviews and workshops			
	at district level and HQ			635.00
	Total	2190		033.00

Implementation

Beneficiery farmers selected must be interested with strong aptitude and willingness to develop successful models with demonstration value and in impleminting new enterprises and converting the farm into models which can be an inspiration for other farmers .The Agricultural Officer at krishibhavan can identify farmers. Assistancewill be sanctioned for Single unit of Integrated Farming System Model per farmer. Integration of crop husbandry with enterprises like animal husbandry, dairying fisheries, bee keeping, poultryrearing, mushroom cultivation organic mannure production vermicompost production units etc. Restructuring of homestead for increasing income by introduction of new enterprises like poultry and fish culture etc. can be conceived. At least three new enterprises or activities should be taken up in the selected farm. Selected beneficiaries should be willing to showcase it as a demonstration plot .

Training

Training programmes can be arranged to the selected farmers in groups at district level by PD(ATMA) for successful implementation of the programme utilising the expertise of KAU and Department of Agriculture . An Amount Rs. 10,000 /- canbe utilised for the conduct of training .

Districtwise allottment of model farms and number of trainings shown as annexure 1.

Monitoring:-At the district level, the scheme will be monitored and implemented by the Deputy Project Director under the overall supervision of Project Director, ATMA. At the state level, the Additional Director of Agriculture (Extn) will monitor the scheme. PD, ATMA will submit the monthly progress report in the name cover of Smt. A. Girija Kumari, Additional Director of Agriculture (Extn) of the Directorate before 5th of every succeeding month.

Expenditure can be met from Rs.635.00 lakhs sanctioned for this component. under H/Ac 2401-00-109-80 plan; from the budget provision for the year 2018-19.

> 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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Annexure.1

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Establishment of Integrated Farming System Models (IFSM) 2018—19 Districtwise Allotment.

HA/c 2401-00-109-80 plan

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