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Directorate of Agriculture,  
Thiruvananthapuram.  
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**Circular**

Sub: Annual Plan 2018-19-Scheme on '**Modernization of Departmental Laboratories**'  
- Strengthening of Central Soil and Plant Health Centre, District Soil Testing Laboratories, Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories- modifications in working instructions-issued

Ref: 1. Circular of even no. dated 08.05.2017  
2. Note no. CA 35/DA/2018 dated 11.07.2018 of the Director of Agriculture

Working instructions of the component 'Strengthening of Central Soil and Plant Health Centre, District Soil Testing Laboratories, Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories' under the Scheme on 'Modernization of Departmental Laboratories' was issued as per reference 1st cited, wherein an amount of Rs. 125 lakh was allotted to the Chief Soil Chemist for implementation of the scheme. The Chief Soil Chemist was also directed to allot funds to Assistant Soil Chemists of 14 District Soil Testing Laboratories and nine Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories for the repair and AMC of equipments, purchase of glassware, postage stamps, hiring of vehicle, POL, infrastructure development including refilling of gas cylinders, repair and maintenance of computers, need based purchases, etc., based on their requirement.

As per reference 2nd cited, it was informed that the Principal Agricultural Officers are not monitoring the captioned scheme and entering data in PLANSACE for which funds are directly given to the Assistant Soil Chemists through the Chief Soil Chemist, even though they are under the direct control of the Principal Agricultural Officers. Consequent to non updation of data in PLANSACE, discrepancies are noticed between treasury figures and departmental figures, which cannot be accepted. Hence, it was directed to assign the target of component/ schemes for which funds are directly given to the Assistant Soil Chemists through the Chief Soil Chemist to the concerned Principal Agricultural Officers, so that they can enter the data in PLANSACE.

As per reference 3rd cited, the Chief Soil Chemist has furnished the details of funds allotted to the Assistant Soil Chemists of 14 District Soil Testing Laboratories and nine Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories under the captioned scheme, which is as follows:

Name of district	Name of Laboratory	Amount allotted (inRs.)
Thiruvananthapuram	DSTL, Thiruvananthapuram	165000
	MSTL, Thiruvananthapuram	176000
Kollam	DSTL, Kollam	225000
	MSTL, Kollam	170000
Pathanamthitta	DSTL, Pathanamthitta	180000
Alappuzha	DSTL, Alappuzha	45000
	MSTL, Alappuzha	175000
Kottayam	DSTL, Kottayam	280000
	MSTL, Kottayam	80000
Idukki	DSTL, Idukki	205000
Ernakulam	DSTL, Ernakulam	260000
Thrissur	DSTL, Thrissur	420000
	MSTL, Thrissur	175000
Palakkad	DSTL, Palakkad	505000
	MSTL, Palakkad	589000
Malappuram	DSTL, Malappuram	22000
	MSTL, Malappuram	55000
Kozhikkode	DSTL, Kozhikkode	470000
	MSTL, Kozhikkode	7000

Wayanad	DSTL, Wayanad	1676000
Kannur	DSTL, Kannur	495000
	MSTL, Kannur	5000
Kasaragod	DSTL, Kasaragod	390000
<b>TOTAL</b>		6770000

The Assistant Soil Chemists should submit the monthly progress report to the concerned Principal Agricultural Officers, who in turn will enter the progress in PLANSPEACE under the component 'Strengthening of Central Soil and Plant Health Centre, District Soil Testing Laboratories, Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories' under the scheme on '**Modernization of Departmental Laboratories**'.

The Working Instructions issued vide reference 1st cited stands modified to this effect.

Sd/-

**Director of Agriculture**

Copy to:

- CA to Director of Agriculture
- CA to all Additional Directors of Agriculture
- All Principal Agricultural Officers
- Chief Soil Chemist
- Assistant Soil Chemists of all DSTLs and MSTLs
- Deputy Director, IT Cell (for publishing in the website)
- Planning section - to allot funds to Chief Soil Chemist
- Stock File
- SW Section*

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