



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department – Annual plan 2018-19 - Soil and Root Health Management & Productivity Improvement – Project on Soil Fertility in Potential areas and Soil testing lab through VFPCCK - Administrative Sanction accorded– orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PB) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No. 515/2018/AGRI

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 05/06/2018

Read.: 1) Letter No. TP(2) 7457/18 dated 11/04/2018 from the Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
2) Minutes of the 1st Working Group Meeting held on 26.04.2018 and 08.05.2018.

ORDER

In the Budget 2018-19 an amount of Rs. 2833.00 lakhs has been provided under the Head of Account 2401-00-800-28(P) for the scheme 'Soil and Root Health Management & Productivity Improvement'. Under the scheme there are 2 continuing components implemented through Vegetable & Fruit Promotion Council Keralam as follows:

Sl No.	Components	Amount (Rs. In Lakhs)
1	Project on Soil fertility in Potential areas through VFPCCK	52.00
2	Soil Testing labs through VFPCCK	25.00

2. The Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department as per his letter read above has submitted a project proposal for the first component titled 'Soil test based nutrient application in vegetable and banana in Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam' for an amount of Rs.52.00 lakh and a project proposal for the second component titled 'Soil testing labs through VFPCCK' for an amount of Rs.25.00 lakh and has requested to accord Administrative Sanction. The abstract of the particulars of the proposals is as follows:

I) Soil test based nutrient application in vegetable and banana in Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Soil sample collection and analysis (nos)	4.50

2	Demonstration on soil test results (nos)	4.50
3	Farmer trainings/ seminars on soil nutrient management (nos)	2.25
4	Supporting for the application of soil ameliorants to correct acidity with 50% support (ha)	24.00
5	Support for the application of secondary and micronutrients and encouraging application of nutrients with 50% support	11.25
6	Documentation, communication, Follow up implementation	5.50
	Total	52.00

(II) 'Soil testing labs through VFPCCK'

Sl.No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.in lakhs)
1	Chemicals & Consumables for 2 labs	6.00
2	Repairs & Maintenance of the labs and buildings	3.00
3	Printing and Distribution of Health Cards	2.00
4	Engaging lab analysts on contract basis for 10 months.	4.00
5	Engaging contingent Staff for 10 months	6.00
6	Communication & Documentation	1.00
7	Contingent other need based expenses	3.00
	Total	25.00

3) The Working Group meeting held on 26.04.2018 and 08.05.2018 considered the above proposals and approved the same subject to the condition that the amount Rs. 25 lakh kept for the component "soil testing labs" will be given this year only for meeting running expenditure and such assistance will not be given in future and VFPCCK itself should raise the fund for meeting these expenditure from their revenue in future.

4) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the project proposals 'Soil test based nutrient application in vegetable and banana in Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta and Ernakulam' for an amount of Rs.52.00 lakhs and 'Soil testing labs through VFPCCK' for an amount of Rs.25.00 lakhs ie., at a total cost of Rs.77 lakh (Rupees Seventy Seven lakhs Only) by meeting the expenditure from the Head of Account 2401-00-800-28(P). It has also been ordered that the amount Rs. 25 lakh kept for the component "soil testing labs" will be given this year only for meeting running expenditure and such assistance will not be given in future and VFPCCK itself should raise the fund for meeting these expenditure from their revenue in future and also subject to the following General Conditions, wherever applicable:

- i) All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
- ii) The expenditure would be met only from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.
- iii) The fund release will be based on actual requirement, and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
- iv) Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- v) Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
- vi) Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.
- vii) The Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
- viii) The implementation agencies/ Departments also should prepare an implementation schedule to complete the project in time and send regular progress report on financial and physical progress on a quarterly basis.
- ix) The Director should hold monitoring meetings once in 2 months to review the progress and send report to Government.

5) The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department is authorized to release an amount of Rs. 77.00 lakh (Rupees Seventy seven lakh only) to the Chief Executive Officer, Vegetable & Fruit Promotion Council Keralam.

(By Order of the Governor),
K. MINI
 Additional Secretary

To

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare Department,
 Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Chief Executive Officer, Vegetable & Fruit Promotion Council Keralam,
 Kakkanad, Kochi.
 The Member Secretary, State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.
 The Finance Department.
 The Planning & Economic Affairs Department.
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