GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2013-14 - Support Farmer Registration and e-payment System - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued

AGRICULTURE (Agri) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.276/2013/AD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25-09-2013.

Read: 1. Letter No IT(2)16502/13 dated 25-04-2013 from Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

2. Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 30-04-2013.

ORDER

As per the letter read as 1st paper above, the Director of Agriculture has requested to sanction orders for the proposal "Scheme to Support Farmers Registration and e-payment System" for a total amount of ₹ 117 lakhs as detailed below.

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<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Amount (₹ lakhs)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Data entry charges for Akshaya</td>
<td>111.12</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Customising NIC Software for e-payment to each ADA and participating bank</td>
<td>1.33518</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Providing Digital Signature and encrypted e-mail to ADA's from NIC</td>
<td>1.216</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Training to ADA's and Bankers in the use of e-payment software</td>
<td>1.80</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>SMS Support to e-payment</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Other contingencies and unforeseen expenses for the above programmes</td>
<td>0.52882</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>117.00</td>
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The main objectives of the scheme are given below.

- Creation of an online database of farmers registered at Krishi Bhavans
- Direct credit of subsidy to the bank account of farmers which is secure, faster, efficient and transparent
- Use of claim processing and e-payment software to reduce delay and avoid errors in e-payment
- Training to ADA's and Bank officials
- Providing SMS message to farmers about success / failure of e-payment to ensure transparency and timely corrective action
Provide Field level officers more time for field visit and transfer of technology resulting in better adoption of technology and increase in production, productivity and profitability of farming.

Avoiding delay in disbursing subsidies

Ensure good governance by use of ICT technologies.

Enable timely Audit and corrective actions.

To make reconcilation of accounts faster and effective.

To make Krishi Bhavans paperless offices, less record keeping reducing work load.

During the current year 2013-14 an amount of ₹ 295 lakhs is set apart for Agro Service Centre and Service Delivery Scheme under the head of account '2401-00-113-83 Plan'. One of the components of the scheme is Support to Farmer Registration and e-payment system for ₹ 120 lakhs. The amount ₹ 117 lakhs required for the implementation of the programmes under this scheme was proposed to meet from the budget provision above.

The working Group Meeting held on 30-04-2013 examined and approved the proposal in principle as per the minutes read as 2nd paper above.

Government having examined the proposal and the recommendations of the Working Group in detail, are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for an amount of ₹ 117 lakhs for implementation of the scheme to Support Farmers Registration and e-payment System.

The expenditure will be met from the Head of Account 2401-00-113-83 Plan for the financial year 2013-14.

(By order of the Governor)

K.R.JYOTHILAL,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram
The Principal Accountant General (Audit) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The Accountant General (A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
The District Treasury Officer, District Treasury Thiruvananthapuram
Finance Department
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