



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Implementation of the New Central Sector Scheme for augmenting the income of Small and Marginal Farmers with 100% fund from Government of India - Extension of Financial Benefit of Rs.6000/- per year to Small and Marginal Landholder Farmer families - Administrative Sanction Accorded - Orders Issued.

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.27/2019/AGRI

Dated, 16/02/2019 Thiruvananthapuram,

Read:- 1)Letter F No. 1-1/2019-Credit.I Dated 1/02/2019 and 7/2/2019 from

Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture Co-operation & Farmers Welfare.

2)Letter No.TP(1)4447/2019 dated 8/2/2019 from Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

3)G.O.(Rt) No.1017/2019/Fin dated 12/2/2019.

ORDER

The Government of India have launched a new Central Sector Scheme, namely "Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)" with 100% financial assistance. Under this scheme, financial benefit of Rs.6,000/- per year will be provided to all small and marginal farmer families having total cultivable holding of upto 2 hectares. This will be provided in 3 equal instalments of Rs.2,000/- each in a period of four months in a financial year. The benefit shall be admissible for the transfer with effect from 1.12.2018 for this scheme. The Government of India have communicated the detailed Operational Guidelines for implementation of the scheme

including transfer of benefit to the eligible beneficiaries alongwith specific eligibility criteria and exclusion criteria.

2. As per the guidelines read as 1st paper above, a small and marginal landholder farmer family for the purpose of the calculation of the benefit is defined as "a family comprising of husband, wife and minor children (upto 18 years of age) who collectively own cultivable land upto 2 hectares as per land records of the concerned State/Union Territories. The existing land ownership system in the States will be used for identification of beneficiaries. Those whose names appear in land records as on 01.02.2019 shall be eligible for benefit. If a Landholder Farmer Family (LFF) has land parcels spread across different villages/revenue records, then land will be pooled for determining the benefit.

3. The Government of India have requested the State Governments to prepare database of beneficiary Small and Marginal landholder farmer families in the villages capturing the Name, Gender, whether belonging to SC/ST, Aadhaar Number (Aadhaar Enrollment Number in case Aadhaar Card has not been issued), Bank Account Number and Mobile Number of the beneficiaries. For transfer of first instalment of benefit for the period from 01.12.2018 to 31.03.2019, Aadhaar number shall be collected wherever available and for others, alternate prescribed documents namely driving license, voters' ID Card, MGNREGS Job Card or any other identification document issued by Central or State Government or their authorities etc. can be collected for identity verification purposes. However, for transfer of subsequent installments, Aadhaar number shall have to be compulsorily obtained. State Government shall ensure that there is no duplication in the names of the eligible families. Speedy reconciliation in case of wrong/incomplete bank details of the beneficiary should be ensured by the State Government.

4. Under this Scheme, the benefit will be transferred by Government of India to the bank account of the beneficiaries through State Notional Account. For transfer of benefit, District-wise list of beneficiaries shall be certified and uploaded by the State Government on the PM-KISAN Portal of Government of India and the funds will be electronically transferred to the beneficiary's bank account by Government of India through State Notional Account on a pattern similar to MGNREGS. The funds pertaining to income support benefit will be released from Government of India periodically based on receipt of fund transfer order through the concerned State Government with the eligible beneficiaries' details. The State Governments shall also notify District Level Grievance Redressal Committees for redressing all grievances related to implementation of the scheme and ensure adequate publicity of the scheme as the intended beneficiaries are located in rural/remote areas. The beneficiary lists should be displayed/verified at Gram Panchayats to ensure greater transparency and accuracy of the list.

5. The Government of India have also requested the State Governments to designate a Nodal Department for implementation of the Scheme. Maximum @ 0.25% of the funds transferred to beneficiaries in the first installment and thereafter maximum @ 0.125% for the subsequent installments shall be provided as administrative expenses to State Governments to cover the expenditure on their Project Management Units, if established and for meeting, other related administrative expenses including cost to be incurred for procurement of stationery, field verification, filling of prescribed formats, their certification and its uploading as well as incentive for field functionaries etc. States will furnish the details of the account to which administrative charges are to be credited by the Central Government.

6. Accordingly as per letter read as 2nd paper above Director of Agriculture reported that Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) in the Directorate of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department will be the State Nodal Officer of the Scheme and a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) has to be formed comprising Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension)- Nodal Officer, Additional Director of Agriculture (Planning)- Member, Deputy Director of Agriculture (IT)- Member, Assistant Director of Agriculture (TS Section)- Member. The PMU at head quarters will monitor the scheme at State level. It is also reported that a District Level Grievance Redressal Committee for redressing all grievances may be constituted with the District Collector as Chairman, Principal Agricultural Officer as Convenor, Deputy Director of Agriculture (Credit) as member, Assistant Principal Agricultural Officer as member and the concerned Tahasildars or Village Officers as member. Director of Agriculture has requested sanction for the following.

- a) Identify a bank and designate it as sponsoring bank of this scheme and Government may consider designating the same bank being used for the transferring of fund for MNREGS as sponsoring bank for this scheme.
- b) Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the Scheme PM-KISAN and to designate Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department as Nodal Department of the State for the implementation of the scheme

7. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) in the state and Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department is designated as state nodal Department for co-ordinating with Central Government with regard to the implementation of the scheme. Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension), Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department is nominated as the state nodal officer of the scheme.

8. As per the Government Order read as 3rd paper above sanction is accorded to the Director of Agriculture for opening a State Notional Account in any nearest branch of State Bank of India so as to facilitate fund transfer from Central Govt. to the identified beneficiaries under this scheme.

9. The Government constitutes a Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) for monitoring the scheme at directorate level with the following members and the same will act as state level redressal committee.

(i)

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	
1	Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension)	Nodal officer
2	Additional Director of Agriculture (Planning)	Member
3	Deputy Director of Agriculture (IT)	Member
4	Assistant Director of Agriculture (TS Section)	Member
5	Officer from NIC, Kerala State Centre	Member

(ii) As part of implementation of the scheme a District level grievence redressal committee is constituted for redressing all grievances at district level as detailed below.

Sl.No	Name and Designation	
1	District Collector	Chairman
2	Principal Agricultural Officer	Convenor
3	Deputy Director of Agriculture (Credit)	Member
4	Assistant Principal Agricultural Officer	Member
5	Tahsildar/Village Officer	Member

10. Sanction is also accorded to the Director of Agriculture for appointing one Data Entry Operator in each Krishi bhavan and in the O/o Block level Assistant Director of Agriculture in all district for uploading the data of beneficiaries with administrative expenses of Rs.5 per beneficiary. The expenditure in this regard can be met at a rate of 0.25% of amount earmarked for the first installment. It is also ordered that 10% data is to be cross verified at random at the block level.

11. The guidelines issued by Government of India as per letter read as 1st paper above shall be strictly followed.

(By order of the Governor)
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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY & APC

To

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The Joint Secretary (Credit) to Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture Co-operation & Farmers Welfare.
The Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Additional Chief Secretary LSGD
The Director of Panchayath, Thiruvananthapuram
The Commissioner of Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram
The Land Revenue Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram
The State Informatics Officer, NIC Kerala State Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
All District Collectors
All Principal Agricultural Officers (through Director of Agriculture)
The Principal Accountant General (Audit / A&E), Thiruvananthapuram
The Finance Department
The Planning and Economic Affairs Department
The I&PRD (Web & New Media)
The Chief (Agri), State Planning Board
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