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Directorate of Agriculture
Development & Farmers Welfare
Thiruvananthapuram,
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Sub:- Annual Plan 2017-18- Soil Ameliorants under
Wayanad Package - Working Instructions- Regarding.

Ref:- 1. G.O.(Rt) No.1070/2017/AD dated 30-10-2017.
2. Endt on TP(2) 16123/17 dated 02.11.2017.

As per the reference 1st cited, Government have accorded administrative sanction for the scheme for Soil Ameliorants for an amount of Rs. 175 lakhs during 2017-18 under the Head of Account **2401-00-800-27(plan)**.

One of the major issues to be solved is to correct the soil pH and improve the soil fertility status of Wayanad district especially in pepper growing areas.

Objectives:-

The main objectives of the scheme are given below.

- To correct the soil acidity and improve the soil fertility status of Wayanad district especially in pepper growing areas.
- To correct Calcium and Magnesium deficiencies in the soils of Wayanad district
- To improve production and productivity of crops by improving soil health in Wayanad .
- To sustain good soil health

Programmes:-

The average quantity of liming materials required for 1 ha of cropped area is 600 Kg.. The quantity of Magnesium Sulphate required per ha is 80 kg. The maximum assistance of 75% on the cost of liming materials limited to Rs 5400/ha will be given to farmers.

During the year 2017-18, there is a budget provision of Rs 175 lakhs for this component. The provision should be utilized for extending assistance to 3240 ha of pepper where there is acute problem of soil acidity and nutrient deficiencies. The farmers who availed any assistance from any other scheme for the same input material will not be considered for the benefit of subsidy.

Powdered lime will be supplied for 3240 ha of pepper area as follows.

Liming materials will be supplied to the farmers through the co-operative societies/banks or other agencies who are willing to stock and distribute the soil ameliorants to the farmers. The liming materials will be procured through reliable sources like FACT, Government or Quasi Govt. Institutions like Kerala Agro Industries Corporation and Kerala State co operative Marketing Federation, RAIDCO or directly from genuine production sources.

Samples of materials will be drawn by the Agricultural Officers from the Societies/Banks for quality testing in the departmental laboratories. It is the responsibility of the Agricultural Officer concerned to ensure that the material supplied is of good quality.

As the actual liming materials are supplied to the farmers on group basis, the issue of subsidy to the farmers through e-payment system need not be followed for the implementation of this scheme.

Assistance:-

The assistance proposed are summarised below.

Sl. No.	Item	Requirement per ha	Rate (Rs.)	Cost per ha ((Rs.)	75% Subsidy per ha	Total Subsidy (Rs in lakhs)
1	Liming material	600 kg	12	7200	5400	175.00
	Total					175.00

Assistance to 3240 ha will be extended utilizing the budget provision of Rs 175.00 lakhs during the year 2017-18.

Mode of implementation:-

The field level implementation will be done by the Agricultural Officers of the concerned Krishi Bhavans preferably through the Pepper Samithies. The required soil ameliorants will be stocked in the respective Co-operative Societies/ Banks of Krishi Bhavan areas and distributed to the farmers by the Agricultural Officers of the concerned Krishi Bhavans.

The Assistant Directors of Agriculture of the block will monitor and supervise the implementation of the programme in the concerned blocks.

The Principal Agricultural Officer, Wayand and Deputy Director of Agriculture (H) will monitor and co ordinate the programme at the district level.

Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will be monitoring the scheme at state level.

Monthly report on the progress of the implementation should be sent to this office.

Financial Outlay:-

The amount of ` ₹ **175.00 lakhs** set apart for the implementation of this scheme can be met from the head of account 2401-00-800-27(Plan) for the implementation of programmes under "**Wayanad Package**".

Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

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