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Directorate of Agriculture  
Thiruvananthapuram  
Dated: 18.07.2017.

**CIRCULAR**

Sub:- Annual Plan 2017-18- Scheme on "Soil Health Management and Productivity Improvement" -Awareness programmes, Seminars,Workshops- Working Instructions- Regarding.

Ref:- (1) G.O.(Rt)634/17/AD dated 23.06.2017.  
(2) Endt. No.TP(2)16107/17 dated 05.07.2017 of Director of Agriculture, Thiruvananthapuram.

As per the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, Government have accorded administrative sanction for the implementation of the Awareness programmes, Seminars,Workshops - during 2017-18 at a cost of **Rs.10 lakhs** from the amount of Rs.2700 lakhs set apart for Soil Health Management and Productivity Improvement scheme under the Head of Account 2401-00-800-28(plan).

**Objectives:-**

Campaign mode of implementation of soil testing programme has been found to be successful in rapid expansion of soil testing programme.

1. To make aware the farmers about the importance of soil testing.
2. To make the INM principles widely adopted by the farmers for increasing the productivity.
3. To make the soils more healthy.
4. To help farmers by interpreting the Soil Health Card and recommending optimum crop management practices for different crops with due consideration for the topography, land utilisation, soil type and other micro-climatic conditions that prevail in the fields.

**Programme:-**

Block Panchayat level campaigns (2No.s per Block) in all the districts of Kerala will be organised covering all the Panchayath in each Block to make the farming community aware of the importance of soil testing and to collect soil samples for preparation of Soil Health Cards. During these campaigns, the service of the Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory should be made use of giving some spot results. Special classes will be taken to educate farmers on importance of soil health and benefits of soil testing by different extension methods.

During these campaigns, special attention should be given for emphasizing the need of using soil test based micro-nutrient application for correcting the micro-nutrient deficiency which is a fast spreading problem today. Farmer groups /clubs should be actively involved.

It is proposed to cover 152 Blocks (Assisatnat Director's Offices) of the State by conducting two (2 No.s) Soil Testing Campaigns in each Block covering all KrishiBhavans in he Block. A state level programme is also suggested for getting a bird's eye view for the technical experts and extension officials engaged in the campaigns on soil test based fertiliser application.

**Mode of implementation:-**

The Block level programmes will be conducted by the concerned Assistanat Directors of Agriculture, Agricultural Officers of the Krishi Bhavans in co-ordination with Local Self Government and Assistant Soil Chemists of Mobile Soil Testing Laboratory in the district. In the Districts in which there are no Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories, Assistant Soil Chemist, District Soil Testing Laboratory should conduct the Soil Testing Campaign. Special thrust should be given to issue and interpretation of Soil Health Cards in these Campaign.

At District level the scheme will be implemented by Deputy Director of Agriculture (WM).

At the state level, Additional Director of Agriculture (Planning) will be in charge of the programme.

The Schedule fixed for conducting campaign at Block Level should be intimated to the Principal Agricultural Officer. Monthly progress report of campaigns conducted should be send to Directorate of Agriculture.

**Financial outlay:-**

The component wise financial outlay is presented in the following table.

Sl. No.	Component	Rate unit (Rs.)	Required number	Total Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Block Level Soil test Campaigns	3250	304	9.88
2.	State level Nutrient Management Seminar	12,000	1	0.12
<b>Total</b>				<b>10.00</b>

**District wise Physical and Financial details**


Sl.No (I)	Districts	No.of Campaigns /Block)	Block (2)	Level No.s	Amount Rs.3250/- Campaign Lakhs)	@ per (in	Amount allotted to Districts (in Lakhs)
1	Thiruvananthapuram		22		0.715		0.715
2	Kollam		22		0.715		0.715
3	Pathanamthitta		16		0.52		0.52
4	Alappuzha		24		0.78		0.78
5	Kottayam		22		0.715		0.715
6	Idukki		16		0.52		0.52
7	Ernakulam		28		0.91		0.91
8	Thrissur		32		1.04		1.04
9	Palakakd		26		0.845		0.845
10	Malappuram		30		0.975		0.975
11	Kozhikode		24		0.78		0.78
12	Wayanad		08		0.26		0.26
13	Kannur		22		0.715		0.715
14	Kasaragod		12		0.39		0.39
<b>Total</b>			<b>304</b>		<b>9.88</b>		<b>9.88</b>
(II)	State level Nutrient Management Seminar		<b>1</b>		<b>0.12</b>		<b>H.Q</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>10.00</b>		<b>10.00</b>

The total financial requirement of the programme of Rs.10.00 lakhs can be met from the budget provision under the head of account 2401-00-800-28 plan.

(Sd/-)  
Director of Agriculture

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