Directorate of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram Dated: 21-06-2018

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Sub:- Annual Plan 2019-20- Scheme for Strengthening of Agricultural Extension – Karshaka Naipunya Award- Sanction accorded-Working Instructions issued – reg.

Ref:- Order No.TP (2) 12933/19 dtd 04.06.2019 of Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare Department

The scheme "Karshaka Naipunya Award" is for felicitating award winning farmers, and for taking them for study tour to National level institutes. Foreign visit shall not be considered under this component. This scheme is intended for taking farmers and officers of Agriculture and allied sectors for study tour to national level institutes for a maximum of 10 days with a maximum assistance of Rs. 800 per head per day. 50% of the beneficiaries under the programme shall be award winning farmers. Officers can be included in the team, for which the provision under exposure visit under ATMA can be utilized. Award winning officers may be given preference.

The following institutes can be considered for visit

- 1. TNAU, Coimbatore
- 2. Banana Research Station, Thrichi
- 3. Jain Micro Irrigation
- 4. Saphal Market, Bangaluru
- 5. IIHR, Hasarghatta, Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 6. MANAGE, Hyderabad
- 7. ICRISAT, Hyderabad
- 8. KVK, Baramathi

Apart from this other National Institutes of agriculture and allied sectors can also be considered. Cost norms of exposure visit of ATMA can be considered as a baseline while preparing project proposals.

Under the scheme Strengthening of Agricultural Extension 2019-20 an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakhs is set apart under the Head of Account 2401-00-109-80 Plan during the year 2019-20 for Karshaka Naipunya Award.

For officers, the provisions available under A.3. component of ATMA cafeteria can be utilized. The budget estimate of officers shall be included in the proposal for Karshaka Naipunya Award.

The allotment for the scheme can be given to districts based on the proposals received from Project Directors. A maximum amount of Rs 2 lakhs can be allotted for a district.

Monitoring and Evaluation:-

The scheme will be monitored by Deputy Project Director I under the supervision of Project Directors ATMA at District level. Monthly progress reports regarding conduct of training programmes including number of training programmes conducted, number and list of participants, amount expended, institute visited with areas or technologies covered etc may be forwarded to this office by the 5th of the succeeding month through the email id nodalatmakerala@gmail.com

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