PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE, DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FARMERS' WELFARE, VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

(Present : Dr.P.K.Jayasree IAS)

Sub: Annual Plan 2019-20 – Scheme on **Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery** including Regional Farm Facilitation Centres- Continuous Administrative Sanction accorded – orders issued.

Read: 1) G.O.(Rt) No.818/2017/AGRI dt.24/08/2017

- 2) G.O.(Rt) No.957/2017/Agri dt. 06/10/2017
- 3) Order No. TP (2) 7465/2018 dated: 28.04.2018
- 4) Annual Plan 2019-20
- 5) Circular No. 31/2019/Fin dated: 10-04-2019

Order No. TP (2) 12936/2019

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1st and 2nd above accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme, "Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery including Regional Farm Facilitation Centres" during the year 2017-18 and vide reference 3rd cited above continuous sanction was accorded for Rs.2421.705 lakhs as Rs.1581.705 lakhs under H/A 2401-00-113-83 and for Rs.840.00 lakhs under 4401-00-113-98 (P) as detailed below.

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No.	Components	2401-00-113-83	4401-00-113-98	
1	Establishment of new agroservice centres	n La segui a companyo a comp	640.00	
2	Computers to agroservice centres, krishi bhavans and other offices	160.00	ses odi paisub istropitati se	
3	Operational support (wages to mobile clinics)	190.00	Re figed religi	
4	Support to farmers' registration and e- payment system	125.00	1 18	
5	Infrastructure support to block ADA and krishi bhavans for modernisation and plant clinics	ografia anadig aling Share (18. 19. 19 Sare na manus la	200.00	
6	Support to karshika karmasena	100.00		
7	Soil testing labs in selected agroservice centres	50.00		
8	Operational support to vehicles at krishi bhavans	50.00		
9	Strengthening existing agroservice centres	desisantale i re	at Think I have	
a)	Purchase of need based machineries at local level	275.00	ARCHON AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN	
b	Training, insurance, biopharmacy, three wheelers, nurseries, soil testing facilitation, operational support	200.00	Barkitti Balabal TXX-, sata O	

10	Honorarium to data entry operators of NeGP-A	407.00	1910 A 80
11	Establishment of virtual class room.	24.705	
	TOTAL	1581.705	840.00

Objectives

- To extent the service of agro service centres to more blocks and also strengthen
 the functioning of existing agroservice centres and thereby solve the labour
 scarcity problem faced by agriculture sector of the State.
- To co-ordinate the activities of agroservice centres at State level by constituting an apex body.
- To set up permanent facilities for the prompt repair and maintenance of machineries of agroservice centres, so as to enable smooth and timely conduct of agricultural operations without interruptions.
- To bring all bonafide farmers under the coverage of farmers registration programme.
- To strengthen the activities of Karshika Karmasenas.
- To modernise the infrastructure facilities of offices of the Department for effective service delivery.
- To replace the condemned vehicles of the Department by purchasing new ones for effective monitoring of implementation of schemes in the field.
- To effectively link the agroservice centres with the extension mechanism of the State for effective service delivery.
- To deliver agriculture related services at the door step of the farmer.

As per the Annual Plan 2019-20, the scheme is proposed to be continued during the current financial year with a budget allocation of Rs.2480.00 lakhs; (Rs.1810.00 lakhs under head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) and Rs. 670.00 lakhs under head of account 4401-00-113-98 (P), as shown below.

SI.	Components	Amount (₹in lakhs)		
No.		2401-00-113-83	4401-00-113-98	
1	Establishment of new Agro service centres	eginulation (2) c	640.00	
2	Operational support (wages to mobile clinics)	190.00		
	Infrastructure support for Block		30.00	
3	ADA and Krishibhavans and plant health clinics	170.00		
4	Support to Karshika Karma Sena	200.00		
5	Soil Testing Labs in selected Agro- service Centres	10.00	ennelighted E	
6	Operational Support to Vehicle at Krishibhavans	50.00	en apinin lid	
7	Strengthening existing Agro-Service Centres	320.00	ma , protective p tanonnecs	

110	Total	1810.00	670.00
10	including skill development of Agro service centres and Karshika karma sena, including agro machinery service centre and pooling of machineries and equipments	425.00	Kerala one of the ages of labourers ozhilacnas named la order to minned with men
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9	Honararium to data entry operators of NeGP	425.00	g gathow stok
8	Group insurance scheme for farmers and members of karshikakarmasena and Agro service centres	20.00	ca il seriori quelli la comi ne i

Out of this, components an amount of Rs. 165.47098 lakhs under H/A 2401-00-113-83 (P) and Rs.101.11902 lakhs under H/A 4401-00-113-98 (P) is allotted for encashement of queue bills of 2018-19. Hence Administrative sanction can be issued only for the balance amount of Rs.2213.41 lakhs (Rs. 1644.52902 lakhs under Head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) and Rs.568.88098 lakhs under H/A 4401-00-113-98 (P)), as stipulated in the circular cited 5th above.

Out of this continuous sanction will be accorded for Rs.1124.4181 lakhs. The details of continuing components are furnished below.

1) Operational Support (wages to mobile agro clinics) (Rs.190.00 lakhs)

Seventy five (75) numbers of mobile agroclinics (in bolero jeeps) were established in the State by engaging drivers-cum-attendants on contract basis during the 12th Five Year Plan period. An amount of **Rs.190.00 lakhs** is earmarked under head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) for payment of remuneration of driver-cum-attendants @ **Rs18000**/- per month.

2) Infrastructure Support to Block ADA, District Level Offices and Krishi Bhavans for Modernisation and Plant Clinics (Rs.194.88098 lakhs)

The provision is meant for providing infrastructural facilities for the proper functioning of various offices under the Agricultural Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, including block level ADA offices, krishi bhavans and plant health clinics for improving efficiency in service delivery. During the current year, an amount of **Rs.194.88098 lakhs** is earmarked for this purpose.

The provision of the current year will be utilised for infrastructural development works of various offices of the department, in a need based manner and on a priority basis.

An amount of Rs.170.00 lakhs will be provided from the H/A 2401-00-113-83 (P) and Rs.24.88098 lakhs from H/A 4401-00-113-98 (P).

3) Support to Karshika Karmasenas (Rs.64.364 lakhs)

The budget provision for this component is Rs.200.00 lakhs. Proposal for new karshika karmasena for an amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs will be submitted before working group for Administrative Sanction. An amount of Rs.64.364 lakhs is set apart for supporting existing karshika Karmasenas after deducting the amount required for encashment of queue bills of 2018-19.

In Agriculture, among the four factors of production, labour plays a major role. In Kerala one of the major reasons for the farmers to refrain from agriculture is higher wages of labourers and poor labour efficiency. In order to solve this problem, 297 thozhilsenas named 'Karshika Karmasenas' were constituted in 297 gramapanchayats.

In order to strengthen the activities of Karshika Karmasenas (KKS) already equipped with agricultural machinery and technical skill, the performance of each karmasena will be evaluated and selected KKS will be provided additional support in a need based manner on a project mode. An amount of **Rs.64.364 lakhs** will be utilised from head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) for this purpose.

Objectives

- To improve the infrastructure facilities of karshika karmasenas
- To improve the quality of services provided by the karmasenas
- To give additional support to performing KKS for their innovative activities
- To help in increasing the quantity of services offered by the KKS
- To improve the productivity of different crops in the panchayat thereby the income of farmers
- To improve the income of members of KKS

Cafeteria of activities

Enhancement of infrastructure facilities such as facilities for storage of machinery and implements, marketing facilities, ecoshop, bio pharmacy, production of organic manures and organic pesticides, biofertilisers etc. are proposed under the activities for getting assistance.

At district level, projects submitted by the Agricultural Officers through the concerned Assistant Directors should be evaluated. For this, a district level committee shall be constituted and criteria to evaluate the programme shall be fixed strictly conforming to Government direction in this regard.

The district level evaluation committee should consist of the Principal Agricultural Officer, Project Director ATMA, concerned Deputy Director, Assistant Executive Engineer and all Assistant Directors of the district.

Selection criteria of eligible KKS should be as follows.

Activities of the KKS for the last year-Changes in the area, production, productivity of important crops of the panchayat especially paddy, organic vegetable production, fallow land cultivation etc.

- Proposal for innovative activities like eco shop, bio pharmacy, marketing of agricultural products produced by farmers of the panchayat etc. Proposal for purchase of implements and machinery not allowed. Instead the machinery already purchased under different schemes shall be properly utilised.
- Number of mandays generated for labourers of KKS
- Income, expenditure and savings of KKS
- Maintenance of registers and review of activities by office bearers
- Unity, discipline and harmony among KKS members
- Cooperation from panchayath
- Leadership quality of the office bearers
- Response of farmers towards the activities of KKS
- Whether gender concerns are taken care of
- Number of active working group members
- Area of operation /no. of panchayats covered

Amount (Rs in lakhs)

Sl No	Activities proposed for getting assistance	No. of KKS proposed to be benefitted	Maximum eligible assistance/ KKS	Total amount
1	Enhancement of infrastructure facilities such as facilities for storage of machineries and implements & Innovative activities	7	10.00	64.364
	Total	7		64.364

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District level evaluation committee should select the eligible KKS for providing assistance based on a performance analysis of all KKS in the district based on the above criteria and submitted projects. An amount of **Rs.64.364 lakhs** will be allotted to the districts based on the approved projects and request submitted by concerned Principal Agricultural Officer. All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be followed. The fund release will be based on actual requirement and fund released should not be parked in banks. Store purchase rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases. Tender/e tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary. Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.

The Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) at State level and Deputy PD ATMA at district level shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations. The scheme will be implemented by Deputy Director of Agriculture (ATMA) at district level, Assistant Director of Agriculture at block level and Agricultural Officer at panchayat level. Principal Agricultural Officer is authorised to give sanction for projects upto Rs.10.00 lakhs. Purchase shall be efffected stictly abiding by the standard procedure applicable for Government purchases.

4) Soil Testing Laboratories in Selected Agro Service Centres (Rs.10.00 lakhs)

Application of plant nutrients based on soil analysis is key factor influencing crop production. There exists a wide gap between the number of samples analysed through department laboratories and the actual demand in the field. To reduce this gap to the maximum extent, stationary soil testing labs were established attached to selected agroservice centres, so as to bring the soil testing service to the doorstep of the farmer. It is proposed to provide honorarium to analysts and laboratory assistants engaged in the soil testing labs already established and to provide cost reagents required for soil testing and for other miscellaneous expenses.

Technical personnel and Training

A technical person having B.Sc.(Ag.)/B.Sc.(Chem.) degree may be posted as 'Analyst' for carrying out the analytical work in each soil testing lab. Monthly honorarium of Rs.15000/- may be paid to such personnel.

Two persons with minimum Higher Secondary qualification in Science or VHSC in Agriculture may also be posted as **lab assistants** in each lab to assist the analyst in laboratory activities. Remuneration @ Rs.5000/-per month shall be paid to each of them.

A total amount of **Rs.10.00 lakhs** is provided under head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) this component during 2019-20.

5) Operational Support to Vehicles at Krishi Bhavans (Rs.50.00 lakhs)

As per G.O (Rt) No.1276/12/AD dt:16.06.2012, two wheelers were provided to 550 selected krishi bhavans of the State @ one two wheeler per Krishi Bhavan, for ensuring mobility to field level functionaries for executing their extension activities effectively. Funds were also sanctioned for providing operational support to these vehicles as fuel allowance @ Rs.500/- per month. Moreover 2 wheelers were provided to 180 more selected krishi bhavans in 2015-16 as per G.O.(Rt) No.83/2016/AD dated: 29.01.2016. During 2019-20, an amount of Rs.50.00 lakhs is earmarked under head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) for providing operational support to the above vehicles in krishi bhavans, by providing fuel allowance @ Rs.500/- per month, and also for undertaking their repair and maintenance in a need based manner.

6) Strengthening of existing agro service centres (Rs.208.16502 lakhs)

Agroservice centres, established from the 12th Five Year Plan period have been catering to the needs of the farmer to a great extent. At present 97 such centres are functioning in Kerala under the Department of Agriculture. Initially, they have been supplied with different kinds of agricultural machinery and provided with trained manpower. These centres are working under the guidance of the management committee and high power committee constituted with department officials and people's representatives. Many of these single-window service delivery centres have further been strengthened during successive years for achieving the targeted goals of mechanization, ATMA-based extension, ensuring availability of inputs, credit support, weather-based services, soil testing facilitation and other technical services, by

providing additional financial support. It is proposed to strengthen other existing agroservice centres also in a similar way during the current financial year so as to equip them for effective service delivery.

Objectives

- To make available all kinds of machinery as per local requirement to farmers.
- To make available all kinds of inputs, soil testing facilitation, weather-related information to farmers.
- To upgrade agro service centres as a centres of training and learning to farmers.
- To ensure social security of members of agroservice centres.
- · To provide transport facility for machineries.
- To broaden the service area of agroservice centres.

Programme

a) Purchase of need-based machines at the local level. (Rs.175.00 lakhs)

A set of machinery needed for agricultural operations have been supplied to agro service centres (ASC) in the initial year. But these are only in limited numbers, which will not meet the requirements once these centres start catering to a wider section of farming community. Hence equipments further needed for each block need to be assessed and supplied. Assistance upto a maximum amount of Rs. 20 lakhs will be provided to the agro service centres for purchase of machinery. Only machines required for agricultural activities will be purchased under this component. Blocks/area having more area of paddy cultivation will be given preference in alloting the funds for purchase of machineries like combie harvesters, transplanters, straw balers etc. The machienes can be purchased from KAMCO, or from other institutions observing store purchase rules.

Also in large paddy tracts of Kuttanad and Palakkad and even in districts like Thiruvananthapuram having small area under paddy, harvesting is done using combine harvesters. These self-propelled machinery carry out harvesting, cleaning the grain, threshing and deposit the grains at a desired point. At present, these machines are brought from neighbouring districts like Tamil Nadu. These are also not sufficient during peak harvest seasons and the machine operators charge exorbitant hire charges based on demand. In order to avoid such ordeal to farmers, combine harvesters or other needed machineries may be supplied to agroservice centres based on requirement. It will not only benefit the farmers but also become a good source of income to the centre. The hire charge can be fixed as per existing rules by the high power committee concerned. An amount of **Rs.175.00 lakhs** is proposed the purchase of need based machineries for agroservice centres.

b) Training, biopharmacy, three wheelers, nurseries, soil testing facilitation, oper ational support etc (Rs.33.16502 lakhs)

i) Training

Manpower appointed at the existing agroservice centres require refresher training every year to equip them to handle the functioning of the centre smoothly. Topics like handling, repair and maintenance of machinery, fertilizer schedule for various crops, soil sampling, diagnosis and suggesting remedies for pest and disease

problems, safe handling of plant-protection chemicals, plant propagation and nursery techniques, efficient service delivery to farmers etc. may be included. Such refresher trainings shall be conducted by ADAs at the block level. Suitable training programme for the secretary/ facilitator may also be arranged.

ii) Biopharmacy

Inputs, whether chemical or organic, is a crucial factor in agricultural production. Availability of good quality material, at the required time and with technical support regarding their usage, is lacking to some extent at present. The problem is more evident in the case of new-generation pesticides. If these concerns are taken care of at a single point through agroservice centres, it will be a great boon to the farming community and will go a long way in improving scientific farming activities. For achieving this, necessary certificate of registration ('Licence') may be issued to agroservice centres in favour of secretary/facilitator in their official capacity, for retail stocking and selling of fertilizers, organic manures and pesticides, especially organic and bio pesticides, provided they apply for the same following the standard procedures.

The stocking point shall be attached to the agroservice centre. The items to be stocked should be assessed based on local suitability and requirements, which may be done by the Management Committee. Preference should be given to organic products which will help in promoting Organic farming activities. An amount of Rs.1.00 lakh is proposed per agroservice centre for purchase of inputs, weighing balance, registers and other accessories.

iii) Purchase of Three Wheelers

Facility for transporting implements and machinery from Agro Service Centre to the farmers' field, from there to the next field and finally back to the Centre is an important factor in timely delivery of service to farmers. Vehicles have been provided to some of the existing centres at present. However, others are forced to hire vehicles which causes undue delay and also payment of hire charges at exorbitant rates. This causes reduced demand from farmers on one side and financial loss to the Centre on the other side. Heavy machinery such as power tiller, rotavator, trailer and long equipments like brush cutter need separate vehicle for transportation. Hence each agroservice centre needs a three wheeler / 4 wheeler capable of transporting heavy and bigger-sized equipments. A maximum amount of Rs.3.00 lakhs per agroservice centre may be provided for this purpose to those centres which have not received this support earlier.

iv) Establishing nurseries

Good quality planting materials holds foremost importance in crop production. Government agencies in the agricultural sector are unable to meet the farmers demand for this component at present. Hence private parties exploit this situation by supplying inferior quality materials, that too at higher prices. If supply of good quality planting materials as per local requirements can be ensured at the planting season by agroservice centres, it will help tremendously in improving agricultural production. Nursery may be started in a suitable location close to the agroservice centres. The

selection of the area may be done by the management committee. The area, if needed, may be leased for a minimum period of 5 years. Plant propagation may be done only if the nursery area is owned by the department as otherwise raising of root stocks in leased land cannot be maintained. Otherwise the nursery may function as a stocking point of seeds and planting materials produced at the department farms and by KAU and other research stations which will be sold through this outlet. Selected members of the agroservice centres can be given separate training in plant propagation and nursery management techniques. The price will be fixed by the high power committee by including a margin of profit to the centre. This will help the farmers to meet their planting material requirements at the local level. Technical advice regarding sowing/planting and their upkeep can also be provided through such centres.

Under vegetable development programme, grow bags with seeds/seedlings is distributed to farmers at subsidized rates. These are supplied by government/private agencies at present. This work can be entrusted to agroservice centres as per the target allotted to the krishi bhavans of the block area. The members can prepare such growbags and distribute them to the farmers as per price fixed by high power committee. This will be a good source of income to the centre. For purchase of planting materials and creating required facilities like irrigation, setting up of a green house etc. an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs per agroservice centres will be provided.

v) Soil testing facilitation

Soil testing is gaining importance among farmers due to high cost of inputs, deficiency symptoms noticed in crops due to soil nutrient imbalance, priority given to organic cultivation methods etc. As of now, Department of Agriculture has one district soil testing lab (DSTL) in each district and nine mobile soil testing labs in the State. The samples collected at krishi bhavan level is brought to DSTL, analysed and report given to the party directly or through the concerned Krishi Bhavans. This procedure of sample collection and distribution of results can be done at agroservice centre level. Farmers of the nearby locality can bring samples to agroservice centres which will send them to lab on a weekly basis. Samples collected at the krishi bhavan level can also be pooled at the centre. Results can be sent to the lab which can be distributed to the concerned farmers. This will help in more interaction between farmers and the centre and will help in speedy analysis and issue of test results. Technical details like recommended fertilizer dosage in the result sheet can be explained directly to farmers. No expenditure is envisaged for this component.

vi) Operational support

Operational support will be given for the first year for the existing agroservice centres for hiring skilled labour or appointing staff to the centre, for meeting hiring charges etc. The payment for office secretary @ Rs.12000/- p.m., may be considered limited to the first year only to hand hold the unit to become self-sustaining to meet this payment component from their own income. Also the working group members (15 in no.) of newly established centres shall be paid a fixed monthly stipend of Rs.1000/-apart from the remuneration earned through business activities of the centre. This will avoid drop-outs among the members. The workers may also be paid a yearly uniform

allowance of Rs.1600/- similar to those paid to mechanics and drivers of the Department.

vii) Additional support to Model Agroservice Centres

The agroservice centres which perform their activities ideally by benefitting the farming community and create a model for others will be provided additional support for creating additional infrastructure including building, machinery and manpower based on their requirement.

Total amount set apart for the above 7 sub components is Rs.33.16502 lakhs.

An abstract of the programme is furnished below.

	Total	208.16500
2	Training, biopharmacy, three wheelers, nursery, soil testing facilitation, operational support, additional support etc.	33.16502
1	Purchase of need-based machinery at local level	175
Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)

An amount of **Rs.208.16502 lakhs** is set apart under head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) for this purpose. Suitable proposals for the above components shall be submitted from districts for sanction of a State level Committee under the chairmanship of Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) with Joint Director of Agriculture (AR&T) and Assistant Director of Agriculture concerned at HQ as members. Performance appraisal of all existing agroservice centres and Karshika Karmasenas will be undertaken before providing assistance. Wherever possible, the services of agroservice centres will be linked to Karshika Karmasenas.

7) Honorarium to data entry operators under NeGP-A (Rs.407.00 lakhs)

The following components are to be supported with state project funding for continuity of operations and better service delivery to farmers under NeGP-A.

Data entry operators were engaged for data entry and data digitization under NeGP-A. The data entry and digitization of documents are essential for the successful launch of software related to various cluster of services, which have become eservices. Presently data entry and digitization works of farmers portal http://farmer.gov.in, sending sms through mkisan portal, supporting IT initiatives of state like farmer registration, e-payment, soil health card etc are undertaken by data entry operators. Implementation of 12 software clusters already developed under NeGP-A has to be done with the support of data entry operators.

One hundred and seventy (170) numbers of data entry operators are currently engaged under NeGP-A. They are being paid honorarium @ Rs.19,950/- per month. An amount of **Rs.407.00 lakhs** is required for this purpose.

Financial requirement for data entry operators for one year

Amount (Rs in lakhs)

Sl No	Components	No. of data entry operators	Rate	Total fund requirement
1	Honorarium to Data Entry Operators	170 no.s	Rs.19,950/- per head / month	407.00
	Total		Erresten	407.00

An amount of **Rs.407.00 lakhs** is earmarked under head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) for this purpose.

Financial Outlay

Abstract of the continuing programmes proposed to be implemented in 2019-20 is furnished below.

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)		
	Components	2401-00-113-83	4401-00-113-98	
1	Operational support (wages to mobile clinics)	190.00	in toracley ad	
2	Infrastructure support to block ADA and krishi bhavans for modernisation and plant clinics	170	24.88098	
3	Support to karshika karmasena	64.364	naitelettellinni	
4	Soil testing labs in selected agroservice centres	10) soats"	
5	Operational support to vehicles at krishi bhavans	50	e ufi omadas	
6	Strengthening existing agroservice centres	208.16502		
7	Honorarium to data entry operators of NeGP-A	407		
	TOTAL	1099.52902	24.88098	

Continuous administrative sanction is hereby accorded and orders issued for implementation of the scheme "Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery including Regional Farm Facilitation Centres" during 2019-20, for an amount of Rs.1124.41 lakhs (Rupees Eleven Crores Twenty Four Lakhs Forty One Thousand only), as per the above statement, debiting expenditure of Rs.1099.52902 lakhs to head of account 2401-00-113-83 (P) and Rs. 24.88098 lakhs to head of account 4401-00-113-98 (P), from current years' budget provision. The scheme shall be implemented abiding by the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Order read above.

Separate proposals seeking administrative sanction shall be submitted to Government for the following components.

Sl. No.	Tale of the	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	
	Components	2401-00- 113-83	4401-00- 113-98
	Support to karshika karmasena – Establishment of new karshika karmasena	100.00	
	Group insurance scheme for farmers and members of karshika karmasena and Agro service centres	20	
3	Functional expenses of Apex Body for co-ordination of agro service centres and software development for monitoring and capacity building including skill development of agro service centres and karshika karmasena, including agro machinery service centre and pooling of machineries and equipments	425	
4	Establishment of new Agro service centre		544
-	Total	545	544

Since agriculture is a season bound activity, timely implementation of the scheme has to be ensured with a definite action plan and calender and this should be reflected in the monthly booking of expenditure from the first quarter onwards.

Monthly progress report should invariably contain component wise physical and financial targets and achievements, number of beneficiaries and the stage of implementation of each component.

Since Government is giving emphasis to women participation and gender budgeting, maximum efforts have to be made to include women beneficiaries in the scheme. The number of women beneficiaries and the amount utilised for such beneficiaries (component wise) should also be separately shown in the monthly progress report.

Sd/Director of Agriculture.

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