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Directorate of Agriculture Development
' and Farmers' Welfare Department
Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram
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CIRCULAR

Sub: - Scheme on **Contingency Programme to Meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic** 2020-21 - Working Instructions issued-reg

Read: 1. Circular No. S.S.1/132(1)/2020/Fin dated 30/03/2020
2. Circular No. 21/2000/Fin dated 08/04/2020
3. Order No. ADFW/480/2020-TP(2) dated 29/04/2020

During the financial year 2020-21, there is a budget provision of Rs. 750 lakh for the scheme the scheme "**Contingency Programme to Meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic**" under the Head of Account 2401-00-800-91 (P). Out of this, an amount of Rs. 14.75743 lakh was allotted for encashment of bills not e-submitted to treasury upto 31.03.2020 which was submitted before 18/04/2020 as per circular cited 1st above and an amount of Rs. 541.71027 lakh was allotted for encashment of Queue bills and WAMS clearance bills of 2019-20 as per circular cited 2nd above. Hence the amount available for issuing Continuous Administrative Sanction during 2020-21 is Rs. 193.5323 lakh

Objectives

1. To create a buffer stock of paddy seeds and other annual crops for immediate resowing after the crop loss.
2. To create a buffer stock of short and medium duration high yielding varieties of seeds of crops like paddy, pulses, and vegetables and to provide sufficient quantity of seed materials to farmers for immediate re sowing without loss of time in the event of crop loss due to any natural calamity.
3. To provide assistance for strengthening of bunds to prevent breaches during floods, repair of breached bunds and for removal of debris in a need based manner and in situations where there is no alternate source of fund.
4. Management of pest and endemic problem
5. To give timely assistance to the farmers for crop loss.
6. To maintain an emergency reserve fund to meet unprecedented massive natural calamities.

The details of continuing components are furnished below.

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Creation of buffer stock of short duration varieties of seeds	80
2	Assistance for strengthening of bunds against breaches	10
3	Management of pest and disease endemic	3.5323
4	State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities	100
	Total	193.5323

1. Creation of buffer stock of short duration varieties of seeds (Rs. 80.00 lakh)

The main objective is to keep a buffer stock of short duration varieties of paddy, pulses and vegetables in order to provide immediate relief to farmers at time of natural calamities. Anticipated damage to the above crops will be assessed in advance and by utilizing the scheme fund, seeds of short duration varieties of paddy crop will be purchased and a buffer stock will be created for the purpose. Small and marginal farmers who suffer total crop loss will be eligible for assistance under the scheme. Seeds will be supplied to the farmers free of cost. The left over quantity of seeds/planting material at the end of the year will be sold to the farmers at the prevailing market rates by the concerned district officers. An amount of **Rs. 80.00 lakh** is proposed for this component.

The buffer stock of seeds has to be maintained by the Kerala State Seed Development Authority, Thrissur during all crop seasons of the year. The Principal Agricultural Officers will place the indents with the Kerala State Seed Development Authority, Thrissur for requirement of seeds under intimation to this office.

For the speedy and effective implementation of the scheme the following actions are proposed.

1. The Kerala State Seed Development Authority Thrissur will make arrangements for the maintenance of short duration and medium High Yielding Varieties of seeds of paddy, vegetables and pulses during all crop seasons of the year so as to supply to the districts for the issue of seeds to the natural calamity affected farmers for resowing without losing time in the event of crop loss due to natural calamities ,

2. The amount towards the cost of seeds will be drawn and paid to Kerala State Seed Development Authority Thrissur.:
3. In the event of any natural calamities, if the Agricultural Officers of any Krishi Bhavan is convinced himself /herself that the crop is lost and re sowing is required, he should immediately assess the quantity of seed required and report the same to higher authorities at district level .The Principal Agricultural Officers at district level should verify the requirement and consolidated requirements should be reported to the Director of Agriculture through fax/e-mail and to State seed authority,Thrissur.
4. The Agricultural officers of Krishi Bhavans will obtain applications for seeds from cultivators who suffer crop loss due to natural calamities. The genuineness of the applications will be verified by the Agricultural Officers and he will issue the seeds to the farmers free of cost on proper acknowledgement.
5. The Agricultural Officers will send a detailed statement of distribution of seeds to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture at block level showing the name and address of farmer, crops damaged, extent of damage, quantity of seeds distributed.
6. The Agricultural Officers should also maintain a register showing all relevant details mentioned above with the quantity of seeds distributed at Krishi Bhavan level. Seeds should be issued after obtaining proper acknowledgement.
7. The Assistant Directors of Agriculture and the Deputy Directors of Agriculture (WM) should guide and supervise the distribution of seed to the farmers by the Agricultural Officers.
8. The Agricultural Officers, after completing distribution of seeds, will furnish a completion report to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture at block level showing the following details.

Item	Paddy	Pulses	Vegetables
a) Area affected by natural calamity			
b) Type of calamity			
(1) Drought			
(2) Flood			
(3) Others (specify)			
c) Quantity and variety of seeds received.			
(c) Quantity and variety of seeds distributed.			
d) No. of farmers benefited			
e) Area benefitted			

The Agricultural Officers in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at panchayath level. The Assistant Directors of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the block area. The Deputy Directors of Agriculture (WM) will monitor the implementation of the programme at District level under the supervision of the Principal Agricultural Officers.

The Principal Agricultural Officers will forward the details of seeds received from the State Seed Development Authority and details of seeds distributed to the farmers in the proforma prescribed above to the Addl. Director of Agriculture (CP).

The amount of **Rs. 80.00 lakh** will be drawn and disbursed to the KSSDA in advance for taking action to stock sufficient seeds to meet any contingency. Additional Director of Agriculture, KSSDA, will submit utilization certificate to Director of Agriculture.

2. Assistance for strengthening of bunds against breaches (Rs.10.00 lakh)

Assistance for repair of breached bunds, strengthening of existing bunds, removal of silt and debris from flooded field etc can be undertaken provided there is no other source of funds and work will be sanctioned in a need based manner. The work will be identified with the help of local bodies and the estimates of loss occurred will be taken up by the concerned Agricultural Officer or Assistant Director of Agriculture. The estimate of work prepared by the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer or competent authority approved by PAO will be given administrative sanction from the Directorate of Agriculture.

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The amount of **Rs. Rs.10.00 lakh** earmarked for strengthening of bunds/repair will be drawn and deposited in the Crisis Management Fund of Additional Director of Agriculture (CP).

3. Management of pest and disease endemic (Rs. 3.5323 lakh)

Separate working instruction will be issued from TD section regarding this component.

4. State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities

(Rs.100.00 lakh)

In order to safeguard the interest of all farmers of our State, assistance is being sanctioned to provide relief for crop loss due to natural calamities. This includes share from Central Government (NDRF) and also from State Government. However, Government of India made drastic reduction in the Central Government share and the State Government has shouldered the responsibility of providing the deficit in central assistance well enough to sustain the prevailing total rate of relief assistance in the interest and well being of farmers. Accordingly as per the norms of G.O (MS) No. 182/2015/Agri dated 29.09.2015, assistance for crop loss are to be given in the State. The fund will be released to the farmers, as per the claims from the districts.

Mode of implementation

The Agricultural Officer in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at Panchayat level. The Assistant Director of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the block level. The Deputy Director of Agriculture (E & T) will be in charge for the implementation of the programme at District level under the supervision and control of the Principal Agricultural Officers. At State level a separate monitoring committee headed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the scheme for effective and timely implementation.

Financial Outlay

During the current financial year there is a budget provision of Rs.750.00 lakhs for the scheme, "Contingency Programme to meet Natural Calamity & Pest and disease endemic", under the head of account 2401-00-800-91 Plan. Required amount of Rs.193.5323 lakh will be met from this budget provision for the mentioned components.

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4	State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities	100.00
	Total	193.5323

(Rupees One crore ninety three lakh fifty three thousand two hundred and thirty only)

At state level a monitoring committee headed by the Additional Director of the Agriculture(CP) will monitor the scheme for effective implementation

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Director of Agriculture

To

The Additional Director of Agriculture, Kerala State Seed Development Authority

Additional Director of Agriculture (CP)

Copy to

TA to Director of Agriculture

CA to All Additional Directors of Agriculture of the HQ,
State Agricultural Engineer,

Senior Finance Officer for information

Planning section and finance section for urgent allotment of funds to
account section under the H/A 2401-00-800-91

All Principal Agricultural Officers

IT section of the Directorate for posting on the website