

**CIRCULAR**

Sub: Agriculture Department – Scheme on Biodiversity and Local Germplasm  
Conservation and Promotion 2020-21 - Working Instruction -issued- reg

- Ref: 1. G.O. (Rt) No. 984/2017/ AD dated 10.10.2017  
2. Annual Plan 2020-21  
3. Circular no. 21/2020/Fin dt. 08.04.2020  
4. This office proceedings no. ADFW/472/2020 dated 08.06.2020  
5. G.O.(Rt) No. 393/20/Agri dated 22.04.2020

As per the Government Order 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, sanction was accorded for the implementation of the Scheme “**Biodiversity & Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion**” during 2017-18 and this scheme was continued during 2018-19 and 2019-20. As per the Annual Plan 2020-21, '**Biodiversity and Local Germplasm Conservation and Promotion**' is a continuing scheme component with budget allocation of Rs. 25.00 lakh. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 5.4616 lakh is allotted for encashment of Queue bills of 2019-20 as stipulated in the circular 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, Administrative Sanction has accorded for an amount of Rs.19.5384 lakh for implementation of the scheme during 2020-21, vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited. The details of the continuing components is as furnished below.

**Objectives:**

- Identification of local varieties of Rice and Millets and include them in the cropping system and seed multiplication chain.
- On farm multiplication of indigenous rice and millet varieties.
- Ensure biodiversity and local germplasm conservation and promotion.
- Maintaining a registry of the indigenous varieties of all crops

**Activities:****1. Cultivation of traditional paddy and millet varieties:**

Cultivation and multiplication of seeds of traditional varieties of rice and millets will be promoted through local farmer clusters, tribals and other organizations. Traditional varieties of paddy and millets having farmer acceptance are to be cultivated in an area of 195.384 ha during 2020-21. Assistance at the rate of Rs.10,000/- per ha will be provided for meeting the input costs including seed cost (100%) and cultivation expenses of traditional varieties of rice and millets. An amount of Rs. 19.5384 lakh is set apart for this purpose during 2020-21.

**District wise physical and financial targets are given below.**

Sl.no.	District	Crop	Target	
			Physical (ha)	Financial (Rs.in lakhs)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	Paddy	2	0.2
2	Kollam	Paddy	2	0.20
3	Pathanamthitta	Paddy	4.384	0.4384
4	Alappuzha	Paddy	15	1.50
5	Kottayam	Paddy	16	1.60
6	Idukki	Paddy	2	0.20
7	Ernakulam	Paddy	2	0.2
8	Thrissur	Paddy	20	2.00
9	Palakkad	Paddy	31	3.10
		Millet	3	0.30
10	Malappuram	Paddy	20	2.00
11	Kozhikode	Paddy	20	2.00
12	Wayanad	Paddy	20	2.00
13	Kannur	Paddy	20	2.00
14	Kasaragod	Paddy	18	1.80
	<b>Total</b>		<b>195.384</b>	<b>19.5384</b>

## **2. Maintenance of a registry of the indigenous varieties of all crops**

Organic Farming Cell at the Directorate of Agriculture should maintain a registry of the indigenous varieties of all crops in the State. Necessary data and information for this purpose should be collected from sub offices, other institutions like Kerala State Biodiversity Board etc. No separate fund is set apart for this activity.

### **Financial Outlay:**

Sl. no.	Components	Rate	Area ( in ha)	Total amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Assistance for Conservation and multiplication of traditional and indigenous varieties of paddy and millets	Rs. 10,000/ha	195.384	19.5384
	<b>Total</b>		<b>195.384</b>	<b>19.5384</b>

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All the assistance to the farmers should be credited to the bank account of the concerned beneficiaries. Monthly progress report should be submitted to the Directorate of Agriculture **on or before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month**. The amount of Rs.19.5384 lakh required for the implementation of the above scheme will be met from the budget provision provided under the head of account 2401-00-103-77(Plan) of the current year.

As per the G.O. read as paper 5 above, fund allocation for the schemes have to be provided AEU wise. Hence all Principal Agricultural Officers are directed to ~~in~~form the AEU wise physical and financial target under the scheme by return. Since agriculture is a season bound activity, timely implementation of the scheme has to be ensured by arranging the required inputs in time and this should be reflected in the monthly booking of expenditure from the first quarter of the financial year onwards.

Since the 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 utilized for such beneficiaries should also be shown in the monthly progress report.

The following general guidelines have to be followed during the implementation of the scheme during the current year.

- i) All rules, formalities and procedures shall be followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be followed to in toto.
- ii) The expenditure would be met only from the provisions available under the appropriate head of account
- iii) The fund release will be based on actual requirement and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
- iv) Store purchase rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- v) Tender/ e- Tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.



- vi) Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.
- vii) Principal Agricultural Officers shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.

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