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Sub:- Annual Plan 2020-21- Scheme for –Rehabilitation programme of nutmeg in flood affected area under the scheme **“Development of Spices”**2020-2021, working instructions issued – reg.

Ref :- 1.G.O(Rt)No591/2020/AGRI Dated 29/06/2020 of Agriculture(PB)Department
2.Working group meeting for the year2020-21 held on 23.06.2020

As per the Government order under reference,administrative sanction has been accorded for implementation of scheme componement Rehabilitation programme of nutmeg in flood affected area under the scheme **“Development of Spices”**2020-2021

Kerala is known as the land of spices. Kerala has its dominance over spices and take pride in its adundance. The major spices include Pepper, Ginger, Cardamom and Vanila. The Kerala is prone to the major calamities such as floods and landslides due to the topographical features. In 2019 around 5140.66 ha of nutmeg cultivated area were severely affected by flood and estimated loss accounts to Rs.751.64 lakhs. In these circumstances, as a part of flood mitigation activities, revival of nutmeg cultivation is necessary. Nutmeg is a major spice crop occupying an area of 22701 ha in Kerala. Two types of spice produce is obtained from the tree, viz. the dried kernel of the seed called Nutmeg and the dried aril surrounding the seed called mace. Both the products fetch a good price in the market and hence farmers are interested in Nutmeg cultivation. Support need to be given to such remunerative crops so as to improve farmers' income. It is proposed to implement rehabilitation programme in nutmeg in flood affected area in Kerala as part of scheme Development of Spices 2020-21

Rehabilitation programme of nutmeg in flood affected area

Nutmeg thrives well in warm humid conditions in locations with annual rainfall of 150 cm and more. Soil should be rich in organic matter and well drained. It

is a perennial crop grown both as a commercial crop and in homestead as an intercrop. It is proposed to implement rehabilitation programme in nutmeg in flood affected area in Kerala in 250 ha for which Rs 100 Lakhs is earmarked during the financial year 2020-21 under head of account 2401-00-108-59 by providing assistance as given below:

Rehabilitation programme of nutmeg in one ha

Components	Rate (in Rs.)	Quantity	Amount (Rs in lakhs)
Cost of planting material	250/graft	78 No of grafts/ha for replanting	0.195
Cost of farm yard manure, chemical fertiliser, plant protection chemical and spraying charges (LS)	20000/ha	1 ha	0.20
Labour charges towards planting intercultural operations and unforeseen expenses.			0.210
TOTAL			0.605

Full subsidy for planting materials (limited to Rs.250/- per graft, ie Rs19500/ha) and 50% subsidy for manures and other inputs and labour charges (limited to Rs.20500/-ha) with a total financial assistance of Rs.40000/- per ha will be provided against a total cost of Rs 60500/-per ha under this programme.

Thus an amount of Rs.100 lakhs is earmarked for bringing 250 ha under Nutmeg area expansion programme

District wise targets for Rehabilitation Programme of Nutmeg in flood affected areas are as follows

Sl. No	Name of District	Target area in Ha	Financial Target(Rs in Lakhs)
1	Pathanamthitta	9	3.6
2	Kottayam	40	16.0
3	Idukki	62.5	25.0
4	Ernakulam	50.5	20.2
5	Trissur	60	24
6	Palakkad	9	3.6
7	Malappuram	9	3.6
8	Kozhikkode	9	3.6
	TOTAL	250ha	100Lakhs

The following general Conditions should be followed, wherever applicable.

1. All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
2. The expenditure would be met from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.
3. The fund release will be based on actual requirement, and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
4. Store purchase rules shall be strictly Adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
5. Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary
6. Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the schemes.

Mode of implementation

The scheme will be implemented through the Krishibhavan of the selected districts. At block level, Assistant Director of Agriculture will co-ordinate and supervise the programme. At the district level, the Deputy Director of Agriculture (H) will be the nodal officer and at the state level, Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the programme.

All the assistance to the farmers should be credited to the bank account of the concerned beneficiaries through e-payment.

Principal Agricultural Officers are hereby directed to keep utmost vigil in implementing the scheme and achieve the targets in full. The monthly progress report in the prescribed proforma should reach this office on or before 5th of every succeeding month in the name cover of Additional Director of Agriculture

Sd/-

Director of Agriculture

To

Principal Agricultural Officers of
pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Trissur, Palakkad, Malappuram, and Kozhikkode

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