

Directorate of Agricultural  
Development & Farmers  
Welfare Department,  
Vikas Bhavan  
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Sub:- Annual Plan 2020-21- Scheme on “**Area Expansion of Nutmeg** under the scheme Revitalization of Agriculture sector in Wayanad 2020-21” – working instructions issued - reg.

Ref :- 1) G.O.(Rt)No.588/2020/Agri dated 29/06/2020 of Agriculture(PB Department.

2) Minutes of the working group meeting held on 23/06/2020

3) Letter No ADFW/479/2020-TP(2) dated 18/06/2020 of Director of Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare Department,

As per the government order cited 1<sup>st</sup> under reference, Administrative Sanction has been accorded for implementation of the scheme component “**Area Expansion of Nutmeg**” for an outlay of Rupees 11 lakhs **under the scheme Revitalization of Agriculture sector in Wayanad 2020-21** under the head of account 2401-00-800-27 (Plan).

Wayanad district of Northern Kerala is known for growing spices and perennial plantation crops. The major spices include pepper, Ginger, cardamom and Vanilla and plantation crops like tea and coffee. The district is prone to the major calamities such as flood and landslides due to the topographical features and in 2018-19 & 2019-20 flood destroyed large area of agricultural land. As a part of the flood mitigation activities, revival of spice cultivation is the need of the hour. The major spice crop of pepper is being catered to under different schemes. Nutmeg is another major spice crop occupying only an area of 105 ha.in in the district . Nutmeg and mace fetch a good price in the market and hence farmers are interested in Nutmeg cultivation. It is proposed to extend the area under Nutmeg cultivation in the district, as part of scheme Revitalization of Agriculture sector in Wayanad 2020-21 in the financial year 2020-21 with a financial outlay of **Rs.11 lakhs**.

#### **1) Area expansion of Nutmeg**

Nutmeg thrives well in warm humid conditions in locations with annual rainfall of 150 cm and more. The soil and climate prevailing in the hill slopes of Western ghats and Eastern ghats are ideally suited to grow Nutmeg. It is a perennial crop grown both as a commercial crop and in homestead as an intercrop. It is proposed to increase area under Nutmeg in 22ha under area expansion programme by providing assistance as give below:

**Cost of cultivation of Nutmeg Area Expansion in 1 ha.**

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<b>Components</b>	<b>Rate (in Rs.)</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Amount (Rs in lakhs)</b>
Cost of planting material	250/seedlings	156 No of Seedlings	0.39
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.			0.21
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.80</b>

Full subsidy for planting materials (limited to Rs.250/- per seedling) and 50% subsidy for manures and other inputs and spraying charges( limited to Rs.11000/-ha.). Thus an assistance of Rs50,000/- per ha. against a full cost of Rs 80,000/- per ha. Thus an amount of Rs11 lakhs is earmarked for bringing 22ha under Nutmeg area expansion programme.

**Financial outlay**

In the Annual plan 2020-21, an amount of **Rs11.00 lakhs (Rupees eleven lakhs only)** is set apart for the component '**Area expansion of Nutmeg**' under the scheme **Revitalization of Agriculture sector in Wayanad 2020-21** under head of account **2401-00-800-27 Plan**. The total assistance proposed is as follows-

1. Area expansion of Nutmeg in 22 ha - Rs.11.00 lakhs (@Rs 50,000/- per ha.)

**Benefits**

Extending area under cultivation of remunerative crops like Nutmeg will attract more farmers as they get better returns. For the farming community of Wayanad district, already ravaged by flood and landslides in 2 consecutive years, this will be a great support in the long run.

The following general conditions should also be followed wherever applicable.

- 1) All rules, standing orders, formalities and procedure shall be strictly followed for implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered into.

- 2) The fund release will be based on actual requirement and fund released should not be parked in banks.
- 3) Store purchase rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- 4) Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
- 5) The Principal Agricultural Officer should prepare an implementation schedule to complete the project in time.

### Mode of implementation

The Principal Agricultural Officer Wayanad will take necessary steps to implement the scheme successfully. Small and marginal farmers only should be considered for providing assistance. Ten percent of the total assistance should be extended to SC/ST farmers. Wide publicity should be given for collecting eligible applications.

Principal agricultural officer should take sincere effort in the implementation of the program through effective monitoring and ensure that the benefit reach to individual farmers. Agricultural Officer of concerned Panchayat should inspect the entire area of implementation and Assistant Director of Agriculture of concerned block should inspect 20% of plot at block level. Deputy Director of Agriculture will inspect 10% of plot at district level. Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will be in charge of monitoring of the program at state level .


The progress of implementation should be reported to Director of Agriculture on or before 5<sup>th</sup> of every month. Monthly progress report should contain physical and financial achievements.

Sd/-  
Director of Agriculture

To  
**Principal Agricultural Officer, Wayanad**

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