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Directorate of Agriculture Development  
& Farmers' Welfare  
Thiruvananthapuram  
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**CIRCULAR**

Sub : **Development and Promotion of Location Specific Crops 2020-21** – Scheme Component

“Attapady Tribal Village Programme” - Working Instructions issued – reg.

Ref : 1) G.O.(Rt)No.782/2017/AD dated.04.08.2017

2) G.O.(Rt)No. 964/2017/AD dated.07.10.2017

3) Annual Plan 2020-21.

4) Circular of even No. dt. 03/07/2020

5) G.O. (Rt) No. 586/2020/AGRI dt. 29/06/2020

A number of crops like sesamum, groundnut, sugarcane, ragi and minor millets are cultivated in the State especially in the traditional tracts. Ragi and minor millets are the major crops of Attapady in Palakkad district. These crops need to be provided developmental support to boost their cultivation. Therefore, to sustain cultivation of these crops in the traditional tracts as well as to promote and expand the cultivation to additional areas in the traditional as well as non traditional tracts, a project was sanctioned to be implemented during the 13<sup>th</sup> FYP starting from 2017-18.

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> read above accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme, ‘**Development and Promotion of Location Specific Crops**’ during 2017-18. As per the Annual Plan 2020-21, the scheme is proposed to be continued during current financial year with a total allocation of Rs. 202.00 Lakh, abiding by the norms and conditions of the Government Orders as per the references. Out of this, Administrative Sanction was issued for an amount of Rs. 158.3027 lakh after deducting amount required for encashment of 'Queue' bills & WAMS clearance bills of 2019-20 and bills e-submitted to treasury on or before 18/4/2020. Working instructions for components worth Rs. 156.3027 lakh has already been issued vide reference (4) cited.

Administrative Sanction for the component “Attapady Tribal Village Programme” for Rs. 1 lakh has been received vide reference (5) cited. Accordingly, Working instruction for the “Attapady Tribal Village” under the component Promotion of Tribal Agriculture is issued herewith, the details of which are as follows:

## 1. Promotion of Tribal Agriculture

### (B) Attapady Tribal Village

Attapady which is a major tribal agricultural zone of Kerala State classified as the first Integrated Tribal development Block in the State forming part of Mannarkkad Taluk of Palakkad District is being developed as a Millet Village. It has a total area of 745 sq. Km spread over three panchayats namely Agali, Pudur and Sholayur.

In order to promote self sufficiency and food security in Attapady Tribal Area, a scheme entitled "Comprehensive and Sustainable Agricultural Development Programme For Attapady Tribes" with a total financial outlay of Rs. 799.70125 lakh is proposed under RKI, which intends to provide infrastructural facilities and financial support for the cultivation and marketing of traditional millets, pulses and oilseeds along with super food crops & vegetables for income generation. Hence, the fund allocated under this component in Location Specific Scheme is to be utilized for Operational Expenses of the scheme only.

Objectives :

- \* To provide assistance for hiring, fuel charges, repair and maintenance of vehicle used for field verification, transportation ec.
- \* To provide assistance for purchase of stationeries, documentation etc.

Financial Assistance is proposed for the following component :

#### Operational Expenses

Constant field verification and monitoring are required for the smooth functioning of the RKI project. A vehicle is being used for field verification, distribution of seeds and procurement of grains and other products.

Financial assistance of Rs. 1 lakh is required for meeting the hiring charges, fuel charges, repair and maintenance of the vehicle. It is also proposed to meet the expenses for documentation, purchase of stationeries and other miscellaneous expenses under this scheme component.

H/Ac 2401 - 00 - 103 - 75 Plan

Sl. No.	Component	Financial Assistance (Rs. In Lakh)
1	Operational Expenses (Documentation, Stationery, POL, repair & maintenance of vehicle, hiring charges etc)	1.0
	Total	1.0

## Financial Outlay

During the current year, Administrative Sanction has been issued for the implementation of the scheme "Development and Promotion of Location Specific Crops - "Attapady Tribal Village Programme" for an amount of **Rs. 1.0 (Rupees One Lakh only)** under the H.o.A 2401 - 00 - 103 - 75 P, subject to convergence with Tribal development Department.

H.o.A 2401 - 00 - 103 - 75 P

Rs. 1.0 lakh

Sl. No	Particulars	Rate of assistance	Fin. target (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Operational Expenses (Documentation, Stationery, POL, repair & maintenance of vehicle, hiring charges etc)	100000	1.00
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1.00</b>

**(Rupees One Lakh only)**

**The following General Conditions should be followed, wherever applicable**

- i) All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
- ii) The expenditure will be met only from the provision 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) The Principal Agricultural officer shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
- viii) The Assitant Director of Agriculture, Agali (implementing officer) should prepare an implementation schedule to complete the project in time and send regular progress report on financial and physical progress on a quarterly basis.
- ix) The Principal Agricultural Officer should hold meetings once in a month to review the progress and send report to this office.

## Monitoring

The Principal Agricultural Officer of Palakkad district is instructed to take urgent action to achieve the targets in full during the year itself. **Deputy Director(H)** of the district will be in charge of the implementation of the scheme.

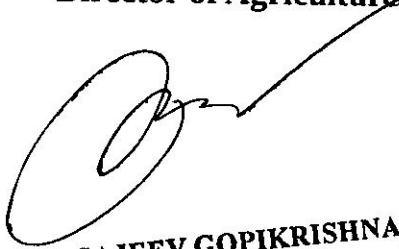
Monthly progress report should invariably contain component wise physical and financial targets and achievements and the stage of implementation of each component. Since Government is giving emphasis to women participation and gender budgeting, maximum efforts have to be made to include women beneficiaries 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.

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