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Directorate of Agricultural Development
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Thiruvananthapuram
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Sub: Coconut Development Board Scheme - Replanting And Rejuvenation of
Coconut Gardens In Kerala 2019-20 - revalidated for implementation during 2020-
21- working instructions issued-reg

- Ref: 1. GoI letter F No. 383(1)/2019- Dev(AAP) dated 10-6-2019
2. GO(Rt) No.36/2020/AGRI dated 14-01-2020
3. GoI Letter F No. 1472/2019-Dev(Rej) Kerala dated 18.03.2020
4. GoI Letter F No. 1472/2020-Dev(Rej) Kerala/28421 dated 27-05-2020

As per the reference 1st cited, Coconut Development Board has conveyed an allocation to the tune of Rs.1601.598 lakh for implementing various Coconut Development Board Schemes in the State during the year 2019-20 for which Government of Kerala has accorded Administrative sanction during 2019-20 vide reference 2nd cited. Out of this Rs. 684.675 lakh is earmarked for implementing the scheme on Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens In Kerala 2019-20, funds for which were released through PFMS vide reference 3rd cited. Since the funds were received after the monsoon seasons at the fag end of the financial year and due to COVID-19 pandemic situation in the State, the scheme could not be implemented during 2019-20. Vide reference 4th cited, Coconut Development Board has communicated the revalidation sanction for implementation of the scheme during 2020-21 in the state.

The strategy proposed for coconut development is integrated development of holdings aimed at maximising income from unit area through better agro management practices, promotion of multispecies cropping and farming systems and area expansion of dwarf and hybrid varieties. Various development activities are to be converged for the integrated development of holdings which will be implemented on cluster basis.

Objective:-

The main objective of the scheme is to enhance production and productivity of coconut by removal of disease advanced, old and senile palms, replanting with quality seedlings and rejuvenating the remaining palms through an integrated package of practices.

Components:-

- I. Cutting and removal of disease advanced, old and senile palms
- II. Replanting with quality seedlings limited to optimum plant population

III. Rejuvenation of existing gardens through integrated management practices

I. Cutting and removal of disease advanced, old and senile palms:

Assistance for cutting and removal of 48960 disease advanced, old and senile palms in an area of 1530 hectare will be provided at the rate of Rs.1000 per palm, subject to a maximum of Rs 32000/ha (max of 32 palms /ha) to the farmers. Since it is necessary to eradicate the focus of infection, all the palms identified during the roving survey in the targeted area, over and above the ceiling of assistance shall be cut and removed by the farmer at his own cost.

An amount of Rs. 489.6 lakh is ear marked for this component(SCSP- Rs. 44.55330 lakh, TSP- Rs.13.84373 lakh and General – Rs. 431.20297 lakh)

II. Assistance for replanting :

Cutting and removal of disease advanced, old and senile palms in 1530 hectare need to be followed by a systematic replanting programme to maintain the plant density at the rate of 175 palms/ha. 50% subsidy limited to Rs 40/- per seedling subject to a maximum limit of Rs 4000/- per ha will be provided as assistance for this component.

An amount of Rs. 61.2 lakh is ear marked for this component (SCSP- Rs. 5.56916 lakh, TSP- Rs.1.73047 lakh and General – Rs.53.90037 lakh)

III. Rejuvenation of the existing coconut palms through Integrated Management Practices :

For adoption of integrated management practices, a subsidy of Rs 17500/ ha will be provided in two annual instalments of Rs 8750/- each ie., 25 % of cost (Rs 70,000/ha) in two equal instalments. The maximum eligibility for availing assistance under this component is 4 ha per beneficiary. The following integrated management practices shall be carried out in the area identified for rejuvenation for the first year (2020-21) in the districts.

- Balanced nutrition through fertilizer application or INM
- Irrigation and drainage
- Soil and moisture conservation
- Growing of green manure cover crops
- Application of organic manure including enriched organics
- Intercultural operation including weed control

- Need based plant protection measures preferably with botanicals and bio-agents
- Regulation of shade and maintaining palm population and
- Promoting of inter cropping / mixed farming

An amount of Rs. 133.875 lakh is ear marked for this component(SCSP- Rs. 12.18254 lakh, TSP- Rs.3.78540 lakh and General – Rs.117.90706 lakh)

Implementation:-

A baseline / roving survey shall be carried out in a farmer participatory mode to identify the project area, based on which the palms for the cutting and removal shall be marked by the farmers themselves and inspected by the concerned Agricultural Assistants. The palms recommended by the Agricultural Assistants shall be cut and removed by the farmers under the supervision of the Agricultural Assistants on getting approval from the concerned Agricultural Officer.

Replanting is to be done after cutting and removal of diseased, old and senile palms . Quality planting materials may be procured from the farms/nurseries of State Agriculture Department/ State Agricultural University / Central Plantation Crops Research Institutes/ Coconut Development Board or CPS/CPF nurseries assisted by CDB/State Dept and other accredited agencies such as VFPCCK.

The rejuvenation programme is to be implemented in two phases spread over two years ie 1st year during 2020-21 and the second year during 2021-22.

As per the Government policy, out of the total allocation, the amount ear marked for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP), Tribal Sub Plan(TSP) and general category are to be ensured separately while selecting beneficiaries. The funds have to be utilized under respective component without any deviation from the approved category wise allocation and the payment of financial assistance to the beneficiaries shall be under DBT mode only through PFMS portal.

The district wise physical and financial target of all the three components of the scheme is given in Annexure- 1.

The monthly progress report indicating the component/ category wise physical and financial achievement has to be furnished to Additioal Director of Agriculture(CP) in the prescribed format in Annexures 2a, 2b, and 2c. Final completion report and Utilization Certificate shall be submitted through PFMS in due course.

Monitoring and Evaluation:-

The Agricultural Officer of KrishiBhavans will be responsible for the effective implementation of the scheme at Panchayat level. The Assistant Director of Agriculture will monitor the scheme at block level and Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) at district level. The Principal Agricultural Officer will supervise the scheme at district level. Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the scheme at State level.

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Director of Agriculture

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All Principal Agricultural Officers

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Annexure-1

**CDB Programme- Replanting and rejuvenation of old Coconut gardens 2019-20 (1st year) district wise physical target
(100 % Central sector scheme)- Rs 684.675 lakhs (Revalidated for 2020-21)**

| Sl:No | District | Physical target (ha) | | | | | Fin Target (in lakhs) | | | | | Fin Grand Total Target (in lakhs) | | | | | |
|-------|--------------|---|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | | SCSP | TSP | Gen | Total | Total | SCSP | TSP | Gen | Total | Total | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | Target (in lakhs) | Physical target (ha) | Target (in lakhs) | Physical target (ha) | Target (in lakhs) |
| | | Cutting & removal of old, senile, unproductive and disease advanced palms @ Rs 1000/palm limited to Rs 32000/ha [Total Target – 48960 palms (1530 ha)] | | | | | Rejuvenation of the existing coconut palms by adopting integrated management practices. Subsidy of Rs 17500/ha is provided in two instalments of Rs 8750/each (Total Target – 1530 ha) | | | | | Assistance for replanting. Subsidy of Rs 40/- per seedling subject to a maximum of Rs 4000/ha (Total Target – 1530 ha) | | | | | |
| 1 | TVM | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 32.00 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 8.750 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 4.00 | 44.75 |
| 2 | KLM | 9 | 3 | 88 | 100 | 32.00 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 8.750 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 4.00 | 44.75 |
| 3 | PTA | 9 | 2 | 69 | 80 | 25.60 | 8 | 3 | 69 | 80 | 7.000 | 10 | 3 | 67 | 80 | 3.20 | 35.8 |
| 4 | ALP | 9 | 3 | 88 | 100 | 32.00 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 8.750 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 4.00 | 44.75 |
| 5 | KTM | 9 | 3 | 88 | 100 | 32.00 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 8.750 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 4.00 | 44.75 |
| 6 | IDK | 9 | 2 | 69 | 80 | 25.60 | 8 | 3 | 69 | 80 | 7.000 | 10 | 3 | 67 | 80 | 3.20 | 35.8 |
| 7 | EKM | 9 | 3 | 88 | 100 | 32.00 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 8.750 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 4.00 | 44.75 |
| 8 | TSR | 12 | 4 | 124 | 140 | 44.80 | 12 | 3 | 125 | 140 | 12.250 | 10 | 3 | 127 | 140 | 5.60 | 62.65 |
| 9 | PKD | 9 | 4 | 87 | 100 | 32.00 | 12 | 3 | 85 | 100 | 8.750 | 10 | 4 | 86 | 100 | 4.00 | 44.75 |
| 10 | MPM | 12.22 | 3.25 | 134.53 | 150 | 48.00 | 11.23 | 4.262 | 134.508 | 150 | 13.125 | 10 | 3 | 137 | 150 | 6.00 | 67.125 |
| 11 | KZD | 12 | 3.5 | 135 | 150 | 48.00 | 10 | 3 | 137 | 150 | 13.125 | 10 | 3.26 | 136.74 | 150 | 6.00 | 67.125 |
| 12 | WMD | 9 | 3 | 68 | 80 | 25.60 | 8 | 3 | 69 | 80 | 7.000 | 10 | 3 | 67 | 80 | 3.20 | 35.8 |
| 13 | KNR | 12 | 3.5 | 134 | 150 | 48.00 | 10 | 3 | 137 | 150 | 13.125 | 10 | 3 | 137 | 150 | 6.00 | 67.125 |
| 14 | KSKD | 9 | 3 | 88 | 100 | 32.00 | 10 | 3 | 87 | 100 | 8.750 | 9.23 | 3 | 87.77 | 100 | 4.00 | 44.75 |
| | Total | 139.22 | 43.25 | 1347.53 | 1530 | 489.60 | 139.23 | 43.262 | 1347.508 | 1530 | 133.875 | 139.23 | 43.26 | 1347.51 | 1530 | 61.20 | 684.68 |

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Additional Director of Agriculture (CP)

For Director of Agriculture

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