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Directorate of Agricultural Development  
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**Sub: Annual plan -2020-21- scheme for the development of fruits, flowers and medicinal plants-component-'Development of Fruits' H/A: 2401-00-119-79 plan- additional instructions- issuing of-reg-**

- Ref: 1) Go (Rt) No: 506/2020/Agri dated Thiruvananthapuram 9/6/2020**  
**2) This office circular of even no: dated 17/8/2020 , 19/9/2020 & 13/10/2020**  
**3) This office letter of even no: dated 24/9/2020**  
**4) Letter No: TB(2) 5408/2020 dated 17/11/2020 of PAO, Idukki.**

Vide Government order read as reference (1) above, comprehensive administrative sanction has been accorded by the Government for the component-'Development of Fruits' under the scheme 'Development of Fruits, flowers and medicinal plants' and working instructions for an amount of Rs. 1243.31 lakhs earmarked for the component production of planting materials and development of infrastructure in Development farms have been issued accordingly vide reference (2) above.

Development of infrastructure in Development of farms to the tune of Rs. 8.375 crores is a sub component in the sanctioned GO which comprises of 4 activities viz.

1. Construction of poly houses, rain shelter, hardening units etc.
2. Providing irrigation facilities.
3. Production cost of seedlings
4. Expansion of progeny orchards of exotic fruit plants.

The main intention of the scheme is to development infrastructure in departmental farms for the maximum production of good quality planting materials of fruit plants under the direct supervision of departmental

officials so as to reduce the dependence on other agencies for planting materials in coming seasons. This requires infrastructure facility in farms including the establishment of new structures and the repair of existing ones, introduction of high tech production methods etc.

In order to achieve the full production potential of farms for quality planting materials production, the following additional instructions are issued.

- 1) Principal Agricultural Officers should assess the actual requirement of each of the 4 activities mentioned above, in all farms of their jurisdiction.
- 2) Principal Agricultural officers shall be permitted to rearrange the allotted funds within these four activities based on their based on their requirements in cases if the funds for a specific activity (construction of poly houses, rainshelter, Irrigation facilities, production cost, Area expansion of progeny orchards etc) is found insufficient to meet the farm requirement or surplus due to funds flow from District Panchayath. The district wise targets after realloftment shall be intimated to this office before 25/12/2020. Accordingly sanction will be issued from this end and update in the plan space. Further modifications/request for modifications will not be entertained after the stipulated date.
- 3) The funds allotted for the construction of rainshelters, poly houses, hardening units etc can be utilized for the repair of the existing structures for maximum efficiency.
- 4) Principal Agricultural officers should make sure that by rearranging funds, the physical targets allotted for the production of planting materials should be fully achieved.

5) Early action should be taken for the production of grafts, layers and other improved planting materials, grafts of traditional varieties of fruit plants etc for distribution during June 2021.

6) Principal Agricultural Officers should follow the directions issued vide reference 2 &3 above for constituting a technical committee at district level with Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) as member for facilitating the speed up of infrastructure works. Necessary skill development trainings should be imparted to the farm labourers so that maximum production of quality planting materials can be attained.

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