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Directorate of Agricultural &
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Thiruvananthapuram

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Sub:- Annual Plan 2020-21 -Scheme on "Production and Distribution of planting Materials" through Departmental Farms - Component-
Operational support & Technology support through human resource group to Hi-tech farming demonstration units in farms -
Working Instructions - issued - regarding.

Ref :1. G O(Rt) No. 803/2017 AD dtd 19/08/2017

2. Order No. ADFW/489/2020-TP2 of Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

Government of Kerala, vide order cited in the reference had accorded administrative sanction for the implementation of the project proposal for "Operational Support and Technology Support through Human Resource Group to Hi-tech Farming Demonstration units" during 2019-20. As per GO(Rt) No.803/2017 AD dated 19/08/2017 Government have approved the scheme and it is proposed to implement the scheme component during 2020-21 for an amount of Rs.20lakhs from the head of account **2401-00-104-91 Plan.**

The Scheme mainly aims at the transformation of Departmental Farms to model, market oriented, agricultural units. Hi-tech Farming(HTF) units have been established in 8 departmental farms with the support of State Horticultural Mission. It is proposed to implement the component " Operational and Technology Support to demonstration units for HTF Units " through Human Resource Group.

The project is proposed with following objectives

1. To sustain the already established protected cultivation HTF units in the departmental farms successfully by providing all the required inputs, human resource support and marketing support.
2. To appoint technical staff both officers and technical assistants on contract basis to manage the protected cultivated units effectively.
3. To impart training to the newly appointed technical staff and the technocrats of the department on the latest technologies in the field of Hi-tech Agriculture.

High tech farming (HTF) units have been established in the following departmental farms with the support of State Horticulture Mission:

- 1.Coconut Nursery, Kazhakuttom, Thiruvananthapuram
- 2.Sugarcane Seed Farm, Pandalam, Pathanamthitta

3. District Agricultural Farm (DAF), Mavelikkara, Alappuzha
4. District Agricultural Farm (DAF), Kozha, Kottayam
5. State Vegetable Farm (SVF), Vandiperiyar, Idukki
6. Model Horticultural Farm (MHF), Kannara, Thrissur
7. Orange & Vegetable Farm, Nelliampathy, Palakkad
8. District Agricultural Farm (DAF), Thalipparamba, Kannur

The following working instructions are issued for the implementation of this project.

1. Supply of inputs and adoption of agronomic practice.

It is estimated that an amount of Rs.200 /sq.mt is required towards the cost of cultivation including the cost of media/media preparation, planting materials, cost of other inputs, cost of cultural operation up to harvest etc. These expenses are to be provided to the concerned departmental farms to ensure flawless adoption of technologies for polyhouses. The total area of demonstration units of the departmental farms is 4000 sq.mt and amount of Rs. 4.00 Lakhs @ Rs 100/sq.mt will be paid to Principal Agriculture officers as shown below.

Sl. No.	District/PAO	Name of Farm	Area of poly house (Sq.m)	Amount allotted (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	CN. Kazhakuttom	500	0.5
2	Pathanamthitta	SCF, Pandalam	500	0.5
3	Alappuzha	DAF, Mavelikkara	500	0.5
4	Kottayam	DAF, Kozha	500	0.5
5	Idukki	SVF, Vandiperiyar	500	0.5
6	Thrissur	MHF, Kannara	500	0.5
7	Palakkad	O & V Farm, Nelliampathy	500	0.5
8	Kannur	DAF, Thaliparamba	500	0.5
	Total		4000	4.00

2. Contract appointment of technical staff

The protected cultivation demonstration units requires close observation and quick remedial measures for the problems that can arise at any time. So an officer with BSc Agri qualification @ Rs. 25000/- per month and an Agriculture Assistant with VHSE (Agri) qualification / retired Agriculture Assistant @ Rs. 10000/- per month will be appointed on contract basis exclusively for supervising/carrying out of routine activities

effectively in each demonstration unit. Under this component funds provided for remuneration to contract technical staff are for 8 months only. The total amount earmarked for the contract appointment of technical staff is **Rs.16 lakhs**.

Sl. No.	District/PAO	Name of Farm	Area of poly house (Sq.m)	Amount allotted (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	CN. Kazhakuttom	500	2.00
2	Pathanamthitta	SCF, Pandalam	500	0
3	Alappuzha	DAF, Mavelikkara	500	2.80
4	Kottayam	DAF, Kozha	500	2.20
5	Idukki	SVF, Vandiperiyar	500	2.0
6	Thrissur	MHF, Kannara	500	2.80
7	Palakkad	O & V Farm, Nelliampathy	500	2.10
8	Kannur	DAF, Thaliparamba	500	2.10
	Total		4000	16.00

The total Fund of Rs. 20 lakhs will be allotted to Principal Agriculture Officers as shown below.

Sl. No.	District/PAO	Name of Farm	Amount allotted (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	CN. Kazhakuttom	2.5
2	Pathanamthitta	SCF, Pandalam	0.5
3	Alappuzha	DAF, Mavelikkara	3.3
4	Kottayam	DAF, Kozha	2.7
5	Idukki	SVF, Vandiperiyar	2.5
6	Thrissur	MHF, Kannara	3.3
7	Palakkad	O & V Farm, Nelliampathy	2.6
8	Kannur	DAF, Thaliparamba	2.6
	Total		20.00

Monitoring

Joint Director of Agriculture (Farms) will be the implementing officer at state level. Additional Director of Agriculture (Farms) will monitor the implementation of the scheme at state level. Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) will be the implementing officer at District level and Principal Agriculture Officer should monitor the scheme effectively in each district. Reporting and official correspondence in respect of this scheme should be made in the email.id. (**agrifarmsth@gmail.com**) . The Deputy Director of Agriculture who is in charge will submit a detailed report in to the Additional Director of Agriculture(Farms) on or before 5th of every month.

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