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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