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Sub:- Annual Plan 2020-21 – Scheme Component “Operational Support and Hiring Of Vehicles for ATMA” under “Strengthening of Agricultural Extension” – Revised Continuous Administrative Sanction accorded - Revised Working Instruction issued – reg.

- Ref:-
1. GO (Ms)No. 102/2017/AGRI Dt. Thiruvananthapuram 10/08/2017
 2. Order no. TP(2) 7462/2018 dt. 28/4/2018 of Director of Agriculture
 3. TP (2) 12933/2019 dtd 04.06.2019
 4. Annual Plan 2020-21
 5. Order No. ADFW/484/2020 – TP(2) dtd 15.06.2020
 6. Order No. ADFW/484/2020 – TP(2) dtd 16.03.2021

Government of Kerala accorded Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the scheme 'Strengthening of Agricultural Extension' vide reference (1) cited above during the year 2017-18 under the H/Ac 2401- 00-109-80 (P). Continuous Administrative Sanction has been accorded for the scheme for the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 vide reference (2) & (3) cited above.

During the Financial Year 2020-21 Continuous Administrative Sanction accorded for the scheme 'Strengthening of Agricultural Extension' for an amount of Rs. 417.18435/- lakhs (Rupees Four Crores Seventeen Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Five only) as per the fifth reference cited. One of the components of this scheme is **Operational Support And Hiring Of Vehicles For ATMA** (Rs.60.12446 lakhs).

Fourteen Project Directors were created at the district level in the cadre of Joint Director of Agriculture and posted at district level offices of the Department of Agriculture to streamline the activities of ATMA. They are in charge of the ATMA activities in the districts, co-ordinating with the line departments. They are assisted by a Deputy Project Director from any of the line departments. Project Directors supervise all the ATMA activities organized in the district and organize the district level programmes. They have to supervise the implementation of state extension schemes like ATMA Plus, LEADS, Agro Service Centres, Karshika Karma Sena, Strengthening of Project Directorate of ATMA, etc. Hence it is highly essential that Project Directors provided with vehicle support through hiring of vehicles for proper monitoring and implementation of extension activities.

An amount of **Rs.10.00 lakhs** is set apart for providing mobility to Project Director, ATMA of districts by hiring vehicles for which Administrative Sanction was accorded by Govt. Vide GO(Rt) No. 1532/15/AD dated 11.09.2015.

Field visits are inevitable for the effective extension activities, dissemination of technical knowhow and for proper field level verification on implementation of various schemes by the Assistant Director of Agriculture and other technical staff in each

block. For this mobility is a must. For encouraging regular field visit and technology transfer 75 numbers of Mobile Agro clinics were established & 75 numbers of bolero jeeps purchased & is utilized as Mobile Agro clinics. As per G.O (Rt) No:102/2017/AGRI dated: TVPM 10/8/2017 administrative sanction was accorded for providing operational support to the mobile Ago clinics to meet the fuel expenses @ Rs.8000 /- per month.

An amount of **Rs. 50.12446 lakhs** is set apart as Operational expenses for meeting fund and other expenses. This fund can also be utilized to meet other operational expenses like oil, service charges & insurance of Mobile Agro Clinics and minor repair works of Mobile Agro Clinics. Custodian of the vehicle will maintain an up to date log book with details of journey and fuel purchased. Controlling officer will verify the log book and record his/her observation. Mobile Agri Clinics will be utilized only for field visit and extension activities.

Hence a total amount of **Rs. 60.12446 lakh** is earmarked for the component Operational Support and Hiring of Vehicles for ATMA under Strengthening of Agricultural Extension.

The district wise financial allocation for meeting the operational charges of mobile agro clinics and hire charges to vehicles for Project Director ATMA 2020-21 is given in Annexure.

Monitoring:


At the district Level the component Operational Support will be monitored and implemented by Deputy Director of Agriculture (E&T) and the component Hiring of Vehicles by Project Director ATMA. Project Director ATMA will hand over monthly reports to Principal Agricultural Officer on the last working day of each month. Principal Agricultural Officer will conduct random vehicle verification regarding the utilization of vehicle. The Custodian Officer will ensure that the vehicle is used for field visit and extension activities related to technology transfer.

The amount of **Rs. 60.12446 lakhs** required for the implementation of the above scheme can be spent from the budget provision of **Rs. 417.18435 lakhs** provided under the H/A 2401-00-109-80 plan of 2020 – 21.

To: All Principal Agricultural Officers
All Project Directors, ATMA

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PA to Director of Agriculture
CA to All Additional DAs
CA to State Agricultural Engineer
CA to All JDAs at HQ
TP Section for allotment of funds as per Annexure I
PIO, FIB, Trivandrum for giving wide publicity in website
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