

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPEMENT AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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Sub: Annual Plan 2021-22– **Contingency Programme to Meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease - Endemic** – Continuous Administrative sanction accorded – orders issued.

Read:- 1) G.O.(Ms) No. 75/2017/AGRI dated.29.05.2017

2) G.O.(Rt) No. 748/2018/Agri. dated.23.07.2018

3) Order no.ADFW/480/2020-TP2 dated 29/4/2020

4) Order no.ADFW/480/2020-TP2 dated 18/1/2021

5) Annual Plan 2021-22

ORDER NO. ADFW/2878/2021-TP2 Dated.07/04/2021

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1st above, have accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme ‘Contingency Programme to meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic’ during the year 2017-18 with the following components, as shown below:

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Creation of buffer stock of short duration varieties of seeds	100.00
2	Assistance for strengthening of bunds against breaches	89.00
3	Management of pest and disease endemic	200.00
4	Development of software for natural calamity claim processing	11.00
	Total	400.00

During 2018-19, vide order read 2nd above, Administrative Sanction was accorded for an amount of Rs.150.00 lakhs for a new component “State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities”. Continuous Administrative Sanction was accorded by the Director of Agriculture for this scheme from 2018-19 to 2020-21 (reference 3rd and 4th above).

During the financial year 2021-22, there is a budget provision of Rs.750.00 lakh for the scheme ‘Contingency Programme to meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic’ under head of account 2401-00-800-91(P).

The details of the continuing components is given below:

1. Creation of buffer stock of short duration varieties of seeds (Rs.200.00 lakh)

The main objective is to keep a buffer stock of short duration varieties of paddy, pulses and vegetables in order to provide immediate relief to farmers at time of natural calamities. Anticipated damage to the above crops will be assessed in advance and by utilizing the scheme fund, seeds of short duration varieties of paddy

crop will be purchased and a buffer stock will be created for the purpose. Small and marginal farmers who suffer total crop loss will be eligible for assistance under the scheme. Seeds will be supplied to the farmers free of cost. The left over quantity of seeds/planting material at the end of the year will be sold to the farmers at the prevailing market rates by the concerned district officers. An amount of **Rs.200.00 lakh** is proposed for this component.

The buffer stock of seeds has to be maintained by the Kerala State Seed Development Authority, Thrissur during all crop seasons of the year. The Principal Agricultural Officers will place the indents with the Kerala State Seed Development Authority, Thrissur for requirement of seeds under intimation to this office.

For the speedy and effective implementation of the scheme the following actions are proposed.

- The Kerala State Seed Development Authority Thrissur will make arrangements for the maintenance of short duration and medium High Yielding Varieties of seeds of paddy, vegetables and pulses during all crop seasons of the year so as to supply to the districts for the issue of seeds to the natural calamity affected farmers for resowing without losing time in the event of crop loss due to natural calamities
- The amount towards the cost of seeds will be drawn and paid to Kerala State Seed Development Authority Thrissur.
- In the event of any natural calamities, if the Agricultural Officers of any Krishi Bhavan is convinced himself /herself that the crop is lost and re-sowing is required, he should immediately assess the quantity of seed required and report the same to higher authorities at district level. The Principal Agricultural Officers at district level should verify the requirement and consolidated requirements should be reported to the Director of Agriculture through fax/e-mail and to State seed authority, Thrissur.
- The Agricultural officers of Krishi Bhavans will obtain applications for seeds from cultivators who suffer crop loss due to natural calamities. The genuineness of the applications will be verified by the Agricultural Officers and he will issue the seeds to the farmers free of cost on proper acknowledgement.
- The Agricultural Officers will send a detailed statement of distribution of seeds to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture at block level showing the name and address of farmer, crops damaged, extent of damage, quantity of seeds distributed.
- The Agricultural Officers should also maintain a register showing all relevant details mentioned above with the quantity of seeds distributed at Krishi Bhavan level. Seeds should be issued after obtaining proper acknowledgement.
- The Assistant Directors of Agriculture and the Deputy Directors of Agriculture (WM) should guide and supervise the distribution of seed to the farmers by the Agricultural Officers.
- The Agricultural Officers, after completing distribution of seeds, will furnish a completion report to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture at block level showing the following details.

Item	Paddy	Pulses	Vegetables
a) Area affected by natural calamity			
b) Type of calamity			
(1) Drought			
(2) Flood			