

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE  
DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPEMENT AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM  
(Present:Dr.K.Vasuki IAS)**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>400.00</b>

During 2018-19, vide order read 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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			

(3) Others (specify)			
c) Quantity and variety of seeds received.			
(c) Quantity and variety of seeds distributed.			
d) No. of farmers benefited			
e) Area benefited			

The Agricultural Officers in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at panchayath level. The Assistant Directors of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the block area. The Deputy Directors of Agriculture (WM) will monitor the implementation of the programme at District level under the supervision of the Principal Agricultural Officers.

The Principal Agricultural Officers will forward the details of seeds received from the State Seed Development Authority and details of seeds distributed to the farmers in the proforma prescribed above to the Addl. Director of Agriculture (CP).

The amount of **Rs. 200.00 lakh** will be drawn and disbursed to the KSSDA in advance for taking action to stock sufficient seeds to meet any contingency. Additional Director of Agriculture, KSSDA, will submit utilization certificate to Director of Agriculture.

## **2. Assistance for strengthening of bunds against breaches (Rs.25.00 lakh)**

Assistance for repair of breached bunds, strengthening of existing bunds, removal of silt and debris from flooded field etc can be undertaken provided there is no other source of funds and work will be sanctioned in a need based manner. The work will be identified with the help of local bodies and the estimates of loss occurred will be taken up by the concerned Agricultural Officer or Assistant Director of Agriculture. The estimate of work prepared by the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer or competent authority approved by PAO will be given administrative sanction from the Directorate of Agriculture.

The Agricultural Officers in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at panchayath level. The Assistant Directors of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the block area. The Deputy Directors of Agriculture (WM) will monitor the implementation of the programme at District level under the supervision of the Principal Agricultural Officers.

The amount of **Rs. Rs.25.00 lakh** earmarked for strengthening of bunds/repair will be drawn and deposited in the Crisis Management Fund of Additional Director of Agriculture (CP).

## **3. Management of pest and disease endemic (Rs. 25.00 lakh)**

The Crop Health Management scheme is under implementation with the objective to develop a pest surveillance based crop advisory system to help the farmers from vagaries of pests and disease problems by adopting suitable control measures at the appropriate time and save the crops. However, contingencies may occur in the event of sudden pest/ disease outbreak which need to be controlled to avoid spread and crop loss. Timely action need to be taken to manage this problem. An amount of **Rs.25.00 lakh** is earmarked for this component.

The following actions are proposed for the implementation of the component.

The Agricultural Officer should immediately report the cases of pest and disease endemic problem to the Principal Agricultural Officer. The Principal Agricultural Officer will take immediate steps to arrange visit of Multi Disciplinary Diagnostic Team (MDDT) to the site. Recommendations on suitable prophylactic and corrective measures provided by the MDDT, which include Integrated Pest and Disease Management components, will be implemented for which the provision earmarked under this component will be utilized. Only in very demanding situations, chemicals which are safe to use will be utilized. Wherever chemicals are recommended, farmers should also be made aware of the waiting periods to be followed before consumption or marketing of the crop produce.

A copy of the detailed MDDT report including details like name and designation of officers, date and time of visit, area visited, crop situation, details of symptoms noticed, nature and extent of damage, stage of the crop, field condition, endemic nature etc. should be sent to the Director of Agriculture by fax/ e-mail along with the following details.

Name of Block & Krishi Bhavan	Location	Name of crop affected	Name of pest/ disease	Area affected	Recommendations with area to be covered for spraying	Amount required for taking control measures (for chemicals & labour)	Remarks

Based on this report the Rapid Action Wing at the State level, under the leadership of the Joint Director of Agriculture (Plant Protection), if required, will visit the area, and give suggestions regarding the control measures and the financial assistance to be provided to take up the control measures. The expenses involved in the adoption of such control measures on emergency basis, including cost of fungicides, pesticides and spraying charges, will be sanctioned from Directorate of Agriculture to districts from the provision under this component.

#### 4. State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities (Rs.500.00 lakh)

In order to safeguard the interest of all farmers of our State, assistance is being sanctioned to provide relief for crop loss due to natural calamities. This includes share from Central Government (NDRF) and also from State Government. However, Government of India made drastic reduction in the Central Government share and the State Government has shouldered the responsibility of providing the deficit in central assistance well enough to sustain the prevailing total rate of relief assistance in the interest and well being of farmers. Accordingly as per the norms of G.O (MS) No. 182/2015/Agri dated 29.09.2015, assistance for crop loss are to be given in the State. The fund will be released to the farmers, as per the claims from the districts.

#### Abstract of components

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. In lakh)
1	Creation of buffer stock of short duration varieties of seeds	200.00

2	Assistance for strengthening of bunds against breaches	25.00
3	Management of pest and disease endemic	25.00
4	State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities	500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>750.00</b>

**(Rupees Seven hundred and fifty lakh only)**

### **Mode of implementation**

The Agricultural Officer in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at Panchayat level. The Assistant Director of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the block level. The Deputy Director of Agriculture (E & T) will be in charge for the implementation of the programme at District level under the supervision and control of the Principal Agricultural Officers. At State level a separate monitoring committee headed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the scheme for effective and timely implementation.

### **Financial Outlay**

**During the current financial year there is a budget provision of Rs.750.00 lakhs for the scheme, "Contingency Programme to meet Natural Calamity & Pest and disease endemic", under the head of account 2401-00-800-91 Plan. Required amount for scheme implementation will be met from this budget provision.**

In the above circumstances, continuous Administrative Sanction is hereby accorded and orders issued for the implementation for the scheme **"Contingency Programme to meet Natural Calamity & Pest and disease endemic"** during 2020-21 for an amount of **Rs.750.00 lakh (Rupees Seven hundred and fifty lakh only)** as per the above statement, debiting expenditure to head of account **2401-00-800-91 Plan** from current year's budget provision. The scheme shall be implemented abiding by the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Orders read above.

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