

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE , DIRECTORATE OF
AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND FARMERS' WELFARE,
VIKAS BHAVAN, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

(Present : Dr.K.Vasuki IAS)

Sub: Annual Plan 2021-22 – Scheme for **Production and Distribution of Quality Planting Materials** – Continuous Administrative Sanction accorded – orders issued.

Read: 1) G.O.(Rt) No. 803/2017/AD dated.19.08.2017
2) Order No. ADFW/489/2020-TP2 dated: 15.06.2020
3) G.O(Rt) No.548/2020/AGRI dated 18.6.2020
4) G.O(Rt) No.555/2020/AGRI dated 22.6.2020
5) G.O(Rt)No.634/2020/AGRI dated 02.07.2020
6) Annual Plan 2021-22

Order No. ADFW/2997/2021-TP2

Dated: 17.04.2021

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1st above accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme, “Production and Distribution of Quality Planting Materials” during 2017-18 and vide reference 2nd cited continuous Administrative Sanction was accorded for an amount of Rs. **1144.61142** lakh under Head of Account 2401-00-104-91(P) after allotments made for encashment of Queue, WAMS and other pending bills of 2019-20 during 2020-21. In addition administrative sanctions were obtained for an amount of Rs.25.00 lakh for the component ‘Technical integration through Integrated Farming System Research Station, Kerala Agricultural University, Karamana’, Rs.100.00 lakh for component ‘Production of planting materials of Fruits and Vegetables through VFPCCK’ and Rs.94.48 lakh for ‘Propagation and management of Coffee including drip irrigation in nurseries’ vide references 3rd, 4th and 5th read above.

As per the Annual Plan 2021-22 the scheme is proposed to be continued during the current financial year with a budget allocation of Rs.1295.00 lakhs with an amount of Rs.1095.00 lakhs under head of account 2401-00-104-91(P) and Rs.200.00 lakhs under head of account 4401-00-104-98 (P). An abstract of the components included in the scheme during 2021-22 for the amount of **Rs.1250.00** lakh is as follows:

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (₹ in lakh)	
		2401-00-104-91	4401-00-104-98
1	Routine Planting material production including rooted pepper cuttings	650.00	
2	Maintenance of progeny orchards & establishing new progeny orchards	80.00	
3	Seed production programme in State Seed Farms	200.00	
4	Operational and technology support to demonstration units for HTF units & Integrated Farming Systems in Department Farms	50.00	
5	Manpower support to the TC labs	15.00	
6	Production of planting material of fruits and vegetables through VFPCCK	100.00	
6	Mechanisation in special farms &		200.00

	infrastructure development		
	TOTAL	1095.00	200.00

The details of continuing components for an amount of Rs.1195.00 lakh are as follows:

1. Routine Planting Material Production Including rooted pepper cuttings (Rs.650.00 lakh)

This component is envisaged to meet the requirement for routine activities of special farms, transferred farms and production of rooted pepper cuttings including transportation cost of pepper cuttings. Out of this Rs.100.00 lakh each is earmarked for planting material production in Idukki and Wayanad districts.

a) Special farms and Transferred farms (Rs.494.00 lakh)

The main objective of this component is to transform the farms under the Department of Agriculture into model, market-oriented agricultural units. The major share of the scheme is proposed for the following purposes:

1. Purchase of inputs for production of planting materials and for maintenance of existing crops including machinery and irrigation components.
2. For meeting the input costs and gap filling needs including implementing minor works and transportation charges in special farms.
3. For meeting the travel and fuel expenses.

Sl. No.	Item	Amount (Rs.in lakhs)
1	Input cost and minor works of special farms including transportation charges	396.00
2	Gap filling needs of farms transferred to LSGDs including transportation charges	80.00
3	Fuel and travel expenses	
	Tour TA	8.50
	POL	7.50
4	Operational support at HQ (conduct of review meetings, purchase of computers and accessories etc.)	2.00
	Total	494.00

An amount of **Rs.494.00 lakhs** is earmarked for this purpose.

b) Production of rooted pepper cuttings (Rs.156.00 lakhs)

Good quality, high yielding varieties of pepper cutting are to be produced in farms for distributing to farmers through Krishi Bhavans. It is proposed to produce 43.33 lakh nos. of rooted pepper cuttings in department farms during 2020-21. The existing inputs and facilities in farms can be utilized for the production of rooted pepper cuttings.

The estimated cost of rooted pepper cuttings in department farms is calculated as Rs. 3/- per cutting. Physical target proposed is 43.33 lakh nos. and **Rs.130.00 lakhs** is required for this purpose. The amount will be utilized to meet the cost of mother vine, potting mixture, cost of poly bags and other inputs for plant protection activities. The cost of mother vine is fixed as Rs. 5/- metre.