

**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 on Coconut Development** – Continuous Administrative sanction accorded – orders issued.

Read: (1) G.O. (Rt) No. 643/2017/AD dated.29.06.2017
(2) G.O.(Rt) No.251/2019 dated 08/3/2019
(3) Order no.TP(2)12924/19 dated 24.05.2019
(4) G.O(Rt)No.766/2019/AGRI dated 09.08.2019
(5)Order no.ADFW/470/2020-TP2 dated 10.06.2020
(6) Order no.ADFW/470/2020-TP dated 05.11.2020
(7) G.O.(Rt)No.633/2020/AGRI dated 02.07.2020
(8) Annual Plan 2021-22
(9) G.O.(Rt) No.393/2020/Agri dated.22/4/2020.

Order No. ADFW/3118/2021-TP2

Dated: 23.04.2021.

Government of Kerala, vide order read 1st above, accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme, **Coconut Development** during the year 2017-18. During 2019-20, Administrative sanction for Green book components was accorded as per reference (2) cited. Continuous Administrative Sanction was accorded for the scheme components “Establishment of model HYV Dwarf/semi- tall Coconut Demonstration Farms” and “Pest and Disease Management in Coconut Gardens on a Campaign Basis” for an amount of Rs.298.30174 lakh during 2019-20. During 2020-21 Continuous Administrative Sanction was accorded for the scheme components “Keragramam” and “Development of Model HYV Dwarf/Semi-Tall Coconut Farms” alone vide references 4th and 5th cited above due to the shortage of funds available for scheme implementation after allotments made for encashment of pending bills of 2019-20 including Queue and WAMS clearance bills during 2020-21. Administrative sanction was also obtained for the component “Keragramam – third year assistance” vide reference 6th mentioned above.

During the financial year 2021-22, there is a budget provision of Rs.7547.00 lakh for the scheme ‘Coconut Development’ under head of account 2401-00-103-87 (P). The components included in Annual Plan 2021-22 are as follows:

Sl. No.	Component	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Keragramam	4856.00
2	Development of Model HYV Dward/ Semi-Tall Coconut Farms	50.00
3	Pest and disease management in coconut gardens on a campaign basis	50.00
4	Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of Coconut Mission – Coconut Council (3 rd year activities)	2591.00
	TOTAL	7547.00

Continuous Administrative sanction is accorded for the following components to be implemented abiding by the norms and conditions of the Government Orders read above.

1) KERAGRAMAM

It is proposed to establish 84 new Keragramams covering a total area of 21000 hectare of Coconut garden under scientific cultivation during the year 2021-22 adopting integrated management practices for productivity improvement. It is proposed to converge various development activities for the integrated development of holdings which will be implemented on cluster basis.

Objectives

Major objectives of the scheme proposed are

- Increase production and productivity of coconut
- Integrated pests and disease management
- Integrated nutrient management
- Promotion of inter cultivation
- Promotion of inter cropping
- Improving irrigation facilities
- Ensure availability of quality planting materials
- Popularisation of climbing devices
- Promotion of value addition ventures
- Employment generation

Programme

Only a comprehensive massive movement involving removal of diseased and senile palms, replanting with high yielding productive coconut seedlings, scientific fertilizer application based on nutrient status, enriching organic status of soil, creation of irrigation facilities, additional income by raising intercrops and value addition to each and every product of coconut and better price to its products can help the farmers. Unless a holistic approach is taken in the management of coconut gardens, the desired results will not be forthcoming. Better management practices include inter cultivation, application of soil ameliorants, manures, chemical as well as biofertilizers, plant protection chemicals, biopesticides and biocontrol agents, inter-cropping, proper irrigation etc.

The following activities will be undertaken to increase production and productivity of coconut in the area under this scheme.

- Application of organic manure, fertilizers and adoption of cultural management practices.
- Implementation of pest and disease management programme including release of biocontrol agents.
- Inter-cropping /multi species cropping and mixed cropping.
- Establishment of Irrigation unit including Micro Irrigation. (digging open wells, installation of drip unit, pumpset and accessories).
- Establishment of Organic manure production units
- Distribution of coconut climbing device for clusters.
- Removing senile and diseased palms.
- Replanting with good quality seedlings.