

**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 Rice Development** – Continuous  
Administrative sanction accorded – orders issued- reg:

- Read: 1) G.O.(Rt) No.251/2019/AGRI dated.08.03.2019.  
(2) G.O.(Rt) No.762//2019/AGRI dated.08.08.2019.  
(3) G.O.(Rt) No.942/2019/AGRI dated.14.10.2019.  
(4) G.O.(Rt) No.888/2019/AGRI dated.27.09.2019.  
(5) Order No. ADFW/487/2020-TP2 Dated:08.05.2020.  
(6) G.O.(Rt)No.483/2020/AGRI dated 01.06.2020.  
(7) Order No. ADFW/487/2020-TP2 Dated:28.10.2020.  
(8) Order No. ADFW/487/2020-TP2 Dated:01.01.2021.  
(9) Order No. ADFW/487/2020-TP2 Dated:05.03.2021.  
(10) G.O.(Ms)No.14/2020/P&EA dated 18.05.2020.  
(11) G.O.(Rt)No.928/2020/LSGD dated 20.05.2020.  
(12) G.O.(Rt)No.1009/2020/LSGD dated 29/5/2020.  
(13) G.O.(Rt)No.478/2020/AGRI dated 31/5/2020.  
(14) Annual Plan 2020-21.  
(15) G.O.(Rt) No.393/2020/Agri dated.22/4/2020.

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**Order No. ADFW/3119/2021-TP2**

**Dated: 21.04.2021**

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Government of Kerala, have accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of the scheme 'Rice Development' during the year 2019-20 for an amount of Rs.7970.00 lakhs for components included in the Green Book vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited and for other new/modified components vide G.O cited 2 to 4 above. During 2020-21 Continuous Sanction was accorded for the ongoing components worth Rs.3484.00 lakh vide reference (5) cited, which was further modified vide references 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> cited above.

During the financial year 2021-22, there is a budget provision of Rs.11614.00 lakh for the scheme 'Rice Development' under head of account 2401-00-102-90 (P).

Components worth Rs.**8428.00** lakh is continuing during 2021-22 also, the details of which are given below.

**1) Group Farming**

The component is being implemented to achieve a rice based farming system approach based on group farming concept and scientific package of cultivation suited to each agro climatic condition. It aims at enhancing production and productivity and simultaneously bringing down cost of cultivation. The group farming activities in each padasekharam will be undertaken in each season in a co-ordinated manner as per an approved action plan prepared at Krishi Bhavan level.

**(a) Sustainable development of Rice (Rs.6073.00 lakh)**

An amount of Rs.6073.00 lakh is set apart for input assistance under sustainable rice development for 110418 Ha @ Rs.5500/Ha. The support for input assistance will be in the form of quality seeds, inputs (based on AEU based recommendations from Krishi Bhavan), and certification and bio control agents only.

**(b) Operational support for Group farming activities of padashekhara samithies (Rs.300.00 lakh)**

An amount of **Rs. 300.00 Lakh** is sanctioned for promoting group farming activities of active padashekhara samithis. The amount will be released to padashekhara samithis on a transparent criterion for promoting group farming and facilitating e-payment system. The Padasekhara Samithies have to be strengthened to encourage group activities by integrating state schemes for rice development, rice development projects of Local Self Governments & rice promotion schemes under RKVY. Consequent to the introduction of e-payment system of crediting subsidy to individual bank account of farmers, the availability of funds for group activities with Padasekhara Samithies are practically nil. In such a situation, operational support of Padasekhara Samithies is an inevitable item for the existence and functioning of Padasekhara Samithies. Hence an amount of Rs.300.00 lakhs is sanctioned as operational support to Padasekhara Samithies for group farming for 83,333.33 Ha @ Rs.360/Ha subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- padasekharam. The padasekharams having a minimum area of 5 ha alone will be considered for assistance under this programme.

The amount can be utilized for the following activities for the benefit of the individual farmers as group activities.

- a. Renewal of registration.
- b. Maintenance of accounts.
- c. Conducting group meetings, executive committee meetings etc.
- d. Office expenses for printing charges of forms, registers etc.
- e. Laying out of demonstration plots, erecting boards etc.
- f. Repair and maintenance of farm machineries and equipments.
- g. Hiring of machineries during peak seasons.
- h. Maintenance and repair of common bunds, channels etc.
- i. Expenses for the repair of bunds breached due to flood.
- j. Registered seed growers programme.
- k. Additional expenses for dewatering and irrigation.
- l. Selling the produce through Civil Supplies Corporation.
- m. Preparation of claims and statement for e-payment.
- n. Organizing seminars, campaigns, harvest melas with farmers participation, highlighting their achievements.
- o. Development of infrastructural facilities for Selected Group Farming Padasekharams in the Block Area.
- p. Mechanisation of tillage operations. Packing and distribution of seeds, fertilizers, pp chemicals and other inputs.