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Sub: - Scheme on Contingency Programme to Meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic 2021-22 - Working Instructions issued-reg -.

Read: 1. Order No. ADFW/2878/2021-TP(2) dated 07/04/2021
2. G.O.(Ms) No.75/2017/AGRI dated 29/05/2017
3.G.O.(Rt) No.748/2018/Agri dated 23.07.2018

During the financial year 2021-22, there is a budget provision of Rs. 750 laksh for the scheme “**Contingency Programme to Meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic**” under the Head of Account 2401-00-800-91 (P).

Objectives

1. To create a buffer stock of paddy seeds and other annual crops for immediate resowing after the crop loss.
2. To create a buffer stock of short and medium duration high yielding varieties of seeds of crops like paddy, pulses, and vegetables and to provide sufficient quantity of seed materials to farmers for immediate re sowing without loss of time in the event of crop loss due to any natural calamity.
3. To provide assistance for strengthening of bunds to prevent breaches during floods, repair of breached bunds and for removal of debris in a need based manner and in situations where there is no alternate source of fund.
4. Management of pest and disease endemic problem.
5. To give timely assistance to the farmers for crop loss.
6. To maintain an emergency reserve fund to meet unprecedented massive natural calamities.

The details of continuing components are furnished below.

Sl. No.	Components	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
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
	Total	750.00

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.

1. 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 ,
2. The amount towards the cost of seeds will be drawn and paid to Kerala State Seed Development Authority Thrissur.
3. In the event of any natural calamities, if the Agricultural Officers of 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