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CIRCULAR (Revised)

Sub: Annual Plan 2019-20-Strengthening of Karshikakarmasena-Scheme for Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery 2019-20-Continuous Administrative Sanction accorded-Revised Working Instructions-Issued

Reg: 1) G.O.(Rt)No.818/2017/AGRI of Agriculture(IFA) Department dated 24/08/2017
2) G.O.(Rt)No.1053/2018/AGRI dated Thiruvananthapuram 23/10/2017
3) Circular No. TV(1)15086/2018 dated 06/12/2018
4) Order No.TP(2)12936/2019 dated 13/05/2019 of the Director of Agricultural Development and Farmers' Welfare Department

In Kerala one of the major reasons for the farmers to refrain from Agriculture is higher wages of labourers and poor quality of work. Hence 200 Thozhil senas namely Karshikakarmasenas were constituted in 200 gramapanchayats during 2014-15 and 97 no. of Karshikakarmasenas were formed in 2018-19 under the scheme 'Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery' The main objectives are:

- To create a labour bank of well trained, disciplined force.
- To provide regular and uninterrupted supply of labourers on reasonable/standardized wage rates on demand/call.
- To create a service bank of technicians and plumbers etc. for agricultural purpose on call or demand at reasonable/standardized rates.
- To provide facilities for land bank so that farmers can lease land for crop production based on fixed terms and conditions from a leasee.
- To generate employment opportunities to the poor, unemployed rural and urban people.
- To enhance the status of agriculture into a profitable business enterprise.
- To make farming labour friendly as well as farmer friendly.
- To bring the rural labour strength under an institutional frame work.
- To provide dignity to farmers as well as labour force.
- To bring fallow land into cultivation.
- To reduce the cost of cultivation.

As per G.O.(Rt)No.1053/2018/AGRI dated 23/10/2018; and as per Circular in reference no.3 guidelines were issued for establishment of Karshikakarmasena. These guidelines are applicable to all the Karshikakarmasena established in the State.

As per the order the overall functioning of the Karshikakarmasena is under Gramapanchayat Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC). Hence all the Karshikakarmasena has to constitute GPLAC as per the order.

Gramapanchayat Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC)

- Convener : Agricultural Officer
Chairman : Gramapanchayath President
Member : Development Standing Committee Chair Person, Ward Members (2 members),
President, Secretary & Treasurer, Farmer representatives, Assistant Engineer (Agri),
Assistant Director of Agriculture of the Block, Co-ordinator (Agricultural Assistant
in charge of Karshikakarmasena)

As per reference cited (4) continuous Administrative Sanction has been accorded for the scheme 'Agro Service Centres and Service Delivery' with a provision of total Rs.1099.52902 Lakhs under the Head of Account 2401-00-113-83 and Rs.24.88098 under the Head of Account 4401-00-113-98-Plan; for the year 2019-20. One of the components of this scheme is Support to Karshikakarmasena for which of Rs.64.364 Lakhs (Rupees Sixty four Lakhs Thirty six Thousand and Four Hundred only) is sanctioned under the Head of Account 2401-00-113-83(P).

In order to strengthen the activities of Karshikakarmasena already equipped with agricultural machineries and technical skill, the performance of each Karmasena may be evaluated, and selected KKS should be provided with additional support on project basis.

Objectives of the programme 2019-20

- 1) To improve the Infrastructure facilities of Karshikakarmasena
- 2) To improve the quality of service provided by the Karmasenas
- 3) To give additional support to performing KKS for their innovative activities
- 4) To help in increasing the quantity of service offered by the KKS
- 5) To improve the productivity of different crops in the panchayat thereby the income of farmers
- 6) To improve the income of members of KKS

Cafateria of Activities

Enhancement of infrastructure facilities such as facilities for storage of machineries and implements, marketing facilities, ecoshop, and bio pharmacy etc. can be included under the activities for getting assistance.

Implementation

Agricultural Officers will assess the requirement of the Karshikakarmasena and Gramapanchayat Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC) will discuss and approve the requirement and send the request along with the minutes of GPLAC; to PD ATMA. The project will be evaluated by the District Level Committee consisting of the Principal Agricultural Officer, Project Director, ATMA, concerned Deputy Project Director, Assistant Executive Engineer and all Assistant Directors of the District.

Selection criteria of eligible KKS should be as follows:

- Activities of the KKS for the last year-Changes in the area, production, productivity of important crops of the panchayat especially paddy, organic vegetable production, fallow land cultivation.
- Proposal for innovative activities like eco shop, bio pharmacy, marketing of agricultural products produced by farmers of the panchayat etc. Proposal for purchase of implements and machineries not allowed. Instead the machines already purchased under different schemes shall be properly utilised.
- Number of mandays generated for labourers of KKS
- Income, expenditure and savings of KKS
- Maintenance of registers and review of activities by office bearers
- Unity, discipline and harmony among KKS members
- Co-operation from panchayath
- Leadership quality of the office bearers
- Response of farmers towards the activities of KKS
- Whether gender concerns are taken care of
- Number of active working group members
- Area of operation/No. of panchayaths covered
- Integration with agro service centre and custom hiring centres.

Based on the evaluation, the eligible Karshikakarmasena will be selected for providing additional support as per the submitted project. Store purchase Rule shall be strictly adhered for all kinds of purchase. Post creation and purchase of vehicle are not admissible under the scheme.

Custodianship of Assets

Gramapanchayath Level Advisory Committee (GPLAC) will be custodian of all the assets created.

Financial Outlay

Rs.64.364 Lakh (Rupees Sixty four Lakh Thirty six Thousand and Four Hundred only) is sanctioned under the Head of Account 2401-00-113-83 (P) for enhancement of infrastructure facilities such as facilities for storage of machineries and implements and innovative activities under Karshikakarmasenas.

The Physical and Financial Targets are assigned to the districts tentatively as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of District	Physical Target (No. of KKS)	Financial Targets Rs.
1	Thiruvananthapuram	2	10
2	Idukki	2	10
3	Thrissur	2	10
4	Palakkad	1	5
5	Malappuram	2	10
6	Wayanadu	1	5
7	Kannur	1	5
8	Kasargod	2	9.364
	Total	13	64.364

Rs.64.364 Lakh (Rupees Sixty four Lakh Thirty six Thousand and Four Hundred only)

Project Director (ATMA) will submit Karshikakarmasena wise detailed requirement of funds for strengthening of Existing Karshikakarmasena to Director of Agriculture with copy to Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) before 20/10/2019.

At District level the scheme will be implemented by Project Director (ATMA) in co-ordination with the Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri.) under the overall monitoring by Principal Agricultural Officer.

State Level Monitoring

Monitoring of the scheme at State level will be done by Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) and State Agriculture Engineer. Monthly review and inspection of Karshikakarmasena will be conducted and report submitted to higher authorities as follows:

- Agricultural Officer - Monthly Report to PD, ATMA, PAO
- ADA - Bimonthly PAO
- PD ATMA - Quarterly Additional Director (Extension)

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To

- CA to the Director of Agriculture
- CA to Additional Director of Agriculture
- CA to State Agricultural Engineer
- CA to Joint Director of Agriculture (AR&T)
- Deputy Director of Agriculture, IT Cell - to publish in the website
- TV/Fin. Section / TG Section
- Stock File/Spare.

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