

Directorate of Agricultural Development
and Farmers Welfare Department
Thiruvananthapuram
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Sub:- Annual Plan 2021-22-Scheme on Production and Distribution of planting Materials through Departmental Farms - "Promotion of Intergrated farming System in potential department farms" -Working Instructions – issued – regarding.

Ref : 1. G O(Rt) No. 803/2017 AD dtd 19/08/20172 .

2. Order No. ADFW/2997/2021-TP2 of Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram dtd 17.4.21.

Government of Kerala, vide order cited in the reference had accorded administrative sanction for the implementation of the project proposal for the Promotion of Intergrated farming System in potential Department farms during 2018-19. It is proposed to implement the scheme component in Department farms during 2021-22 for an amount of Rs 30 lakhs from the head of account 2401-00-104-91 Plan.

Integrated farming System is an ideal model wherein agriculture and allied activities are managed in tandem as a single composite unit. This mainly involves farming as base unit with animal husbandry, poultry, fisheries, apiculture, vermicompost, coir-pith compost etc. as associated components. The advantage of such a system is the optimum use of space and recycling of food, water and organic matter, thus avoiding wastage of resources. Integrated farming has the advantage that any loss in one system will be compensated by better returns from others. The

scheme mainly aims at transforming the farms of the Department of Agriculture into model, modern and market oriented agricultural units.

It is proposed to establish model Integrated farming units in the farms under Department of Agriculture. At least 3 activities other than farming shall be included in the unit. The officer in charge of the farm shall prepare suitable proposal and get it approved by the District level Committee. The cafeteria of activities that can be included with Agriculture as the base unit are Animal Husbandry, Poultry rearing, Pisciculture ,Apiculture , Vermi compost /coir pith compost units etc.

The following working instructions are issued for the implementation of this project. The scheme aims at implementing mixed farming demonstration units in farms of Agriculture Department. Animal Husbandary, Pisciculture, Apiculture, Poultry rearing, Establishment of Vermi compost units, & Coir pith compost units etc will be given priority in these farms . The fund allotted for this scheme can also be utilized for the farms where Integrated farming system has already been started in the previous years to meet the feed cost and other expenses of cattle, poultry, Pisciculture etc. with the sanction of the District committee.

Financial Outlay

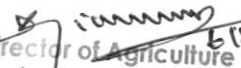
Sl.no	District (PAO)	Fund allotted (Rs) Lakhs
1	TVM	8
2	KLM	3
3	ALPY	5
4	TSR	3
5	MPM	9.9
6	KSGD	1.1
	TOTAL	30

Monitoring

Additional Director of Agriculture (Farms) will monitor the implementation of the scheme at state level. Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) will be the implementing officer at District level and Principal Agriculture Officer should monitor the scheme effectively in each district. Reporting and official correspondence in respect of this scheme should be made to this office to the email.id (agrifarmsth@gmail.com) .

The Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) who is in charge of farms will submit a report to the Additional Director of Agriculture (Farms) on or before 5th of every month. The Deputy Project Director(ATMA) from allied Departments should visit such farms at least once in a month and also in urgent situations and provide the necessary advice and technical help for the effective upkeep of IFS units.

Sd/-


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