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CIRCULAR

Sub:-Annual Plan2021-22-Scheme on Coconut Development-Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of coconut Mission-Coconut Council(3rd year activities)-coconut seednut procurement -additional components-AS received-Working instructions issuing of-regarding:-

- Ref:- 1)GO(Rt)No.251/2019/Agri dated 8/3/2019.
2)ADFW/3118/2021-TP2 dated 23/4/2021.
3)GO(Rt)No.498/2021/Agri dated 16/6/2021.

In the budget 2020-21,an amount of Rs.7547 lakh has been provided under head of Account 2401-00-103-87 plan for the scheme "Coconut Development".Out of this an amount of Rs.2591 lakh has been earmarked for the component "Rehabilitation and rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of coconut Mission-Coconut Council(3rd year activities)".

Vide reference 2 above ,continuous sanction has been received for implementing the activity " Coconut seednut procurement and nursery charges for a total cost of Rs.1359.10 Lakh as part of the component coconut mission - coconut council third year activities and accordingly working instructions have been issued for the implementation of seednut procurement activity and nursery charges for an amount of Rs.1359.1 lakh.

As per GO cited as reference 3 above Govt. have accorded Administrative sanction for the following additional components proposed vide reference 5 above for an amount of Rs.31.90 lakh subject to the condition that the qualification and experience of the hybridisation workers shall be clearly stated for giving honararium of Rs. 25000/-

Sl.No.	Component	Financial outlay (Rs. in lakh)
1	Raising germplasm of dwarf coconut palms in departmental farms	0.40
2	Undertaking hybridisation activities in dwarf coconut palms for hybrid seedling production	1.5
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3	hybridisation workers @Rs.25000/month	29.0
4	Training for Pollination workers	1.0
	Total	31.9

The major objectives of the scheme is

- To bring 10% area under cultivation of hybrid varieties of coconut.
- To raise germplasm of promising dwarf palms in selected department farms for hybridization programme.
- To generate skilled labour for hybridization programme.
- To incorporate easier hybridization techniques which are less cumbersome in coconut hybridization.
- Production of semitall/dwarf varieties of coconut that is fit for both culinary purpose and oil extraction.

COMPONENTS

1. Raising germplasm of dwarf coconut palms in selected departmental farms

(Rs. 0.30 lakhs)

In order to ensure the availability of various promising DxT coconut hybrids in adequate numbers in future, it is proposed to raise a germplasm of different dwarf coconut varieties in **0.75ha (150 no.)** in selected department farms for utilization in hybridization programme. Dwarf coconut seedlings procured from authentic sources like the CPCRI, KAU, other State Agricultural Universities and other reliable sources will be utilized for the programme. An amount of **Rs.0.40 lakhs** is set apart for this purpose. Sign boards indicating the variety and date of planting should be exhibited in the field. The Principal Agricultural Officers should select the farms for raising the germplasm and report.

The district wise target is shown below:

Sl. No.	Name of PAO	Area to be covered (ha)	No. of dwarf seedlings to be	Amount allotted (in lakhs)
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