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Directorate of Agriculture Development  
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**Circular**

Sub: Annual Plan 2020-21-Scheme on '**Modernization of Departmental Laboratories**' - Strengthening of Central Soil and Plant Health Center, District Soil Testing Laboratories, Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories 2021-22 – working instructions- issued

Ref: 1. GO(Rt) No 911/17/AD dated 23/09/2017  
2. GO (Rt) No 951/17/AD dated 06/10/2017  
3. Order No. ADFW/3148/21-TP(2) dated 06/07/2021 of the Director of Agriculture

As per the reference 1st and 2nd cited, Government have accorded Administration Sanction for the implementation of the scheme '**Modernization of Departmental Laboratories**' during 2017-18 for a total amount of Rs. 600 lakh under the Head of account 2401-00-105-86 Plan .

As per the reference 3rd cited, continuous sanction has been accorded for implementation of the scheme during 2021-22 for an amount of **Rs. 345 lakh** under the Head of Account 2401-00-105-86 Plan. Out of this **Rs 100 lakh** is earmarked for the strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratories.

Fourteen numbers of District Soil Testing Laboratories , eleven numbers of Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories and Central Soil and Plant Health Center are functioning in the state for analyzing the soil samples of the farmers.

**Strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratories:**

The strengthening of Soil Testing Laboratories includes pooled purchase of laboratory equipments and chemicals, glasswares, filter paper, polythene wares, etc, for meeting the special requirements of Central Soil and Plant Health Centre and other soil testing labs, other need based purchases, purchase of postage stamps, hiring of vehicle, POL, Repair and Annual Maintenance Contract of equipments, Infrastructural development of the laboratories including refilling of gas cylinders, repair and maintenance of computers, need based purchases, etc.

An amount of **Rs. 100 lakh** is provided for the strengthening of these laboratories under the Head of Account **2401-00-105-86 Plan for carrying out the following activities:**

Sl.No.	Item	
1	Pooled purchase of filter paper	6.0
2	Pooled purchase of chemicals	4.0
3	Pooled purchase of equipments	19.0
4	Purchase of postage stamps	0.25
5	Hiring of vehicle	1.0
6	Repair of equipments	13.0
7	AMC of equipments	12.75
8	Special requirements of CSPHC complex	10.0
9	Purchase of Glassware, Polywares and other need based purchases	5.0
10	Special requirements of DSTLs and MSTLs including purchase of glasswares, polythene wares, refilling of gas cylinders, repair and maintenance of computers, need based purchases, etc	10.0
11	Infrastructure development	15.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**The Chief Soil Chemist will ensure the timely implementation of the various programmes under the scheme with a definite action plan and calendar of activities in advance, which has to be sanctioned by the undersigned, and this should reflect in the monthly booking of expenditure from the this quarter onwards.**

Chief Soil Chemist will take urgent steps for Pooled Purchase of filter paper, Purchase of chemicals, Purchase of equipments, etc., observing Store Purchase Rules and utilizing the funds as above. Chief Soil Chemist is directed to allot funds to Assistant Soil Chemists of 14 District Soil Testing Laboratories and eleven Mobile Soil Testing Laboratories for the repair and AMC of equipments, purchase of glassware, polythene wares and other need based purchases, postage stamps, hiring of vehicle, POL, infrastructure development including refilling of gas cylinders, repair and maintenance of computers, need based purchases, etc., based on their requirement.

The fund set apart for Special Requirements of Central Soil and Plant Health Centre will be utilized for repair and maintenance of Laboratory equipments, expenses for conducting conferences, running and maintenance of diesel generator, requirements of