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Sub:-

Annual Plan 2021-22 Scheme on Rice Development Operational Expenses
of Paddy Development Agencies Working Instructions issued reg:

Ref:- G.O (Rt) No.596/2021/AGRI dated. 16.07.2021

In the Annual Plan 2021-22, an amount of Rs.11614 lakh has been provided for the Scheme on Rice Development. Vide Order referred above, Administrative sanction has been accorded for the component "Operational Expenses of Paddy Development Agencies" for an amount of Rs. 38.16266 lakh under the Scheme on Rice Development by meeting the expenditure from the head of account 2401-00-102-90(P) from the budget provision for the financial year 2021-22.

Objectives

1. To provide required funds for meeting the office expenses of Paddy Development Agencies.
2. To Strengthen the functioning of Paddy Development Agencies by providing funds for meeting administrative cost.

Mode of Implementation

The State has constituted the following 10 Paddy Development Agencies for tackling the problems of rice cultivation in Special problematic Rice Growing areas of Kerala.

1. Kuttanad Paddy Development Agency
2. Purakkad Paddy Development Agency
3. Onattukara Paddy Development Agency
4. Thuravoor kariland Development Agency
5. Vaikom kariland Development Agency
6. Pokkali Paddy Development Agency
7. Thrissur-Ponnani Koleland Development Agency
8. Palakkad Paddy Development Agency
9. Wayanad Paddy Development Agency

10. Kaipad Paddy Development Agency

Financial outlay:

An amount of Rs. 38.16266 lakh has been sanctioned under the head of account 2401-00-102-90 Plan as Operational Expenses to Paddy Development Agencies under Scheme on Rice Development 2021-22 as **“One Time Assistance “ for the current financial year 2021-22 itself under the condition that , it will not be allowed from the next year onwards.**

The agencies will submit a detailed fund requirement to Principal Agricultural Officers of the respective districts who will vet the same and submit the eligible fund requirement details to Directorate of Agriculture . Based on this, the funds will be provided from the Directorate as per the Budget Provision.

The following general guidelines have to be followed during the implementation of the scheme during the current year.

- i. All rules, formalities and procedures shall be followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
- ii. The expenditure would be met only from the provisions available under the appropriate head of account
- iii. The fund release will be based on actual requirement and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
- iv. Store purchase rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- v. Tender/ e- Tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
- vi. Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.
- vii. Principal Agricultural Officer shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
- viii. Principal Agricultural Officer should submit requests for funds based on actual requirements and should prepare an implementation schedule to complete the project in time and send regular progress report on physical and financial progress on a quarterly basis.
- ix. An MoU should be signed with the concerned implementing agencies of the scheme before releasing the funds. Principal Agricultural Officers should ensure that Utilization Certificate along with final progress report is submitted in time.

Monitoring and evaluation

The Principal Agricultural Officer concerned shall monitor the progress of activities of the Paddy Development Agencies and submit monthly reports and utilization details to the undersigned.

Deputy Director of Agriculture (WM) of the district shall be designated as nodal officer for co-ordinating and ensuring the timely implementation of activities of the agency. At district level, the Principal Agricultural Officer and Deputy Director of Agriculture (WM) will be monitoring the progress of achievement of this component of the scheme. At the state level the programme will be monitored and evaluated by Additional Director of Agriculture (CP).

Expenditure under the scheme will be met from the H/A 2401-00-102-90 Plan for the financial year 2021-22.

Sd/-

SONYA V R
ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
 Director of Agriculture

To:

1. The Principal Agricultural Officers, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Palakkad, Wayanad and Kannur for information and necessary action.

Additional Director of Agriculture (CP)

2. The Secretaries/Executives of Purakkad Paddy Development Agency, Onattukara Paddy Development Agency, Kuttanad Paddy Development Agency, Thuravoor Kariland Development Agency, Vaikom Kariland Development Agency, Pokkali Paddy Development Agency, Thrissur Ponnani Kolliland Development Agency, Palakkad Paddy Development Agency, Wayanad Paddy Development Agency and Kaipad Paddy Development Agency through the Principal Agricultural Officers concerned for urgent necessary action. They shall submit proposals to the Principal Agricultural Officers concerned.

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