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Sub:- Scheme on **Contingency Programme to Meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic 2021-23** - Working Instructions issued-reg -.

Ref:- 1) GO(Rt) No460/2022/AGRI dt 26/5/2022
2) Letter No ADFW/3349/2021-TP2 dt 16/4/2022

During the financial year 2021-23, there is a budget provision of Rs. 750 laksh for the scheme "**Contingency Programme to Meet Natural Calamities and Pest & Disease Endemic**" under the Head of Account 2401-00-800-91 (P).

Objectives

1. To create a buffer stock of short and medium duration high yielding varieties of seeds of crops like paddy, pulses, and vegetables and to provide sufficient quantity of seed materials to farmers for immediate re sowing without loss of time in the event of crop loss due to any natural calamity.
2. To provide assistance for strengthening of bunds to prevent breaches during floods, repair of breached bunds and for removal of debris in a need based manner and in situations where there is no alternate source of fund.
3. Management of pest and disease endemic problem.
4. To give timely assistance to the farmers for crop loss due to Natural Calamity .

The details of continuing components are furnished below.

Sl No	Component	Amount (Rs in lakh)
1	Creation of Buffer stock of short duration varieties of seeds	200.00
2	Assistance for strengthening of bunds against breaches	25.00
3	Management of Pest and disease endemic	25.00
4	State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities	500.00
	Total	750.00

1. Creation of buffer stock of short duration varieties of seeds (Rs. 200.00 lakh)

The main objective is to keep a buffer stock of short duration varieties of paddy, pulses and vegetables in order to provide immediate relief to farmers at time of natural calamities. Anticipated damage to the above crops will be assessed in advance and by utilizing the scheme fund, seeds of short duration varieties of paddy crop will be purchased and a buffer stock will be created for the purpose. Small and marginal farmers who suffer total crop loss will be eligible for assistance under the scheme. Seeds will be supplied to the farmers free of cost. The left over quantity of seeds/planting material at the

end of the year will be sold to the farmers at the prevailing market rates by the concerned district officers. An amount of **Rs. 200.00 lakh** is proposed for this component.

The buffer stock of seeds has to be maintained by the Kerala State Seed Development Authority, Thrissur during all crop seasons of the year. The Principal Agricultural Officers will place the indents with the Kerala State Seed Development Authority, Thrissur for requirement of seeds under intimation to this office.

For the speedy and effective implementation of the scheme the following actions are .

1. The Kerala State Seed Development Authority Thrissur will make arrangements for the maintenance of short duration and medium High Yielding Varieties of seeds of paddy, vegetables and pulses during all crop seasons of the year so as to supply to the districts for the issue of seeds to the natural calamity affected farmers for resowing without losing time in the event of crop loss due to natural calamities ,
2. The amount towards the cost of seeds will be drawn and paid to Kerala State Seed Development Authority Thrissur.
3. In the event of any natural calamities, if the Agricultural Officers of Krishi Bhavan is convinced himself herself that the crop is lost and re sowing is required, he should immediately assess the quantity of seed required and report the same to higher authorities at district level .The Principal Agricultural Officers at district level should verify the requirement and consolidated requirements should be reported to the Director of Agriculture through fax e-mail and to Kerala State Seed Development Authority,Thrissur.
4. The Agricultural officers of Krishi Bhavans will obtain applications for seeds from cultivators who suffer crop loss due to natural calamities. The genuineness of the applications will be verified by the Agricultural Officers and he will issue the seeds to the farmers free of cost on proper acknowledgement.
5. The Agricultural Officers will send a detailed statement of distribution of seeds to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture at block level showing the name and address of farmer, crops damaged, extent of damage, quantity of seeds distributed.
6. The Agricultural Officers should also maintain a register showing all relevant details mentioned above with the quantity of seeds distributed at Krishi Bhavan level. Seeds should be issued after obtaining proper acknowledgement.
7. The Assistant Directors of Agriculture and the Deputy Directors of Agriculture (WM) should guide and supervise the distribution of seed to the farmers by the Agricultural Officers.
8. The Agricultural Officers, after completing distribution of seeds, will furnish a completion report to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture at block level showing the following details.

1 Area affected by Natural calamity			
2 Type of calamity			
a Drought			
b Flood			

c Others (specify)			
3 Quantity and variety of seeds received			
4 Quantity and variety of seeds distributed			
5 No.of farmers benefitted			
Area benefitted			

The Agricultural Officers in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at panchayath level. The Assistant Directors of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the block area. The Deputy Directors of Agriculture (WM) will monitor the implementation of the programme at District level under the supervision of the Principal Agricultural Officers.

The Principal Agricultural Officers will forward the details of seeds received from the State Seed Development Authority and details of seeds distributed to the farmers in the proforma prescribed above to the Addl. Director of Agriculture (CP).

A process flow is being developed in AIMS portal for the scheme component. Hence necessary entries will be made from Krishibhavan level as and when directions will be issued from this office .

The amount of **Rs. 200.00 lakh** will be drawn and disbursed to the KSSDA for taking action to stock sufficient seeds to meet any contingency. Additional Director of Agriculture, KSSDA ,will submit utilization certificate to Director of Agriculture.

2. Assistance for strengthening of bunds against breaches (Rs.25.00 lakh)

Assistance for repair of breached bunds, strengthening of existing bunds, removal of silt and debris from flooded field etc can be undertaken provided there is no other source of funds and work will be sanctioned in a need based manner. The work will be identified with the help of local bodies and the estimates of loss occurred will be taken up by the concerned Agricultural Officer or Assistant Director of Agriculture. The estimate of work prepared by the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer(Agri) KLDC LSGD Engineer or competent authority approved by PAO will be given administrative sanction from the Directorate of Agriculture.

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The amount of **Rs.25.00 lakh** earmarked for strengthening of bunds repair will be drawn and deposited in the Crisis Management Fund of Additional Director of Agriculture (CP).

3. Management of pest and disease endemic (Rs. 25.00 lakh)

Separate working instruction will be issued from TD section regarding this

component.

4. State share of relief assistance for crop loss due to natural calamities

(Rs.500.00 lakh)

In order to safeguard the interest of all farmers of our State, assistance is being sanctioned to provide relief for crop loss due to natural calamities. This includes share from Central Government (NDRF) and also from State Government. However, Government of India made drastic reduction in the Central Government share and the State Government has shouldered the responsibility of providing the deficit in central assistance well enough to sustain the prevailing total rate of relief assistance in the interest and well being of farmers. Accordingly as per the norms of G.O (MS) No. 182/2015/Agri dated 29.09.2015, assistance for crop loss are to be given in the State. The fund will be released to the farmers, as per the claims from the districts.

All new applications for crop loss should be entered and processed through AIMS software only . After occurrence of Natural calamity Agricultural Assistants of Krishi Bhavan should enter and submit the FIR of concerned mapped wards within the stipulated time and Agricultural Officer should approve it accordingly . The farmers can apply for calamity assistance based on the FIR submitted only .The Agricultural Assistant should verify the application received ,do field verification ,make necessary entries regarding crop loss and forward to Agricultural Officers .The Agricultural Officer should verify the applications received , do field verification make necessary corrections if needed and approve the application .The Agricultural Officer should generate statement of approved applications and forward to Assistant Director of Agriculture concerned .The Assistant Director of Agriculture should verify the claim statement received, make necessary field verification and sanction statements for Rupees 1/- to Rs 50,000/- .Claim statements above Rs 50,000/- should be forwarded to Concerned DDA (Credit) . The Deputy Director of Agriculture(Credit) should verify the claims received ,do necessary field verification and sanction statements for Rs 50,001/- to Rs 1,00,000/- .Claims above Rs1,00,000/- should be forwarded to the Principal Agricultural Officer.The Principal Agricultural Officer should do portal and field verification and sanction statements from Rs 1,00,001/- to 3,00,000/-and forward the statements above 3,00,000/- to Director of Agriculture .Director of Agriculture should verify and sanction claims statements above 3,00,000/-

The sanctioned statements will be available in respective PAO 's log in .The statement should be forwarded from the PAO's log in to the respective scheme manager log in as per directions from the Directorate .The Centralised Direct Benefit Transfer (CDBT) should be done from the Directorate of Agriculture to the bank accounts of farmers .Scheme manager,TA ,ADA,JDA(WM),Additional Director of Agriculture CP,Director of Agriculture ,DD(planning),Finance and Accounts log in are available for bill and proceedings generation,payment authorisation and e submission to Treasury

Mode of implementation

The Agricultural Officer in charge of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for implementing the programme at Panchayat level. The Assistant Director of Agriculture will co-ordinate the activities in the block level. The Deputy Director of Agriculture (E & T) will be in charge for the implementation of the programme at District level under the supervision and control of the Principal Agricultural Officers. At State level a separate monitoring committee headed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the scheme for effective and timely implementation.

Financial Outlay

During the current financial year there is a budget provision of Rs.750.00 lakhs for the scheme, "Contingency Programme to meet Natural Calamity & Pest and disease endemic", under the head of account 2401-00-800-91 Plan. Required amount for scheme implementation will be met from this budget provision. The scheme shall be implemented abiding by the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Orders read ref 2 and 3 above

At state level a monitoring committee headed by the Additional Director of the Agriculture(CP) will monitor the scheme for effective implementation


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Copy to:
TA to Director of Agriculture
CA to All Additional Directors of Agriculture of the HQ,
State Agricultural Engineer,
Senior Finance Officer for information
Planning section and finance section for urgent allotment of funds to Account section under the H/A 2401-00-800-91
All Principal Agricultural Officers
IT section of the Directorate for posting on the website