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Directorate of Agriculture Development
and Farmers Welfare Department
Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram
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Annual Plan 2022-23 - Scheme for "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension"-
component 'Strengthening Project Directorate of ATMA including HR Support,
Sub:- ATMA activities and Operational Support' -sub component "Operational Support
and Hiring of Vehicles for ATMA" - Administrative Sanction accorded - Working
Instruction - issued

Ref:- G.O(Rt) No. 532/2022 AGRI dated 13.06.2022

In the Annual Plan 2022-23, there is a budget provision of Rs. 2828.00 lakh for the Scheme "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension" under the Head of Account 2401-00-109-80 (Plan). As per the reference cited, Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the scheme for an amount of Rs. 1428.00 lakh (Rupees Fourteen Crore and Twenty Eight Lakh only).

An amount of Rs. 320.00 lakh is set apart for the component 'Strengthening of Project Directorate of ATMA including HR Support to ATMA activities and Operational Support'. One of the sub component of this is '**Operational Support and Hiring Of Vehicles For ATMA**' for which Rs.70.00 lakh is earmarked during this financial year.

The post of fourteen Project Directors were created at the district level in the cadre of Joint Director of Agriculture and posted at district level offices of the Department of Agriculture to streamline the activities of ATMA. They are in charge of the ATMA activities in the districts, co-ordinating with the line departments. They are assisted by a Deputy Project Director from any of the line departments. Project Directors supervise all the ATMA activities organized in the district and organize the district level programmes. They have to supervise the implementation of state extension schemes like LEADS, Agro Service Centres, Karshika Karma Senas, Strengthening of Project Directorate of ATMA and new schemes like Farm Plan, Njangalum Krishiyilekku, etc. Hence it is highly essential that the Project Directors are provided with vehicle support through hiring of vehicles for proper monitoring and implementation of extension activities.

An amount of **Rs.10.00 lakh** is set apart for providing mobility to Project Director, (ATMA) of districts by hiring vehicles for which Administrative Sanction was accorded vide GO(Rt) No. 1532/15/AD dated 11.09.2015.

Field visits are inevitable for the effective extension activities, dissemination of technical know how and for proper field level verification on implementation of various schemes by the Assistant Directors of Agriculture and other technical staff in each block. For this mobility is a must. For encouraging regular field visit and technology transfer, 75 numbers of Mobile Agro Clinics were established and 75 numbers of bolero jeeps purchased and established as Mobile Agro Clinics. As per G.O (Rt) No:102/2017/ AGRI dated 10/8/2017, administrative sanction was accorded for providing operational support to the Mobile Ago Clinics to meet the fuel expenses @ Rs.8000 - per month.

An amount of **Rs. 60.00 lakh** is set apart as Operational Expenses for meeting fuel charges of Bolero jeeps and other operational expenses which includes expenses for oil, service charges & insurance charges of Mobile Agro Clinics and minor repair works. Custodian of the vehicle should maintain an up to date log book with details of journey and fuel purchased. Controlling officer will verify the log book and record his/her observation. Mobile Agro Clinics should be utilized only for field visit and extension activities especially for the schemes like Farm Plan and Njangalum Krishiyilekku.

Thus, a total amount of **Rs. 70.00 lakh** is earmarked for the component 'Operational Support and Hiring of Vehicles for ATMA' under Strengthening of Agricultural Extension.

The district wise financial allocation for meeting the operational charges of mobile agro clinics and hire charges to vehicles for Project Director ATMA 2022-23 is given in Annexure I.

Monitoring:

At the district level, the component 'Operational Support' will be monitored and implemented by the Deputy Director of Agriculture (E&T) and the component 'Hiring of Vehicles' by Project Director ATMA. Project Director ATMA should hand over monthly reports to the Principal Agricultural Officer on the last working day of each month. The Deputy Director of Agriculture (E&T) will be responsible for preparing the consolidated report and the Principal Agricultural Officer should submit the report to Director of Agriculture with copy to Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) of the Directorate before 5th of every succeeding month in the format furnished as per Annexure II. Principal Agricultural Officer should conduct random vehicle verification regarding the utilization of vehicle. The Custodian Officer will ensure that the vehicle is used for field visit and extension activities related to technology transfer.

The amount of **Rs. 70.00 lakh** required for the implementation of the above scheme can be met from the budget provision of **Rs. 1428.00 lakh** provided under the H/A 2401-00-109-80 plan of 2022 - 23.

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DIRECTOR

To:

All Principal Agricultural Officers
All Project Directors, ATMA

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ANNEXURE - I

**District wise financial allocation for meeting the fuel cost of mobile agro clinics and
 Hire charge of vehicles for Project Director, ATMA 2022-23**

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	District	No: of Bolero jeeps allotted	Operational support to 75 Mobile Agro Clinics @ Rs. 8000/p.m.	Hire charge of vehicles for Project Director, ATMA	Total
1	Thiruvananthapuram	5	4.05400	0.71429	
2	Kollam	5	4.05400	0.71429	
3	Pathanamthitta	4	3.24320	0.71428	
4	Alappuzha	5	4.05400	0.71429	
5	Kottayam	5	4.05400	0.71429	
6	Idukki	4	3.24320	0.71428	
7	Ernakulam	7	5.67560	0.71429	
8	Thrissur	6	4.86480	0.71429	
9	Palakkad	4	3.24320	0.71428	
10	Malappuram	6	4.86480	0.71429	
11	Kozhikode	5	4.05400	0.71428	
12	Wayanad	3	2.43240	0.71428	
13	Kannur	6	4.86480	0.71429	
14	Kasargod	3	2.43240	0.71428	
	HQ	6	4.86560		
	TOTAL	74	60.00000	10.00000	

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ANNEXURE - II

(Rs. in lakh)

District	Financial Amount Allotted	Amount expended during the month	Progressive total	Physical	
				No: of farmers benefitted	Brief details in use of MAC

