



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - VAIGA 2021-22 and 2022-23 - Revised Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders Issued.

AGRICULTURE (PB) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.10/2023/AGRI Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 06-01-2023

Read 1 GO (Rt) No.231/2022/Agri Dated 19.03.2022

2 GO (Rt) No.522/2022/Agri Dated 13.06.2022

3 Letter No. ADFW/3644/2022-TP2 dated 26.12.2022 from the Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

As per Order read as 2nd paper above, Administrative Sanction was accorded for the "Strengthening agriculture extension - VAIGA -2022-23" for an amount of Rs.100.00 lakh (Rupees Hundred Lakh only) subject to the following conditions;

a) Output and outcome shall be documented and an amount of Rs.10.00 lakh shall be allocated for this purpose.

b) Re-appropriation proposal for an amount of Rs.100.00 lakh shall be submitted by DA for using the fund already allotted during 2021-2022 for the same purpose.

2) As per letter read as 3rd paper above, the Director of Agriculture informed that the amount sanctioned vide Order read as 1st paper above for the conduct of VAIGA 2021-22 could not be utilized during 2021-22 as the proposed VAIGA for the year had to be postponed several times due to the raging COVID-19 pandemic and it could not be conducted during FY 2021-22. It is reported that VAIGA 2022-23 is proposed to be conducted on a greater magnitude with greater international reach and participation in order to showcase the immense potential for value addition in Kerala and to explore overseas business opportunities of our value added agricultural products in the context of the approval of KERA Project of World Bank. The number of stalls

proposed to be set up during 2022-23 have been increased as compared to 2020-21, and stalls from Israel and other foreign Embassies/Countries are also expected this year. In order to reach out to more agripreneurs, VAIGA 2022-23 is proposed to extend for a period of 6 days, while in previous years the duration of VAIGA was only 5 days. All arrangements for facilities for exhibiting technologies as well as conducting B2B meetings have commenced. It is further reported that the financial requirement for the conduct of VAIGA 2021-2022, 2022-23 is estimated to be Rs.200.00 lakh (Rupees two crore only) in addition to permitted sponsorships. This could be met by the amounts approved for the Administrative Sanction for FY 2021-2022 and 2022-23 if taken up for implementation together. No re appropriation as suggested as earlier seen required in view of the availability of funds and administrative approvals.

3) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to grant permission to utilize the funds sanctioned as per Government Orders read as 1st and 2nd paper above for the conduct of VAIGA 2021-22, 2022-2023 for a total amount of Rs.200 lakhs (supplemented by permitted sponsorships) sourced from the Administrative Sanction cited 1st and 2nd paper above.

4) The Government Order read as 2nd paper cited stands modified to the above extent only as no re appropriation is seen necessary in the circumstances. Administrative approval is issued accordingly.

(By order of the Governor)
DR B ASHOK I A S
SECRETARY

To:

The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare

Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General, (Audit) Thiruvananthapuram.

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