



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2023-24 - scheme for "**Strengthening of Agricultural Extension**" - Administrative Sanction accorded - orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.383/2023/AGRI Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 25-04-2023

Read 1 Letter No. ADFW/3757/2023-TP2 dated 22-3-2023 from the Director of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

2 Minutes of the Departmental Working Group Meeting held on 23-03-2023 .

ORDER

In the Annual Plan 2023-24, there is a budget provision of Rs. 3028.00 lakh under the head of account 2401-00-109-80 Plan earmarked for the scheme **Strengthening of Agricultural Extension**.

2) As per the letter read as 1st paper above, the Director of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare has requested for Administrative Sanction for the scheme "**Strengthening of Agricultural Extension**" for an amount of ₹1065.56 lakh (Ten crore Sixty Five Lakh and Fifty Six Thousand Only) by meeting the expenditure from the current years' budget provision under the head of account 2401-00-109-80 Plan earmarked for the scheme. The main **objectives** of the scheme are the following:

- i. Effective transfer of latest technology in agriculture to farmers.
- ii. Make agriculture a profitable venture by enabling the adoption of technology.
- iii. Promote field demonstrations for convincing the effectiveness of technology.
- iv. Efficient and timely delivery of services to the farming community.
- v. Strengthen existing extension delivery institutions such as ATMA under the Department.

vi. To adopt an immediate problem solving approach and form a vision plan for area development.

3) The main components & sub components of the proposal with financial outlay are as follows:

Sl. No.	Component	Sub Components	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Strengthening Project directorate of ATMA including, HR support, ATMA activities and operational support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Setting up of District / Block level/Panchayath level ATMA training Centres and Hiring of office space b. Contingencies and need based support viz. equipments, modernization etc. at Head Quarters and development of extension wing of the Directorate of Agriculture c. Operational support and Hiring of vehicles for ATMA d. HR Support to Project Directorates of ATMA 	320.00
	Support to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Innovation Fund b. Technology Dissemination support c. preparation of MTA (Monthly Technology Advisory) d. Capacity Building Programms e. Management Cost (Honorarium to 109 Field 	

2.	LEADS	<p>Assistants (FA), 4 Technology Manages (TM) for districts and 1 Data Entry Operator at HQ)</p> <p>f. Operational cost for monitoring supervision, reviews etc.</p> <p>g. Extension materials/Diaries for FAs and TMs</p>	335.00
3.	Public participation	<p>a. Observance of Farmers' Day (Karshakadinam)</p> <p>b. Conducting Karshika Vikasana Samithi Meetings</p>	124.56
4.	Conducting Krishi Padasalas	The workshops for the validation of the farm plans, required field visits, conducting suitable training programmes , need based technology demonstrations, etc.	76.00
5	Conducting Krishi Darsan	Exhibitions, DPR Clinics, B2B meets, seminars, Expert field visits, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister's agricultural adalaths, light cultural programmes etc.	210.00
	TOTAL		1065.56

4) The Departmental Working Group Meeting held on 23.03.2023 has considered the proposal and approved the scheme "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension" for an amount of **₹1065.56 Lakh** under the head of

account 2401-00-109-80(P).

5) Based on the approval of the Departmental Working Group , Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction to the Director of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare for the scheme "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension" for an amount **₹1065.56 Lakh** (Rupees Ten crore Sixty Five Lakh and Fifty Six Thousand Only) by meeting the expenditure from the budget provision for the financial year 2023-24 under the Head of Account 2401-00-109-80(P) subject to the general conditions of Working Group.

6) The Project will be managed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension), Department of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare and the Project implementation will be completed by 31.03.2024. The Director of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare is authorized to draw and disburse the amount for the purpose.

7) The following general conditions should be followed, wherever applicable :

- i. All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly 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 provision 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. The Head of Departments shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
- viii. The implementation agencies/ Departments also should prepare an implementation schedule to complete the project in time and send regular progress report on financial and physical progress on a quarterly

basis.

- ix. The Director should hold monitoring meetings to review the progress and send report to Government regarding the progress of implementation of the approved scheme.
- x. The Director, Agriculture / Director of Soil Survey & Soil Conservation Department shall sign an MoU with the concerned implementing agencies of the scheme before releasing the funds. It should also be ensured that the Utilization Certificates pertain to all schemes are submitted by the agencies in time.
- xi. AIMS portal registration and Digital Soil Health Card is mandatory.
- xii. Geo fencing & Geo tagging is mandatory. It should be ensured in every scheme wherever beneficiaries exist.
- xiii. Plan review will be conducted on every month.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To

1. The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Director, SAMETI, Anayara, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Principal Accountant General (A&E/ Audit 1/Audit 2), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
4. The Chief (Agri), State Planning Board, Thiruvananthapuram.
5. The Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension), Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
6. The District Treasury Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.
7. Finance (Planning B) Department.
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