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CIRCULAR

Sub:- Coconut Development Board programme 2022-23– Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- Laying out of Demonstration plots (LODP) and Establishment of organic manure units - 2022-23 - working instruction issued-reg

Ref:- 1)F no.HO-DEV021(44)/2/2022-DEV-HO(E 1984) dated 08 – 02- 2023
2)GO(Rt) No.280/2023/AGRI dated, Thiruvananthapuram 24-3-2023
3)Letter no. F No.597/2021- Dev Kerala dated 25-4-2023 from CDB

Administrative approval by the Coconut Development Board and Administrative sanction by the State Government has been accorded vide 1st and 2nd reference cited above respectively to implement the 100 % Centrally assisted project of the Coconut Development Board “Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement-

a) Laying out of Demonstration plots (LODP) - 2022-23 1st year (new) in an area of 910 ha (SCSP-82.8 ha, TSP-13.2 ha and General-814 ha) in Kerala during the year 2022-23,
b) Organic manure units -144 units in farmers fields of size 15’x5’x2’(SCSP- 13 nos, TSP – 3 nos,General -128 nos)
with a total budget provision of Rs 170.05 lakhs (One crore seventy lakhs and five thousand only). (SCSP-15.47 lakh , TSP- 2.47 lakh and General- 152.1 lakh).

OBJECTIVE:-

The objective of the programme is to encourage the farmers to adopt the technology developed for the management of disease affected coconut gardens. The demonstration plots will also help to motivate farmers in adoption of result oriented production technologies.

PROGRAMME:-

The scheme components ‘Laying out of Demonstration Plots’ and ‘Establishment of Organic manure Units’ under ‘Integrated Farming’ is being implemented in farmers plots

i) Laying out of Demonstration Plots (LoDP):

Under this, financial assistance is limited to Rs.35,000/- per ha in two annual installments depending on the activities undertaken in the coconut gardens with a view to demonstrate the possibility of improving the productivity and income through Integrated Farming, with all possible convergence with other suitable schemes, which in turn may create visible impact in the farming community. 100 % assistance subject to a maximum ceiling limit at the rate of Rs 100/ palm/ year (Rs 17500 **per hectare per year**) is provided for the application of critical inputs for adoption of integrated scientific management practices as per Package Of Practices recommendation. The components for which 100 % assistance can be extended are cost of soil ameliorants, Neem cake, NPK fertilizers, Magnesium Sulphate, PP chemicals, biofertilizers, biopesticides, biocontrol agents, green manure seeds and planting materials for the cultivation of intercrops.

ii) Establishment of Organic Manure Units (OMU):

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Under this scheme, financial assistance is extended to popularize the use of organic manure in coconut holdings of farmers .

The compact area approach and group action by farmers within the compact area has achieved considerable success in augmenting income and increasing productivity, the scheme intends to be implemented on a cluster basis in a contiguous area of appropriate unit size of 25-50 ha. Staggered clusters irrespective of the individual size of the holdings can also be considered for implementing this scheme.

While selecting the cluster / plot, preference should be given for areas with high incidence of pests and diseases. The basic yield data prior to the adoption of improved packages should be recorded from the plots identified for demonstration purpose by conducting a baseline survey of the selected area. Overlapping of clusters selected under this programme with those selected under Keragramam should be avoided.

FINANCIAL:-

LoDP: Financial assistance of Rs 35,000/- per hectare in two annual installments (Rs 100/palm/year) is provided. The first year assistance will be Rs 17,500/- per hectare. The maximum assistance limit for an individual farmer is limited to one hectare.

OMU: The assistance for OMU will be given for vermicompost units only with permanent structure and roof. The assistance given is Rs.7000 for small units of 150 cubic feet (dimension of tank 15ft x 5ft x 2 ft) with production capacity of 10 tons/ year in 4 cycles .

The **general guidelines** of CDB to be adhered to are as follows.

1. The payment of financial assistance to the beneficiaries shall be under DBT mode only.
2. 30% of allocation may be earmarked for women beneficiaries / farmers and efforts may be taken to ensure gender equality in selection of beneficiaries.
3. 3% of the outlay may be made for persons with disabilities
4. The expenditure shall strictly be incurred according to the allocations only.
5. The Photographs (GPS tagged) of the plots is to furnished along with completion certificate.
6. The expenditure on actual basis subject to the ceiling of approved amount and approved pattern of assistance only will be met by CDB. Any expenditure incurred over and above this shall be met by the State Department.
7. The allocations made under SCSP & TSP shall be utilized under respective category only and shall not be diverted or allowed to lapse. The SCSP and TSP funds can be exceeded with funds under General plan but not vice versa. The implementation of CDB schemes for SC / ST beneficiaries done in association with Social Justice / SC / ST Welfare and Tribal Welfare departments can also be considered in line with D.O letter no.F.1721/2019/Dev/monitoring dated 18/3/2020 by the Chairperson CDB addressed to the Principal Secretary of State Agri/Horti department. Meetings, awareness programmes may also be conducted for SC/ST farmers and other stake holders for propaganda of schemes .
8. The monthly progress reports including physical, financial targets and expenditure along with no. of beneficiaries should be submitted by 5th of every month.

IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING

The physical and financial target is appended as **annexure 1**. The Agricultural Officer of Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for effective implementation of the scheme at Panchayat level. The Assistant Director of Agriculture will monitor the scheme at block

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level and Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) at district level. The Principal Agricultural Officer will supervise the scheme implementation at district level. Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the scheme at State level. The ADAs should submit a consolidated block wise report to the DDA(YP) who in turn will submit a monthly progress report in **annexure 2** to the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) by the 5th of every month. The official email id for reporting of this scheme will be adatbagridir@gmail.com.

The expenditure has to be booked separately under SCSP, TSP and General funds from the budget provision of Rs 170.05 lakhs (One crore seventy lakhs and five thousand only). An amount of Rs 170.05 lakhs released by CDB to the PFMS account no. 38495088832 of the Director of Agriculture maintained at SBI, Vikas Bhavan Branch, Thiruvananthapuram vide 3rd reference cited will be transferred to the PFMS account of the concerned Principal Agricultural Officers, who in turn will realott the physical and financial target to the Assistant Directors of Agriculture for urgent implementation. It is hereby instructed that all fund transfers under CDB schemes (Scheme code: 9120) be processed in PFMS portal using the EAT (Expenditure Advance Transfer) module. Since the hierarchy for the scheme is available only upto the district level all the expenditures has to be done at the District level itself. Assistant Directors of Agriculture should not be mapped as child agency for the scheme. Any such mappings done previously should be unmapped immediately. However, the Principal Agricultural Officers may create Operator Users for Assistant Directors, wherever necessary, duly authorized by a proceedings and such users should be deactivated as and when the purpose for which it has been created has been completed. In each case, the Approver for the scheme should be a duly authorized officer in the PAOs' office who will maintain a certified copy of the detailed claim statement. A separate register is to be maintained regarding the scheme wise receipt of allotments from Director of Agriculture.

Unspent balances which has been ordered for refund is also to be returned through EAT module by return to higher agency in the module. The concerned Deputy Directors may clarify any procedure in this regard from the Directorate or from the SPMU of PFMS Kerala.

Funds may be utilized only under the respective categories and non duplication of beneficiaries and area under Laying out of Demonstration Plots, Replanting and Rejuvenation schemes, and State plan schemes should be ensured. Diversion from SCSP or TSP category shall not be made. Achievement of the scheme and complete utilization of funds should be ensured.

The Completion and utilization certificate inclusive of no. of beneficiaries in annexure 3 has to be submitted soon after the completion of the programme .

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Director of Agriculture

Copy to: 1) The Principal Agricultural Officers Alappuzha, Kozhikkode, Malappuram and Kannur

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- 5) All Joint Directors of Agriculture (in the Directorate)
- 6) Principal Information Officer, FIB, Thiruvananthapuram
- 7) Chief Coconut Development Officer, CDB, Kochi (for information – with CL)
- 8) IT Cell for publishing in the website.

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Annexure -1

CDB Programme 2022-23 - Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement-Laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) – 2022-23 1st year (new) -and organic manure units in Farmers plots District wise physical & financial target (100 % Central sector scheme)

Sl.no	District	Laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) – 2022-23 1 st year (new) -								Establishment of Organic Manure Units(OMU)-2022-23 units of size15ft x5ftx2ft								Total amount for Districts (Rs. In Lakh)
		Physical (ha)				Financial(Rs. In lakh)				Physical (ha)				Financial(Rs. In lakh)				
		SCSP	TSP	General	Total	SCSP	TSP	General	Total	SCSP	TSP	General	Total	SCSP	TSP	General	Total	
1	Alappuzha	25.022	3.989	245.989	275	4.378846	0.69807	43.04805	48.125	1	0	8	9	0.075	0	0.6	0.675	48.125
2	Malappuram	5.823	0.928	57.248	64	1.019077	0.16246	10.01846	11.2	6	1	60	67	0.45	0.075	4.5	5.025	11.2
3	Kozhikkode	40.490	6.455	398.055	445	7.085768	1.12961	69.65958	77.875	4	1	35	40	0.3	0.075	2.625	3.0	77.875
4	kannur	11.465	1.828	112.708	126	2.006307	0.31984	19.72384	22.05	3	0	25	28	0.225	0	1.875	2.1	22.05
	Total	82.800	13.200	814.000	910	14.49	2.31	142.45	159.25	13	2	129	144	0.975	0.150	9.675	10.8	170.05


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Annexure – 2

CDB Programme 2022-23 - Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) First year and Establishment of Organic manure Units in farmers fields (100 % Central sector scheme)

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF

Name of District -

Sl: No	Components	Physical			Financial (in lakhs)	
		Allotted target area in ha	Achievement		Target allotted	Achievement
			Area (ha)	No.of Palms		
1	Laying out of Demonstration Plots					
1	SCSP					
	TSP					
	General					
	Sub Total					
2	Establishment of organic Manure Units					
	SCSP					
	TSP					
	General					
	Sub Total					
	Grand Total					

Principal Agricultural Officer

COMPLETION REPORT
CDB Programme 2022-23- Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) and Establishment of Organic manure Units (100 % Central sector scheme)

DISTRICT -

Sl: No	Components	Name of Block	Name of Panchayat at	Physical					Financial (in lakhs)	
				Allotted target area in ha	Achievement			Target allotted	Achievement	
					Area (ha)	No. of Palms	No. of Beneficiaries			
							Male			Female
	Laying out of Demonstration Plots									
1	SCSP									
	TSP									
	General									
	Sub Total									
2	Establishment of organic Manure Units									
	SCSP									
	TSP									
	General									
	Sub Total									
	Grand Total									

Principal Agricultural Officer

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that an amount of Rs------(Rupees-----only) received under the CDB Programme 2022-23- Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement- laying out of demonstration plots (LODP) and establishment of Organic manure units (100 % Central sector scheme) has been fully utilized for the purpose for which it was allotted.

Principal Agricultural Officer