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Circular

Sub:- Annual Plan 2023-24-Scheme on Modernisation of Departmental Laboratories-
Strengthening of Existing Quality Control Laboratories for Fertilizers and
Pesticides-Working Instructions Issued -reg

Ref:- 1) ADFW/4586/2023-TP2 Dated 24-06-2023
2) G.O(Rt)No.456/2022/Agri dated 26/05/2022

The undersigned have accorded continuous administrative sanction for the scheme entitled 'Modernisation of Department Laboratories' for a total amount of Rs. 400.00 lakh as per ref.1 in line with the ref.2 cited. Under this scheme an amount of Rs. 70.00 lakh is sanctioned for the strengthening of laboratories which are functioning for the quality control of fertilisers and manures, plant protection chemicals and bio-fertilisers. The following instructions are issued for compliance at all levels with immediate effect.

1. Strengthening of State Pesticide Testing Laboratory (SPTL)

(a). The Deputy Director of Agriculture in charge of the laboratory shall prepare an action plan for the activities like purchase of chemicals, certified reference materials, glass wares, gas fuel etc, maintenance / repair and purchase of equipment, updating operating procedures as per BIS standards, upgradation of infrastructure facilities, repair & maintenance, disposal of left-over sample portion after analysis, etc.

(b). An amount of Rs. 35.00 lakh is sanctioned for SPTL for this purpose. The DDA in charge of the laboratory shall submit a detailed proposal before the undersigned for approval and shall take immediate action for the implementation upon receiving the approval.

(c). The equipments and machineries in the laboratory shall not be kept idle and necessary actions shall be taken for running the laboratory in full-fledged condition.

(d). The progress report of the samples analysed shall be sent to the undersigned before 10th of every month without fail.

2. Strengthening of Fertilizer Quality control Laboratories at Parottukonam & Pattambi

(a). The FQCLs are directed to conduct fertiliser quality analysis as per the Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985, by adopting both volumetric and instrumental methods and all results of the same shall be scrupulous.

(b). An amount of Rs. 15.00 lakh for each of the laboratories is sanctioned for the financial year 2023-24. The sanctioned funds can be used for the basic activities such as purchase of chemicals and glassware, comprehensive / periodic maintenance of old

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equipment, purchase of modern equipment, up gradation of infrastructure facilities including repair & maintenance etc.

(c). The heads of these institutions shall prepare individual proposals in this regard based upon the priorities and submit before the undersigned for approval without delay and shall initiate the implementation upon receiving the approval.

(d). The total amount sanctioned for this component is Rs. 30.00 lakh and the progress report of the samples analysed shall be sent to the undersigned before 10th of every month.

3. Strengthening of Biofertilizer & Organic manure Quality Control Laboratory, Pattambi

(a). As per ref. 2, an amount of Rs. 30.00 lakh was sanctioned for for the strengthening of State Bio Control Laboratory, Bio-Fertiliser and Organic Manure Quality Control Laboratory out of which an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakh is allocated for BOQCL, Pattambi for the purchase of chemicals & glassware, and Maintenance of equipment (AMC / CMC etc), infrastructure and allied works, other need-based purchases including computers and accessories etc., (if not supplied under IT schemes) and miscellaneous items.

(b). The Head of institution shall take immediate steps for the implementation of this scheme component.

(c). The progress report of the samples analysed shall be sent to the undersigned before 10th of every month without fail.

4. Financial abstract of the scheme

(a). The details of fund sanctioned to various institutions are as follows.

Sl. No	Name of laboratory	Amount (Rs.in lakh)
1	Strengthening of State Pesticide Testing Laboratory, Parottukonam	35.00
2	Strengthening of Fertilizer Quality control Laboratory, Parottukonam & Pattambi	30.00
3	Strengthening of Biofertilizer & Organic manure Quality Control Laboratory, Pattambi	5.00
	TOTAL	70.00

(b). The total amount shall be debited from the Head of Account 2401-00-105-86 (P).

5. Scheme management

(a) The implementation of this scheme component shall be monitored at the State level by the Additional Director (CP).

(b). This scheme is to be completed by 31, March 2024.

6. General instructions.

(a). Observe Store Purchase Rules wherever applicable

(b). Do not park funds at any level.

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Director of Agriculture

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- 1) Deputy Director of Agriculture, SPTL, Thiruvananthapuram
 - 2) Deputy Director of Agriculture, FQCL, Parottukonam, Tvpm .
 - 3) Deputy Director of Agriculture, FQCL .Pattambi, Palakkad
 - 4) Deputy Director of Agriculture, BOQCL .Pattambi, Palakkad
 - 5) All Additional Directors of Agriculture at HQ & SAE
 - 6) All Joint Directors of Agriculture at HQ
 - 7) All Principal Agricultural Officers
 - 8) Senior Finance Officer
 - 9) Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri), Palakkad/Thiruvananthapuram
 - 10) Executive Engineer (Agri) Kozhikode/Alappuzha

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Additional Director of Agriculture (CP)