



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2023-24 - Scheme "Development of Fruits, Flowers and Medicinal plants"- Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

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### AGRICULTURE (PLANNING-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.743/2023/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01-08-2023

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Read 1 Letter no. ADFW/4622/2023-TP2 dated 21/06/2023 from the Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

2 Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 05//07/2023

### ORDER

In the Annual Plan 2023-24, a budget provision of Rs. 1892.00 lakh is earmarked for the scheme "Development of Fruits, Flowers and Medicinal plants" under Head of Account 2401-00-119-79 Plan. As per letter cited above, the Director of Agriculture has submitted a proposal worth Rs. 195.34 lakh (Rupees One crore ninety five lakh thirty four thousand only) for the component "Top up subsidy for fruit plant cultivation under MIDH" under the scheme "Development of Fruits, Flowers and Medicinal plants" under Head of Account 2401-00-119-79 Plan for consideration of working group.

2) Abstract & Details of the Scheme are as follows:

#### **I. Objectives**

- To make the MIDH schemes more accessible and affordable to the farmers
- To avoid duplication of scheme with State Horticulture Mission, top-up subsidy is given for promoting the area expansion of fruit plants as per the MIDH targets.

#### **II. Technical programme**

As per MIDH norm, assistance (40-50% of the total permissible cost) can be disbursed to beneficiaries in two installments for non-perennial fruit crops in three installments for perennial fruit crops. As the subsidy amount under MIDH is very nominal as compared to the actual expenditure incurred by the farmer, 20% of the total permissible cost of cultivation as per MIDH norms is proposed to be provided as top-up subsidy for fruitcrops from State Plan funds as shown in the following table.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the crop</b>	<b>Total cost of cultivation per Ha as per the MIDH norms (Rs. In lakh)</b>	<b>Area as per AAAP 2023-24 (in Ha)</b>	<b>Top-up subsidy (20% of total cost) proposed per Ha (in 1<sup>st</sup> year) (Rs. In lakh)</b>	<b>Total top-up subsidy proposed (Rs. In lakh)</b>
1	Dragon fruit without integration	1.25	35	0.25	8.75
2	Strawberry without integration	1.25	28	0.25	7.00
3	Strawberry with integration	2.80	5	0.56	2.80
4	Banana without integration	0.875	650	0.175	113.75
5	Pineapple without integration	0.875	200	0.175	35.00
6	Papaya without integration	0.60	7	0.12	0.84
7	Papaya with integration	2.00	5	0.40	2.00
8	High density planting of fruit	1.50	10	0.30	3.00

	plants with integration				
9	Mango without integration	0.60	20	0.12	2.40
10	Jack without integration	0.60	50	0.12	6.00
11	Avocado without integration	0.60	20	0.12	2.40
12	Rambuttan without integration	0.60	60	0.12	7.2
13	Passion fruit without integration	0.60	15	0.12	1.80
14	Mangosteen without integration	0.60	20	0.12	2.40
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1125</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>195.34</b>

### **III. Financial Outlay**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Financial requirement (Rs.in lakh)</b>
1	Top up subsidy for fruit plant cultivation under MIDH	195.34
2	Operational Expenses	4.66
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200.00</b>

The total fund requirement of the proposal is Rs. 200.00 and it would be met from the H/A 2401-00-119-79 Plan earmarked for the scheme “Development of Fruits, Flowers and Medicinal plants” where a provision of Rs.1892.00 lakh is earmarked for the Annual plan 2023-24.

3) The Working Group Meeting for the year 2023-24 held on 05/07/2023 considered the proposal in detail and agreed to issue Administrative Sanction for the same.

4) In view of the decision of the Working Group, Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord administrative sanction to the above mentioned proposal for the scheme “Development of Fruits, Flowers and Medicinal plants” for an amount of Rs. 200.00 lakh (Rupees Two Hundred lakh only) under Head of Account 2401-00-119-79 Plan.

5) The project will be managed by Additional Director of Agriculture (Biogas & Farms) at the Directorate of Agriculture and the project shall be completed by 31.03.2024.

6) The following general conditions should also be followed up wherever applicable while implementing the scheme :-

1. All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The statutory norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
2. The expenditure would be met only from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.
3. The fund release will be based on actual requirement, and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
4. Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases
5. Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
6. Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the schemes.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. The Director/CEO should hold monitoring meetings to review the progress and send report to Government regarding the progress of implementation of the approved scheme.
10. 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 11. Utilization Certificates pertain to all schemes are submitted by the agencies in time.

12. AIMS portal registration and Digital Soil Health Card is mandatory for beneficiaries.

13. Geo fencing & Geo tagging is mandatory. It should be ensured in every scheme wherever beneficiaries exist.

14. Plan review will be conducted on every month.

7) The Director of Agriculture will draw and disburse the amount of the scheme to the implementing agency for implementation of the project.

(By order of the Governor)  
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance (Agri-B) Department.

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