



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2023-24 - Scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.748/2023/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01-08-2023

Read 1 Letter no. ADFW/4569/2023-TP2 dated 07/06/2023 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. 600.00 lakh is earmarked for the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" under Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 Plan. As per the letter read above, the Director of Agriculture has submitted a proposal worth the full amount of Rs.600.00 lakh (Rupees Six Hundred lakh only) under Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 Plan for consideration of the Working Group.

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

I Objectives

- To facilitate and assist farmers to get certified as per NPOP standards in a long term basis.
- To support adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) by providing special assistance for the farmers and clusters.
- To support promulgation of organic farming principles through SHGs mediated by VFPC.
- To develop the setting up of organic manure production units and provide additional support for bio gas plants for making them more farmer friendly.

- To develop branding for organically produced agricultural commodities.

II. Financial Outlay

Sl. No.	Name of the component	Number of units	Total amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Assistance for organic certification		200.00
2	Adoption and implementation of GAP	1000	100.00
3	Organic farming of fruits & vegetables through SHGs through VFPCCK		75
4	Additional support to Biogas plants under CSS		72.00
5	Support for the establishment of organic manure production units	100 numbers	30.00
6	Distribution of Green manure seeds	1000 ha	30.00
7	Additional man power support for implementing the scheme		90.6306
8	Operational /		2.3694

	miscellaneous expenses for the scheme		
	TOTAL		600.00

3) The total financial requirement of the scheme is Rs. 600.00 lakh which is proposed to be debited from the budget provision earmarked for the Annual Plan 2023-24 for the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" under the Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 (Plan).

4) 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.

5) 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 "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" for an amount of Rs.600.00 (Rupees Six Hundred lakh only) under Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 Plan.

6) The project will be managed by Additional Director of Agriculture (Marketing) at the Directorate of Agriculture and the project shall be completed by 31.03.2024.

7) 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.

8) 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)
S SABIR HUSSAIN
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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