



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2023-24 - Scheme "**Development of Agriculture Sector in Kuttanad**" - Component "**PM KUSUM Top Up Subsidy**" under the H/a "2401-00-119-78-P" - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (IFA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.753/2023/AGRI

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 02-08-2023

- Read:-1. Lr No.ADFW/5842/2023-TP2 dated 13.06.2023 from the Director, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 05.07.2023.

ORDER

In the Annual Plan 2023-24, an amount of ₹1700.00 lakh is provided for the scheme "**Development of Agriculture Sector in Kuttanad**". Out of this an amount of ₹500.00 lakh is earmarked for the component, "**PM KUSUM Top Up Subsidy**" under the H/a "2401-00-119-78-P".

2. The Director of Agriculture, as per the letter read as 1st paper above, submitted a proposal under the scheme "**Development of Agriculture Sector in Kuttanad**" for the component "**PM KUSUM Top Up Subsidy**" for an amount of ₹500 lakh under the H/a "2401-00-119-78-P" and requested Administrative Sanction for the same. The amount will be transferred to ANERT for re-payment of NABARD loan taken for solarization of agricultural pump sets.

A) COMPONENTS

Sl. No.	Component	Financial Outlay (Rs. in lakh)
1.	PM KUSUM Top up subsidy	500.00
	TOTAL	500.00

B) OBJECTIVE

As per the Annual Plan 2023-24 an amount of 500.00 lakh is set apart as Top-up subsidy for PM-KUSUM in the Scheme for "Development of Agriculture sector in Kuttanad". In the State, there are nearly 4.50 lakh pump sets that are used for agricultural purposes. Out of these, around 98% of the pump sets have power less than 10 HP. Solarization of 10% of these pump sets annually will result in complete solarization of agricultural pump sets within ten years. Solarization of pumps in the state will also help to reduce the financial burden of Government in the provision of funds for the free electricity scheme implemented through the Department. Solarization of irrigation pumps will lead to higher level of sustainability and produce low carbon emission and lower the dependence on electricity for water lifting. This amount will be transferred to ANERT for re-payment of NABARD Loan taken for solarization of agricultural pump sets.

3. The Departmental Working Group Committee considered the proposal in the meeting held on 05.07.2023 and approved the proposal.

4. In the above circumstances, based on the decision of the Departmental Working Group, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction to the Annual Plan 2023-24 scheme "Development of Agriculture Sector in Kuttanad" for the component "PM KUSUM - Top Up Subsidy" for an amount of ₹500.00 lakh under the H/a "2401-00-119-78-P" with the following components:-

Sl. No.	Component	Financial Outlay (Rs. in lakh)
1.	PM KUSUM Top up subsidy	500.00
	TOTAL	500.00

5. The State Agricultural Engineer (through ANERT) will be the Project Manager and the Executive Engineer (Agriculture) Alappuzha and Kozhikode will monitor the scheme at Regional level and Principal Agricultural officers and Assistant Executive Engineers will monitor the scheme at District level. The project should be completed by 31st March, 2024.

6. The following general conditions, wherever applicable, should be scrupulously followed while implementing the scheme:-

- 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.
- The expenditure would be met only from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.
- The fund release will be based on actual requirement, and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
- Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
- Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the schemes.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare 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 pertaining to all schemes are submitted by the agencies in time.
- AIMS portal registration and Digital Soil Health Card is mandatory for beneficiaries.
- Geo fencing & Geo tagging is mandatory. It should be ensured in every scheme

wherever beneficiaries exist.

13. Plan review will be conducted on every month.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director, Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare,
Thiruvananthapuram.
The Principal Accountant General (Audit)/(A&E) Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Member Secretary, State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Agriculture (PB) Department (vide U.O.No.PB2/212/2023/Agri dated 29.07.2023)
The Finance Department.
The Planning & Economic Affairs Department.
The Information & Public Relation (Web & New Media) Department.
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