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Sub:- Annual Plan 2022-23 – Scheme on Market Intervention Support or Price Stabilisation - Administrative sanction accorded - Detailed Working instructions for implementation of the component 'Operational Support to the Committee constituted for Studying issues related to Paddy Procurement' - orders issued.

Ref:- 1.G.O (Rt) No 617/2023/AGRI dated 25.06.2023  
2.G.O (MS) No. 12/2023/AGRI dated 23.01.2023  
3.G.O (Rt) No 633/ 2023/AGRI dated 30.06.2023

In the annual plan 2023-24, an amount of Rs 2825.00 Lakhs is earmarked for the scheme Market Intervention Support for Price Stabilisation including support for base price fixed to fruits and vegetables under the Head of Account 2435 -01 -101 -85 Plan .

Accordingly, as per the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, administrative sanction has been accorded for an amount of Rs.2825.00 Lakhs which include Rs 15 Lakhs for the component 'Operational Support to the Committee constituted for Studying issues related to Paddy Procurement' debiting expenditure to the Head of Account 2435 -01 -101 -85 Plan from current year's budget provision.

As per reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, an expert committee has been constituted to study the present mode of Paddy Procurement in order to resolve the issues/complaints that plague the present Paddy Procurement System with Dr V.K.Baby,IAS (Rtd) as the Chairman. 'Operational Support to the Committee constituted for studying issues related to Paddy Procurement' is a component of the scheme

1. The amount of Rs. 15 Lakhs for the component 'Operational Support to the Committee constituted for studying issues related to Paddy Procurement' is a component of the scheme.

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“Market Intervention Support for Price Stabilisation” during the year 2023 -24 with a provision of Rs.15.00 Lakhs.

The amount set apart under this component shall be utilized for meeting TA/DA of Non official members as applicable for Class 1 Officer/ least rank held. Hired vehicles can be placed for the Chairman/members during the assignment. The member Secretary will invoice the relevant head of account. CMD, Supplyco will render all learning support and support transport/office assistance as seen necessary requested by the Chair/member Secretary. The study will be completed in 60 days and report made available to Government.

As per the GO referred 3<sup>rd</sup>, the remuneration of Dr V.K.Baby,IAS(Rtd), Chairman, Paddy Procurement Committee at the rate of Rs 5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) per day for a maximum period of 60 days limiting the amount to Rs.3 Lakhs only (Rupees Three lakhs Only). He is also eligible for self certified expenses on telephone, travel etc as admissible to a Class 1 Officer.

**Total Budget Outlay for this componenet is Rs 15.00 lakhs**

The expenditure will be met from the current year's budget provision under the Head of Account 2435 -01 -101-85 Plan.

Member Secretary,Paddy Procurement Expert Committee Shall submit Completion Certificate before 31.03.2024.

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**ANJU K S IAS**  
**DIRECTOR**

Director of Agriculture

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2. All Additional Directors of Agriculture
3. All Principal Agricultural Officers

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