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Sub:- Annual Plan 2022-23-Scheme on "Modernization of Departmental Laboratories-Enforcement of Quality Control of Seeds, Fertilizers and Pesticides through Quality Control Enforcement Wing - Revised Working Instructions issued-Reg-

Read:- 1)GO(RT)No 456/2022/AGRI dated 26/05/2022

2)Circular No.ADFW/3560/2022-TQ2 dated 18/6/22

Vide references cited, Administrative Sanction was accorded and Working Instructions were issued for the implementation of the scheme component "Enforcement of quality control of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides through Quality Control Enforcement Wing" under the scheme "Modernization of Departmental Laboratories" for an amount of ₹ 68.5 Lakh. As per the Working Instruction issued dated 18/06/2022, an amount of ₹.30.8 Lakh has been earmarked for the various components under H/A 2401-01-105-86-34-OC (Plan) as given below:-

Sl.No.	Component	Amount Allocated (₹ Lakh)
1	Empowering Seed/Fertilizer /Insecticide Inspectors./Purchase of Handbook/Publication etc. and Strengthening of Enforcement Wing	11.00
2	Computer Infrastructure and other accessories and manpower support for the State Enforcement Cell	7.55
3	Expert committee on Quality Assurance & Enforcement	0.25
4	Developing Web portal for online management of Certification, Registration and Licensing of seeds,fertilizers and pesticides	4.00
5	Disposal of seized/banned chemicals and left over sample portion in quality control laboratories	4.00
6	Miscellaneous activities	4.00
	TOTAL	30.8

Out of this, an amount of ₹ 4.00 Lakh has been set apart for disposal of seized/banned insecticides and left over sample portion in quality control laboratories. The financial allocation is insufficient to dispose the piled up samples in State Pesticide Testing Laboratory and additional fund is required for the sub component.

Under the above circumstances the Working Instruction is revised through component

change as detailed below to meet the current requirements:-

Sl.No.	Component	Amount Allocated (₹ Lakh)	Revised Amount (₹ Lakh)
1	Empowering Seed/Fertilizer/Insecticide Inspectors, Purchase of Handbook/Publication etc. and Strengthening of Enforcement Wing	11.00	4.5
2	Computer Infrastructure & other accessories and manpower support for the State Enforcement Cell	7.55	4.3
3	Expert committee on Quality Assurance & Enforcement	0.25	0
4	Developing Web portal for online management of Certification, Registration and Licensing of seeds, fertilizers and pesticides	4.00	4.00
5	Disposal of seized fertilizer, seized/banned insecticides and left over sample portion in quality control laboratories	4.00	14.00
6	Miscellaneous activities	4.00	4.00
	TOTAL	30.8	30.8

Disposal of seized fertilizer, seized/ banned insecticides and left over sample portion in quality control laboratories (Rs.14.0 Lakh)

The law enforcement authorities target the sale of counterfeits, banned products and illegal trading of the agricultural inputs. Stringent measures has been initiated to curb diversion of subsidised agricultural urea for industrial purposes. During the operation, the authorities seize or confiscate such chemicals and separation, stacking, marking etc of the stock is required for keeping in safe custody. Similarly left over portion of samples after analysis which pile up in quality control laboratories are either to be utilized properly or disposed in a safe manner. This requires transportation, proper storage and handling of seized stock, transportation and handling of left over sample portion and disposal of banned/seized stock by incineration or other appropriate methods. An amount of Rs.14.0 Lakh can be utilized for the above as well as related purposes.

The Working Instructions of the scheme component "Enforcement of Quality Control of Seeds, Fertilizers and Pesticides through Quality Control Enforcement Wing" 'under the scheme Modernization of Departmental Laboratories 2022-23 vide reference 2nd cited stands modified to this extend only.

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