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In the annual plan 2023-24, an amount of ₹ 800 lakh has been earmarked for the component "**Establishment of new Krishi Sree Centres for farm service delivery**" under the scheme "Support to Farm Mechanization" under the H/A: 4401-00-113-98 (P).

Agro Service Centres which are now upgraded as Krishi-Sree centres is a farm service delivery system established by the Department of Agriculture at Block level to cater to the needs of farmers in areas like hiring of machinery with operator, labour support, providing inputs, soil testing service support etc, on a pilot basis in selected blocks. The main objective of this scheme is to facilitate integration of services like mechanisation, ATMA based extension, credit support, weather advisory services, soil testing support, marketing support etc. under the close supervision of Department of Agriculture.

The State Government have already issued guidelines for running agro-service centres in the following lines.

1. Services shall be charged to generate income for the self sustainability of the centres. A committee shall decide the rate of fee of services according to the guidelines after consultation with stakeholders.
2. Entrepreneurs for running the centres shall be selected by inviting applications through advertisement. Those who are interested to invest 50% of the cost shall be given preference for the centres.
3. Funds shall be released according to the progress of setting up the centres. If the selected society is not utilizing the fund for the intended purpose, they shall be black listed and punitive action taken against them for recovery of the amount, if any, granted.
4. The possibility of tie up with banks or other institutions for handholding may be explored.

Agro Service Centres is a service delivery system established by the department of Agriculture which could be attached with NGOs, Co-operative Society or public limited companies manage collectively and designed to cater to the needs of farmers in

areas like hiring of machinery with operator, repairing, providing inputs, soil testing service support etc.

The Agro Service Centres are usually established at Block level under the close supervision and guidance of the Department of Agriculture. The main objective of the scheme is to re-orient the functions of the field officer towards extension activities and service delivery for adoption of innovative and latest technologies in each stage of crop production.

In the current year also there is a budget provision of ₹ 800.00 lakh under the head of account 4401-00-113-98 under the scheme – Support to farm mechanisation. During the year 2023-24, the scheme is proposed with minor modifications in the modality of implementation.

Component wise details is as follows:

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1	Purchase of machinery – Rs. 8 lakh x 3 Krishikottams = 24 lakh from SMAM & Rs. 6.00 lakh from State Scheme	132
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The scheme is integrated with the CSS scheme – SMAM to implement it effectively. The Krishikottams in the service sectors are also planned to be integrated with this scheme.

Objectives

The main objectives of the scheme component are described as follows.

1. To help the farming community to manage the labour shortage problem
2. To bring back additional area under farming and to start other related enterprises.
3. To improve the machinery availability
4. To increase the employment generation opportunities

The following technical programme is suggested for achieving the above said objectives.

Technical programme

The new KrishiSree centres are with improved service delivery system including door step delivery and farm gate services. The process of formation and functioning of the Krishisree centre is described as follows with financial provisions.

The agency/block panchayat/ Grama panchayat who are willing to provide front office and machinery yard to hold farm machinery to run the Krishi Sree centres is given preference for the establishment of Krishi Sree Centres. A minimum of 25m² is required as office space and 200m² to hold the farm machinery. The Project Director, ATMA shall identify the blocks in the constituencies of the district where Krishi Sree centres are to be started, and should get approval from the Directorate of Agriculture.

The proposal with detailed action plan for establishing each Krishi Sree Centre should be submitted to the Director of Agriculture and will be scrutinized and approved, if eligible, by a Committee with the Director of Agriculture as Chairman, Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) as Vice Chairman, State Agricultural Engineer as Co-Vice Chairman, Joint Director of Agriculture (AR&T) as Convenor and Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) and Assistant Director of Agriculture (TV Section) in the Directorate as members.

Formation of Krishisree centres

1.A Krishisree centre is to be formed by integrating 3 registered Krishikootams under service sector in the respective Krishibhavans through AIMS portal and belonging to three different villages under a block.

2.No.of members in each krishikootom should be between 5 to 20

3.krishikkootom should conduct regular meetings and must maitain proper and updated accounts

4.Priority will be given to those krishikootoms that performed well last year in service sector.

Constitution of Krishi Sree centres.

The Krishi Sree centres shall be registered in each block under Charitable Societies act 1955 under the District Registrar Office and the registration has to be renewed annually. They have to be further upgraded to companies when the turnover becomes sufficiently higher.

The centres shall be registered with a minimum of 7 service providers involving only those members selected for the formation of the centres. The centres should be registered within one week of selection of service providers. The registered centre will be working with the elected President, Secretary, Treasurer and other office bearers as per the by-law.

The registered Krishi Sree Centre shall function as per the direction of the Block Level Advisory Committee (BLAC) constituted for management and supervision of Krishi Sree

centre. The day to day functioning of the Krishi Sree centre will be overseen by a management committee of the centre.

Management Committee of Krishi Sree Centre

The day to day functioning of centre is overseen by the management committee which comprises of

- a. The Assistant Director of the concerned block (Chairman)
- b. The Agricultural Officer of the concerned panchayath where the Krishi Sree centre is located (Nodal officer–Convenor).
- c. President of the registered Krishi Sree centre (Member).
- d. Secretary of the registered Krishi Sree centre (Member).
- e. President of the agency which is running the Krishi Sree centre (Applicable only in cases where 50% of the investment is by the agency – Member).
- f. Facilitator of the Krishi Sree centre (Member)
- g. Two farmer representatives selected among the secretaries or presidents of the Padasekhara samithies/farmers group/commodity groups by the Assistant Director of Agriculture (the terms of these representatives will be one year and may be rotated).

The management committee shall meet once a month and deliberate the day to day functioning of the centre and take suitable decision.

Block Level Advisory Committee (BLAC)

A Block Level Advisory Committee is to be constituted to guide and control the activities and management of Krishi Sree centre with the following members:

1. MLA of the constituency in which panchayat the Krishi Sree centre is situated (Chairman).
2. MLA of the other constituencies of which the area is coming in the block (Co-chairman).
3. The president of the concerned block (Vice Chairman)
4. Assistant Director of Agriculture of the concerned block (Convenor).
5. Block panchayat members of all division of the block (Members).
6. The panchayat presidents of all panchayats of concerned block (Members).
7. The president of Krishi Sree centre (Member).
8. The secretary of the Krishi Sree centre (Member).
9. The Agricultural Officers of all the Krishi Bhavans in the block (Members)
10. One farmer representative each from each panchayat of the block representing the convenors/presidents/Secretaries of the Padasekhara samithies/Farmer groups/

Commodity groups selected from among them. The term of farmer representatives shall be for one year and may be rotated annually.

11. Representative of Co-operative bank providing maximum services to the agriculture sector in the block.

12. Facilitator of the Krishi Sree centre

13. Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) of the district

14. Special invitees :

a) Project Director (ATMA)/DPD

b) Representative of ARS, Mannuthy

One third of the total members shall be the Quorum of meeting of the BLAC. The BLAC shall meet at least once in 6 months. The meeting shall be convened by the Assistant Director of Agriculture chaired by the MLA of the constituency representing the block in which the Krishi Sree centre is located. The service charges for each services and remuneration charges to Service Providers and facilitator shall be approved by BLAC. Mode of functioning of Krishi Sree Centres shall be decided by BLAC adhering to the guidelines issued by Government from time to time. The BLAC will integrate all activities of Krishi Sree Centres with all Karshika Karma Senas of the block. BLAC will decide and recommend purchase of Agro machinery based on the proposal made by Management Committee and will oversee execution of the activities of Krishi Sree Centres. BLAC will be responsible for the custodianship of all the assets including machinery and will be responsible to arrange proper upkeep and maintenance of the assets. BLAC will intergrate different Grama panchayat and block panchayat schemes with its source of funding that can be implemented through Krishi Sree centres and facilitate to execute them. It will oversee the functioning of management committee

(a) Selection of Facilitator

Facilitator is the office secretary of the Krishi Sree Centre. Facilitators must be selected from among retired Agricultural Officers of proven service records or persons having qualification of B.Tech (Agrl. Engg) or B. Sc. (Agri) / VHSE (Agri) with 5 year experience / diploma in Agriculture Science or Mechanical Engineering with 3 year experience. The period of contract appointment of the facilitator would be for 18 months. The facilitator shall be a resident of the district in which the Krishi Sree Centre is located. Facilitator shall be paid initially for one year from the scheme and thereafter from the revenue of the Krishi Sree Centre. Remuneration shall be fixed by the Block Level Management Committee and the minimum shall be ₹ 12000 /- per month. He / She shall be responsible for the proper upkeep and maintenance of the office and records, keep all the registers of the office and shall be the custodian of all assets attached to the Krishi Sree Centre. He shall execute the day to day function of the Krishi Sree Centre as decided by the BLAC / Management Committee. He shall prepare the work calendar and organise the activities of Krishi Sree Centres and is responsible to collect service charges from the customers, keep record of it, issue receipts and maintain cashbook and related registers. He shall be responsible for monitoring the execution of work and repair and maintenance of the farm machinery. He has to keep Bank account records and vouchers for payments effected as per prescribed guidelines.

The facilitator of the Krishi Sree Centre who is not performing properly as assessed

by BLAC and as decided by BLAC shall be removed with a notice of one month issued to him / her by the Assistant Director of Agriculture and new facilitator shall be engaged by the BLAC.

The facilitator upon joining the Krishi Sree Centre shall execute an agreement in stamp paper worth ₹ 200 /- towards the satisfactory execution of duties and functions. He / She shall leave the Krishi Sree Centre with a notice of one month to the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Krishi Sree Centre. If he/she leaves within one year of joining, he / she may refund all the cost of expenses spent by the Krishi Sree Centre towards the capacity building/training etc. Upon leaving, he may physically handover all assets and records under his/her custody.

(b) Service Provider

All those who are trained for the delivery of services in the agricultural technology enterprise and machinery operation shall be designated as Krishi Sree Centre Service Provider.

There will be 25-35 service providers in all Krishi Sree Centres. They are to be selected only from the specified block area by a selection process through news paper advertisements. They should be ITI/ITC holders and/or VHSE holders and/or SSLC passed/ dropouts whose strength can be decided by BLAC who are below 50 years of age and currently engaged in agricultural activities. The strength of service providers shall be increased based on requirement of activities to be undertaken as per business plan and as approved by BLAC.

At the time of joining, the service provider shall execute an agreement in stamp paper worth ₹ 200/-. He/She shall give one month notice to the Nodal Officer of the Krishi Sree Centre to leave the Centre provided she / he shall refund the whole expenses of capacity building / training, cost of uniform, etc if he / she is leaving within 1 year of joining. Any service provider who is continuously absent without written request and without permission from the authority for a period 20 days within a period of 30 days will be automatically removed from roll. All service providers shall hold account in the bank in which Krishi Sree Centres maintains account. Service providers for all the services including machinery operation, electrical works, plumbing works, mechanical works, for repair & service of agro machinery shall be made available at prescribed rates.

Functioning of Krishi Sree Centre

The Krishi Sree Centres shall have an office set up with computer, mobile and other facilities to manage the centre. The facilitators and service providers should be adequately trained.

The Krishi Sree Centres are established to execute the activities as envisaged in the objectives on **self-supporting basis**. The Agricultural Officer of the Krishi Bhavan where the Krishi Sree Centres is located shall be the Nodal Officer for the Krishi Sree Centres. All Agricultural Officers in the Management Committee under the Block should utilize the services of Krishi Sree Centres to cater to the needs of farmers in their panchayat. All the department schemes related to agriculture like Njangalum

Krishiyilekk, Farm Plan and those under peoples plan programmes and such others should be linked with Krishi Sree Centres. Wide publicity should be given through Krishi Bhavans regarding the services and machineries provided by Krishi Sree Centres. Assistant Director of Agriculture and Agricultural Officer shall identify suitable schemes for linking with the activities of the Krishi Sree Centres. The Project Director, ATMA shall facilitate the preparation of action plan to be taken up by all the Krishi Sree Centres and linking with implementation of ATMA and other extension programmes.

ATMA shall organize the required capacity building programme for the Service Providers of Krishi Sree Centres including technical training and exposure visit. The support of ARS, Mannuthy as well as other centres should be used for capacity building activities. The technical capacity building and work experiential training exercises should be organized depending on the requirement, as decided in BLAC. Machineries required for Panchayat level Karshaka Karma Sena shall be provided by Krishi Sree Centres for the activities to be undertaken by them. Assistant Director of Agriculture and Agricultural Officer should support the innovative activities taken up by the Krishi Sree Centres. All Krishi Sree Centres shall take up innovative activities to augment income by supporting local services for long term sustainability of the centre. Notices should be displayed in all Krishi Bhavan and Panchayath Offices under the block regarding the services provided by Krishi Sree Centres and printed notices shall also be distributed through all Krishi Bhavans.

Details of services provided by Krishi Sree Centres with its contact number should be published in all MTAs and newsletters for increasing awareness about the activities of the centres. The service charges will be collected and remitted to the bank daily. Service Providers will be given their remuneration on weekly / monthly basis. A portion of the service remuneration of the Service Providers may be deposited in welfare funds (EPF, ESI & CPF). A matching contribution of the amount deposited by the Service Providers may be given from the profit generated by the Krishi Sree Centres to the welfare fund (Medical Insurance, EPF, EPS and ESI) of the Service Provider. A business plan for Krishi Sree Centres shall be prepared and deliberated in the Management Committee meeting and proposed to BLAC for approval. The total outlay of business plan shall cover all the activities with a norm that there shall be activity worth ₹ 6 lakh per Service Provider per annum and activity for 1200 hours of operations for each machinery per annum.

Service Charges

The quantum of work is fixed according to normal human capability to carryout risk within the time span / service period and service charge fixed based on prevailing wage rate in the Block panchayat. The service charge for each work and quantum of work to be finished at this service charge shall be fixed and published. The rates of hire charges of agro machinery and service charge of Service Providers, specifying quantum of work to be finished within the service period of work shall be approved by BLAC. A portion of the hire charges for the machinery collected shall be deposited in the bank and shall be used for the operation of machinery, its repair and services and also as deposit amount towards depreciation charges of farm machinery.

Office infrastructure support

An office set up is to be made to keep the machinery and for proper management which can be with the Block Panchayat office or any other place identified suitable by the respective local bodies. If the KSC is taken up by any Service Co-operative Society, they may set up the office with all facilities required such as phone, furniture, computer, godown etc.

The following registers and documents shall be maintained in the office.

- a) Minutes book of Management Committee and BLAC
- b) Membership Register
- c) Receipt Book
- d) Bill / Invoice book
- e) Work / Service registration book
- f) Service data sheet
- g) Work Register
- h) Cash book
- i) Stock Register
- j) Letter pads, seals and other registers as decided by BL AC / Management Committee
- k) Log book of machinery
- l) Attendance Register

An amount of ₹ 2.00 lakh per KSC is set apart to meet the expenses in connection with setting up of the office.

Custodianship of Assets

The custodianship will be vested with the registered society of the Krishi Sree Centres. Since all the assets and components envisaged in the scheme are provided by the State Government, an agreement shall be made at the time of implementation towards the transfer of assets to their centres. The custodianship of assets shall rest with the service co-operative banks/ agency in case if they are the stakeholder of Krishi Sree Centres. At the time of transfer of assets, an agreement shall be executed between the President/ Secretary of the Societies / Agencies to the effect that the assets transferred shall be returned to the transferee, if Government desires so, in case if it is not functioning properly. The Centres which are sanctioned and not functioning properly shall be reassigned to other agencies or as decided by the Government within a period of 6 months. Also, the sanctioned centres not started within 6 months will be assigned to other agencies by the Director of Agriculture.

Purchase of machinery

The Krishikootams shall purchase machineries through the central sector scheme – SMAM individually after fulfilling the requirements for availing subsidies under this scheme. The selection of machinery will depend upon the requirements of the location with reference to the crops cultivated, labour shortage and funds available. The local bodies can also additionally provide as many types of machinery, they can for the running of project from time to time. The Engineering wing of the Department would do sufficient steps in facilitating the process of availing this scheme benefits.

The maximum amount of subsidy that can be availed from SMAM scheme is ₹ 8.00 lakh per group for machineries worth ₹ 10.00 lakh. Thus the three Krishikkootams can avail a total subsidy amount of ₹ 24.00 lakh from the SMAM scheme. An amount of ₹ 2.00 lakh per Krishikkootam is to be met from the present state scheme provision. Thus the total subsidy for one KSC would be ₹ 6.00 lakh from the scheme – support to farm mechanisation under the state sector schemes during 2023-24.

A total of 22 KSCs shall function this year, with this type of integration with SMAM. The total fund requirement would be ₹ 132.00 lakh.

Selection of machinery shall be done based on discussion in the Krishi Sree Centres Management Committee considering the suggestions from the Agricultural Officers of the Krishi Bhavan and farmers of the Block. Recommendation of the Management Committee of Krishi Sree Centres shall be placed before the Block Level Advisory Committee of Krishi Sree Centre to decide on the purchase of machinery. As per the recommendation of BLAC, PD (ATMA) shall give permission for purchase of machinery by the Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) observing Store Purchase Rules. The Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) shall arrange purchase the machinery from RAIDCO/KAICO/KAMCO or from other agencies as per GOs. The machinery shall be handed over to the custodian of machinery of Krishi Sree Centre in working condition by the Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri) under intimation to the Assistant Director of Agriculture as well as the Project Director(ATMA). The machinery shall be registered under the authority of Krishi Sree Centres. Machinery required for agricultural activities, as recommended by BLAC shall only be purchased.

Training

The success of the Agro Service Centre depends on the management as well as operational skills imparted to the working group. Two levels of trainings are required for imparting necessary skill to the members of the KSC.

First level training: Fourteen days training on the field operations, upkeep and maintenance of agro machinery are imparted to KSC service providers. They are targeted how to form and run the KSC. After the training they form the main working groups of the KSC based on the krishikkootam concept. An amount of ₹ 0.5 lakh is proposed for expenses in connection with this training.

The Assistant Executive Engineers (Agri) would take leadership in imparting training to them with the auspices of KSAMM, KAU, different KVKs etc.

Second level training: A Second level training for 5 days are imparted to working executives / members on need based training needs and specialisations. The second level training shall be given by the district ATMA in association with RATTTC / FTC. This will include the training to run different enterprises like farm clinic, diagnostic centre services, pest and disease control services, seeds and planting material production, irrigation

services, polyhouse construction, green house, cultivation services, crop production services, etc. An amount of ₹ 0.5 lakh can be utilised for this purpose.

Training for the Office Secretary / Facilitator : Office Secretary/ Facilitator is given training for 3 days to run the ASC in a successful manner and familiarize all the operations intended to be entrusted with the working group. All the training are conducted by Assistant Director of Agriculture and Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri), with the help of Kerala Agricultural University, KSAMM, KVKs etc. An amount of ₹ 0.25 lakh can be used for this purpose.

Thus a total of ₹ 1.25 lakh is proposed for conducting trainings for KSC members. The total financial requirement is ₹ 27.5 lakh.

Convergence of the activities of Agro Service Centres & Service Delivery of ASCs, KKS & CHCs.

Krishi Sree Centres shall act as a single window for Agro Service Centre & Service Delivery. The activities of ASCs, KKS and Custom Hiring Centres shall be converged through the online platform viz., ASHA Software, provided for this purpose. The monitoring of this shall be done jointly by the Project Director (ATMA) and AEE (Agri) at District level.

Maintenance fund (revolving fund)

This fund is for meeting the expenses at crucial point of interventions like repair and service of the machinery and equipments, immediate capital needs, rescue operations in the case of machineries falling in challenged land conditions etc.

An amount of ₹ 2.00 lakh per KSC is set apart and the total requirement of funds for 22 KSCs of 2023-24 is ₹ 44.00 lakh.

Operational expense including transportation facility

The amount provided under operational expense can be used for 1, for hiring skilled labour or appointing staff for the centres, meeting the hiring charges etc. The amount is ₹ 5.00 lakh per KSC. The total fund requirement of this sub component is ₹ 110.00 lakh.

Governing Set up and Custodianship of KSC

KSC are to be registered under charitable societies Act 1955 with at least 7 members preferably who got training from any institution regarding the agricultural

operations, agricultural machinery operation / repair and maintenance, plant protection operation, nursery management etc. The registered members elect President, Secretary, Treasurer etc. The day to day functioning of the ASC is managed by management committee comprising of

- 1) President and Secretary of the KSC
- 2) President or member of the service co-operative bank linked with KSC (if applicable)
- 3) The Assistant Director of Agriculture
- 4) Agricultural Officers of the area

The management committee may meet once in two months and deliberate on day to day functioning of the centre and make suitable decision in the day to day business and deliverance of service as per decision taken in management committee/high power committee /service center and also guidelines issued by governing body/govt.

Service personals may be organized into groups for the discharge of a particular type of work. The service calendar may be prepared in advance and assigned to service groups. All the service personals are to hold account in the bank. The service charges are collected and remitted to the bank and service personals are given their remuneration on weekly basis. A portion of service remuneration is to be deposited in the welfare fund for the member.

Constitution of High Power Committee: In order to guide and control the activities of the ASC, a high power committee is also constituted with following members.

- 1) President of the concerned Block Panchayat- Chairman
- 2) Assistant Director of Agriculture of the concerned Block- Convener
- 3) The Block Panchayat Member of the division in which KSC is located- Member
- 4) Grama Panchayat Presidents in the Block - Members
- 5) President and Secretary of KSC- Members
- 6) Agricultural Officers of Krishi Bhavans in the Block- Members
- 7) Conveners of Padasekhara samithies, crop clusters and other crop Samithies -Members
- 8) The representatives of banks of concerned Block- Members

The High Power Committee is proposed to meet at least once in six months and deliberate an effective functioning of KSC. The meeting is convened by the Assistant Director of Agriculture chaired by Block Panchayat President. The service charges for each services and remuneration charges to service persons of KSC will be approved by High Power Committee. Mode of functioning of the unit is decided in the High Power Committee, adhering to guidelines, if any, issued by Govt. from time to time.

Additional Services provided by KSC

KSCs can involve in Agricultural practices like land preparation of Padasekharams, plant protection measures, harvesting etc. They can also undertake fallow land cultivation, preparation of land for school gardens, KSCs can also involve in portray seedlings preparation. In addition to this KSCs can start bio pharmacy and nurseries so that quality plant protection measures and planting materials are made available in the block area itself. Bio pesticides and bio fertilizers are made available in the bio pharmacy.

Supporting the KSCs formed during 2022-23

A total of 20 KSCs were established with full State Plan Fund during 2022-23 and 6 of them were given full financial assistance. The rest 14 numbers have completed all the formalities of establishment including purchase of machineries. But the required amount has not been allotted. Hence an amount of ₹ 308 lakh is set apart for, meeting the amount pending for allotment for KCS of 2022-23.

Miscellaneous expenses in connection with implementation

An amount of ₹ 0.74283 is suggested to meet the expenses in connection with implementing and monitoring of the scheme.

Financial requirement of the scheme

The detailed financial requirement of the Scheme is described below.

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The total financial requirement of the scheme component is ₹ 800.00 lakh which would be met from the budget provision available under the head of account 4401-00-113-98 (P) during the financial year 2023-24.

General Instructions

1. Store purchase rules should be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
2. Tender / e – Tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
3. Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible.

The exchange of man power and machinery on hire basis can be effected by converging the activities of ASC's, KKS & CHCs.

Monitoring

The functioning of the Krishi Sree Centres will be evaluated by Kerala Agricultural University within 2 months after completing the formation of Krishi Sree Centres. At the district level, the scheme will be monitored and implemented by the Project Director (ATMA) in co-ordination with the Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri). At the State Level, the Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) will monitor the scheme with the co-ordination of the State Agricultural Engineer.

Monthly progress reports should be submitted by the Project Director, ATMA to the Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) before 5th of every month.

Project management and duration

The project would be managed by Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension) at the State level. The project period is up to 31.03.2024.

Yours faithfully,

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