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Sub:- Annual Plan 2023-24 – Scheme for Strengthening of Agricultural Extension – **“HR Support to Project Directorates of ATMA”**- Revised Working Instructions issued - reg

Ref:- 1) G.O.(Rt)No.383/2023/AGRI dated 25.04.2023

2) Circular No. ADFW/5207/2023-ATMA dated 29.04.2023

As per reference 1st cited above, Government have accorded Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the scheme “Strengthening of Agricultural Extension” for the year 2023-24 for an amount of Rs.1065 Lakh under the H/A 2401-00-109-80(P) of which an amount of Rs.212.373 Lakh has been earmarked for the component “HR Support to Project Directorates of ATMA”.

As per reference 2nd cited, Working Instructions (with Annexure 1) were issued for the component “HR Support to Project Directorates of ATMA” under the scheme ‘ Strengthening of Agricultural Extension 2023-24’. There is variation in the requirement of funds by districts to meet the expenses in connection with payment of honorarium and other eligible allowances to the contract staff working under the scheme “HR Support to Project Directorates of ATMA”and accordingly Working Instructions issued as per reference 2 is revised as below.

**1. Honorarium to District Technology Managers in Agriculture and allied sectors ( Rs 166.95571 lakh)**

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There are 45 District Technology Managers(DTMs) engaged in 14 districts and Head Quarters, out of which, 23 DTMs engaged in 14 districts and 2 DTMs in Head Quarters are from Agriculture sector and 20 DTMs are from allied sectors i.e., 14 DTMs (one each in 14 districts) in Animal Husbandry and 6 DTMs in Fisheries in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Thrissur, Kozhikkode and Kannur districts @ Rs.30,995/month. There are vacancies of DTMs in some districts and hence the total fund requirement for providing honorarium and other eligible allowances to DTMs is limited to Rs. 166.95571 lakh

The District Technology Managers will co-ordinate technology management activities at block level. They will also perform data consolidation work and create a real time databank of field level problems and enquiries. They will be responsible to record the outcomes of meetings and seminars and various field problems for onward transmission to higher authorities. The District Technology Managers strengthen and support the extension activities at district level and DTMs at State Level Nodal Office will co-ordinate the activities in the state level by collecting the required information from all the districts. All reports on ATMA and other extension activities will be collected by DTMs at districts and State Nodal Cell.

All District Technology Managers should necessarily visit maximum number of Farm Plan Plots in their respective districts and assist the Project Directors(ATMA) in the implementation of Farm Plan scheme in farmers' fields, provide solutions for farmers' problems at field level in coordination with Block Technology Managers and Assistant Technology Managers. DTMs should collect all the details regarding farm plans and submit to higher authorities when needed. They should actively take part in formation of Krishikkootams and keep all the records related to Krishikkootams and FPOs. They should also work for the creation of Production, Value addition and Service provider Krishikkootams at Panchayat level.

## 2. Human Resource Support at FTC, Pandalam and Vengeri (Rs 14.59409 lakh)

Technical Officers with BSc. (Agri.) qualification, two each at FTC Vengeri and Pandalam are working on contractual basis with an honorarium of @ Rs.29535/-per month. An amount of Rs. 14.59409 lakh is set apart for this component. These Technical Officers should necessarily assist in creation of Krishikkootams and FPOs. They should keep all the records regarding the Farm plan plots, Production, Value addition and Service Provider Krishikkootams and FPOs. They should work in correlation with the District Technology Managers in their respective districts.

### Financial Outlay:

Sl. No.	Details	Revised Amount (Rs. In lakh)
1	Honorarium to District Technology managers in Agriculture and Allied sectors@ Rs.30,995/month	166.9557
2	Human Resource Support at FTC, Vengeri and Pandalam@ Rs.29535/month	14.59409

The districtwise targets are furnished in Annexure -1

### Annexure – I

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**DISTRICT WISE FINANCIAL TARGETS**

Sl. No.	Name of District	Honorarium to District Technology Managers (Rs. In Lakh)	Human Resource Support at FTC, Pandalam and Vengeri (Rs. in Lakh)	Honorarium and Travel Expenses to Faculties Engaged in RATTCS & FTCs (Rs. in Lakh)	Providing Course Material for Trainees at RATTTC & FTC and Miscellaneous Expenses at HQ (Rs. in Lakh)	Total (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Thiruvananthapuram	10.163		2.00000		<b>12.163</b>
2	Kollam	11.1582				<b>11.1582</b>
3	Pathanamthitta	7.43880	7.20247	2.00000		<b>16.64127</b>
4	Alappuzha	15.29121				<b>15.29121</b>
5	Kottayam	7.43880		2.00000		<b>9.4388</b>
6	Idukki	14.8776				<b>14.8776</b>
7	Ernakulam	7.02519		2.00000		<b>9.02519</b>

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8	Thrissur	11.04413				11.04413
9	Palakkad	10.85498		2.00000		12.85498
10	Malappuram	14.8776				14.8776
11	Kozhikkode	14.8776	7.39162	2.00000		24.26922
12	Wayanad	11.1582				11.1582
13	Kannur	14.8776		2.00000		16.8776
14	Kasargod	7.4388				7.4388
15	HQ	8.43400			16.8232	25.2572
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		166.9557	14.59409	14.00000		212.373

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The Working Instructions read as 2nd above and Annexure – I of the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited stands modified to this extent.

  
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**DIRECTOR**

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- 1) All Principal Agricultural Officers
  - 2) All Project Directors (ATMA)
  - 3) The Deputy Directors of Agriculture -RATTC, Kazhakuttom, Kozha, Vytilla, Malampuzha and Thaliparamba
  - 4) The Deputy Directors of Agriculture – Farmers' Training Centres, Vengeri and Pandalam

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