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Sub:- Development of Fruits, Flowers & Medicinal Plants 2024-25 – Establishment of new fruit clusters - Administrative Sanction accorded – Modification in Working Instructions - Orders issued – reg-

Ref:- 1)G.O.(Rt)No.535/2024/AGRI,Thiruvananthapuram,Dated 14/06/2024

2)Circular No ADFW/7761/2024-VC dtd 04/07/2024 & 26/07/2024 of Director of Agriculture

Vide references cited above, Administrative Sanction was accorded for the implementation of the component “Establishment of new fruit clusters” under the scheme - Development of Fruits, Flowers & Medicinal Plants and Working Instructions has been issued for Establishment of new fruit clusters with a financial outlay of ₹ 616.95 lakh.

Considering the requests from various districts, the following modifications have been made as detailed below:

| Sl. No. | Details in issued Working Instructions | Suggestion/modification in Working instructions | Remarks |
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| 1 | Each fruit cluster shall have an area of 5 ha. | A fruit cluster of 5 ha area shall have one or more fruit crops. | |
| 2 | 20 % of the targeted area allotted for fruit clusters to all districts shall be kept exclusively for Krishi Samrudhi Programme. | Special thrust shall be given to Krishi Samrudhi Panchayaths for establishment of new fruit clusters. | `` |
| 3 | Minimum area of 25 cents to 1 ha shall be undertaken by the beneficiary to avail | Priority shall be given to beneficiary, under taking 50 cents of fruit cultivation | |

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| | assistance | | |
| 4 | | Plot should be scientifically layout and a board shall be displayed with details including Name of the scheme & the component, Year of implementation, Name of beneficiary, Area, and Name of fruit crops cultivated. | New suggestion |
| 5 | Assistance for the beneficiary shall include the cost of planting materials @ 75% subsidy and the cost of inputs @ 50% subsidy to a maximum of 60% assistance | Assistance for the beneficiary shall include the cost of planting materials @ 75% subsidy and the cost of inputs and other expenses of cultivation (land preparation, mulching, labour charges, etc) @ 50% subsidy to a maximum of 60% assistance | |
| 6 | Total assistance to the beneficiary shall be given as inputs | The total assistance of 60% shall be given either as inputs or transfer credited to the account of beneficiary/concerned agencies | |
| 7 | | All fruit cluster plots shall be Geo tagged and is mandatory. | Pin point the suggestion once again |
| 8 | | Field diary shall be kept by the beneficiary for recording all the field operations and shall be duly signed by the concerned Assistant Agricultural Officer/ Agricultural | New suggestion |

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| | Assistant, Agricultural Officer & Assistant Director of Agriculture. | |
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Expenditure will be debited from the Head of Account 2401-00-119-79 Plan of current years budget.

Hence, the Working Instructions issued as per reference 2nd cited stands modified to this extent only.

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