

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

<u>Abstract</u>

Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare Department - Annual Plan 2024-25 Scheme 'Support to Farm Mechanization' under the H/a 2401-00-113-83 Plan Component 'Functional Expenses of KSAMM - Administrative Sanction accorded -Modified - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (IFA) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms)No.147/2024/AGRI Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 28-12-2024

Read: - 1. G.O(Ms)No.48/2024/AGRI dated 18.06.2024

- 2. G.O(P)No.57/2024/Fin dated 17.07.2024
- 3. G.O(P)No.76/2024/Fin dated 31.08.2024
- 4. Minutes of the Chief Secretary's Committee Meeting held on 17.12.2024

<u>ORDER</u>

In the Annual Plan 2024-25, a budget provision of 3895 lakhs is earmarked for the scheme "Support to Farm Mechanization under the H/a 2401-00-113-83 Plan.

2. As per the order read as 1st paper above, Administrative sanction was accorded to the Director of Agriculture for the Annual Plan 2024-25 Scheme "Support to Farm Mechanization" component 'Functional expenses of KSAMM' with a financial outlay of ₹200 lakhs under the H/a "2401-00-113-83 Plan" for the following sub components:-

SI No.	Component	Amount
		(Rs.in Lakh)
1	HR Cost	29.19
2	ТА	5.00
3	Recurring Contingents	145.81
4	Non recurring contingents	20.00
	TOTAL	200.00

3. Based on the orders issued in 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} papers above, the Department of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare had submitted proposals that were prioritized for the FY 2024-25 to be placed before the Chief Secretary's Committee constituted as per the order read as 2^{nd} paper above. The Chief Secretary's Committee meeting held on 17.12.2024 had approved the project by limiting as 50% of the budget provision i.e $\mathbb{R}448$ lakhs.

4. In the circumstances, Government have examined the matter and are pleased to modify the Government Order read as 1^{st} paper above, by limiting the Administrative Sanction amount to $\gtrless100$ Lakhs for "Support to Farm Mechanization" component 'Functional expenses of KSAMM' under the H/a "2401-00-113-83 Plan", subject to the following.

- The Director of Agriculture shall prioritize the sub components in a phased manner or by deleting/revising the sub components, as necessary, to align with the revised allocation .
- High-impact and essential programs, focusing on activities critical to food security and agricultural productivity to be prioritised .
- Non-essential or low-impact initiatives should be deferred, and operational costs minimized to maximize direct benefits to farmers.
- Equity must be ensured, protecting marginalized and smallholder farmers.
- If the already expended amount either exceeds the revised allocation or falls short of meeting the committed expenditure within the head of head of account , the Director of Agriculture shall forward the proposal for re appropriation within the total revised allocation immediately.
- The Director of Agriculture shall monitor and report the compliance.

5. The Government Order read as 1st paper above, stands modified to the above extent only.

(By order of the Governor) BALAGOPAL K K ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

The Director, Department of Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram. The Principal Accountant General (Audit)/(A&E), Thiruvananthapuram.

The Special Officer (KKS&ASC) & the Chief Executive Officer, Kerala State Agricultural Mechanization Mission, Agricultural Research Station, Mannuthy, Thrissur.

The Agriculture (PB) Department.

The Finance Department.

The Planning & Economic Affairs Department.

The Information & Public Relation (Web & New Media) Department.

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