



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2025-26 - Scheme - "Development of Spices" - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.545/2025/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 02-06-2025

Read 1. Letter No. ADFW/3794/2025-TP2 dated 06.05.2025 from the Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

2. Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 19.05.2025.

ORDER

In the Annual Plan 2025-26, a budget provision of Rs. 760.00 lakhs is earmarked for the implementation of scheme "Development of Spices", under the Head of Account 2401-00-108-59 Plan. As per the letter read above, the Director of Agriculture has submitted a proposal for the scheme "Development of Spices", for a total amount of Rs. 760.00 lakh (Rupees Seven crore sixty lakh only) under the Head of Account 2401-00-108-59 Plan, for the consideration of Departmental Working Group.

2. Abstract & Details of the Scheme are as follows:

i. Objectives

1. To increase the area under perennial (pepper, nutmeg and clove) and annual spices (Ginger, turmeric) using improved varieties and cultivation practices.
2. To adopt improved management practices in spice gardens to boost the health and vigour of crops.
3. To increase the availability of quality planting materials by employing community nurseries.

4. To support spice production through the adoption of improved management practices.
5. To initiate field level multiplication of improved spice varieties developed in ICAR and KAU research stations.

ii. Financial Outlay

Sl No.	Name of the components	Rate per unit	No. of units	Amount (Rs.in lakh)
1	Area expansion of perennial spices			
1.1	Area expansion of Black pepper	Rs. 8800 / ha.	3176.7878 ha	279.55733
1.2	Area expansion of Nutmeg	Rs.40000 / ha	87.50 ha	35.00
1.3	Area expansion of Clove	Rs. 13750 / ha	36.36 ha	5.00
2	Area Expansion of Annual Spices (Ginger and Turmeric)	Rs. 15000 / ha	1333.333 ha	200.00
3	Establishment of decentralised nurseries	Rs. 30000 / units	Pro rata	3.00
4	Support for adoption of improved management practices	Rs. 5000 / ha	1800 ha	90.00
5	Collaborative programme with ICAR institutions and KAU for field multiplication of newly developed spices varieties			1.00
6	Committed expenses of 2024-25			146.44267
	Total			760.00

3. The total fund requirement of the scheme is Rs.760.00 lakh which is proposed to be sourced from the H/a 2401-00-108-59 Plan earmarked for the scheme "Development of Spices" where a provision of Rs. 760.00 lakhs is earmarked for the Annual plan 2025-26.

4. The Working Group Meeting for the year 2025-26 held on

19.05.2025 considered the proposal in detail and agreed to issue Administrative Sanction for the same.

5. In view of the decision of the Working Group, Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction to the above mentioned proposal for the scheme **“Development of Spices”** for an amount of **Rs.760.00 lakhs (Rupees Seven crore sixty lakhs only)** under the Head of Account **2401-00-108-59 Plan**.

6. The project will be managed by Additional Director of Agriculture (Crop Production) at the Directorate of Agriculture, and the scheme implementation shall be completed by 31.03.2026.

7. The following general conditions should also be followed up wherever applicable while implementing the scheme :-

1. All rules, formalities and procedures shall be strictly followed for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
2. The expenditure would be met only from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.
3. The fund release will be based on actual requirements, and the fund released should not be parked in banks.
4. Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
5. Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
6. Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.
7. The Head of Departments shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that the implementation is as per the existing procedures, rules and regulations.
8. The implementation agencies/ Departments also should prepare an implementation schedule to complete the project in time and send regular progress reports on financial and physical progress on a quarterly basis.
9. The Director should hold monitoring meetings to review the progress and send a report to the Government regarding the progress of implementation of the approved scheme.
10. The Director, Agriculture / Director of Soil Survey & Soil Conservation Department shall sign an MoU with the concerned implementing agencies of the scheme before releasing the funds. It

should also be ensured that the Utilization Certificates pertaining to all schemes are submitted by the agencies in time.

11. AIMS portal registration and Digital Soil Health Card is mandatory.
12. Geo fencing & Geo tagging is mandatory. It should be ensured in every scheme wherever beneficiaries exist.
13. Plan review will be conducted every month.

9. The Director of Agriculture will draw and disburse the amount of the scheme to the implementing agency for implementation of the project.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance (Agri-B) Department.

I&PR (Web & New Media) Department

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