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Sub:- Annual Plan 2026-27 - Working Instructions for implementation of scheme on Coconut Development 2026-27 - Reg

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In the Annual Plan 2026-27, a budget provision of ₹ 6300.00 lakh has been earmarked for the scheme 'Coconut Development' under the Head of Account 2401-00-103-87 Plan. As per the above reference, Administrative Sanction has been obtained for ₹6300.00 lakhs for the implementation of activities under the scheme.

The following Working Instructions are hereby issued for the implementation of the scheme components viz., Keragramam (I, II & III Year), Kerarakshavaaram, and coconut seedling distribution under the Coconut Development Council scheme during the year.

Out of the total scheme outlay, an amount of ₹4,833.51313 lakh is earmarked for the above components. The balance allocation comprises ₹1,116.48687 lakh for the components implemented through the Farms section, ₹250.00 lakhs for the components (PDMC) implemented through the Engineering section, and ₹100.00 lakh for the components (Revamping of existing FPO's) implemented through the Marketing Section. Separate working instructions for these components will be issued by the respective sections.

Major Objectives of the Scheme are:

1. Increase the production and productivity of coconut
2. Integrated pest and disease management
3. Integrated nutrient management of coconut gardens
4. Promotion of inter cultivation
5. Promotion of inter cropping
6. Improvement of irrigation facilities
7. Ensure availability of quality planting materials
8. Popularization of climbing devices for easy harvesting
9. Promotion of value addition ventures in potential Panchayats
10. Popularize Medicinal plant cultivation
11. Employment generation

Technical Programmes Proposed for 2026-27

- Application of organic manure, fertilizers, and adoption of cultural management

- practices
- Implementation of pest and disease management programme, including release of bio control agents
 - Inter cropping/multi species cropping and mixed cropping, and green manuring
 - Establishment of irrigation unit (digging open wells/installation of drip unit/pump sets and accessories)
 - Establishment of organic manure production units
 - Distribution of coconut climbing devices for clusters
 - Removing senile and diseased palms
 - Replanting with good quality seedlings

COMPONENTS OF THE SCHEME

I . COMPREHENSIVE COCONUT REHABILITATION AND PLANTING PROGRAMME

A. Keragramam -First Year

1) Integrated management of coconut gardens:

The major objective of the programme is the integrated management of coconut gardens on a cluster basis. During 2026–27, the programme will be implemented in 40 Keragramams, each covering a cluster area of 100 hectares, thereby covering a total area of 4,000 hectares across the State.

The selected Keragramams shall adopt an integrated package of scientific management practices aimed at enhancing the productivity and sustainability of coconut cultivation. The interventions include scientific and timely management of existing and newly planted coconut palms through opening of basins, husk burial, inter cropping, soil test-based Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) comprising application of lime, chemical fertilizers, bio fertilizers, organic manures, secondary and micro nutrients, Integrated Pest and Disease Management (IPDM) including crown cleaning, application of Plant Protection Chemicals (PPC), bio pesticides and biological control agents, provision of irrigation facilities, and promotion of coconut climbing devices.

a. Intercultural operations – opening of coconut basins, weeding, mulching, etc.

The coconut basins are to be kept weed free by periodical weeding. Mulching is an effective method of conserving soil moisture. Mulching coconut basins with green/dry leaves at the end of north-east monsoons will add organic matter to the soil and reduce soil temperature. Opening of coconut basins and mulching will help to conserve moisture and facilitate maximum percolation of rainwater and water conservation. It is estimated that an amount of ₹70/- is required for opening coconut basins and application of fertilizers and manures. Subsidy @ 50% limited to ₹35/- per palm will be given as financial assistance.

b. Coconut husk burial for moisture conservation in coconut garden

For moisture retention, burying fresh or dried husk around the palm is a desirable practice. The husks are placed in layers with the concave surface facing upwards in trenches of 0.5 m width and depth taken around the palm at a distance of 2 meters away from the trunk. The benefit of moisture conservation will last for 5-7 years. It is estimated that an amount of ₹100/- per palm is required for digging a trench and burying coconut husks. Subsidy @ 50% limited to ₹50/- per palm will be given as financial assistance.

c. Inter-cropping in coconut garden

To ensure optimum resource utilization including better land utilization, harvesting of solar energy, efficient water use, better utilization of soil nutrient resource and for more returns, inter cropping with suitable crops like spices crops (Nutmeg, clove etc) Cocoa, banana, tuber crops, ginger, turmeric medicinal crops like Kurumthotty, Chittaratha, Kacholam, etc can be taken up in coconut gardens. Assistance of 50 % subsidy of the total cost of cultivation, limited to ₹ 6000/- per ha, will be given.

d. Integrated Nutrient Management (Soil test-based)

Coconut plantations, which are not properly managed, are to be supplemented with soil ameliorants, organic manure, and chemical fertilizers in order to revive their production and productivity. The application of major/secondary/micro nutrients /lime application should be done based on soil test recommendations.

(i). Soil ameliorants: Soils of Kerala are predominantly acidic, which poses a major problem in nutrient uptake and availability to crops. Application of liming materials like lime/dolomite / powdered lime improves the soil pH and accelerates the uptake of nutrients. Liming materials can be provided at 75% subsidy, limited to ₹9/- per palm.

(ii). Application of fertilizers: 50% subsidy limited to ₹20/- per palm can be given as assistance.

(iii). Application of Magnesium Sulfate/secondary /micro nutrients: In areas where yellowing of the coconut palm is predominant, application of Magnesium Sulfate is inevitable at the recommended dose of 0.5 kg/palm/year. Based on soil test reports, in case of deficiency, secondary/micro nutrients can be applied. For this 50% of the total cost, limited to ₹3.75/- per palm, can be given as a subsidy.

(iv). Organic Manure: 50 % of the cost of organic manures/farm yard manure /compost, limited to ₹25/- per palm per year.

e. Integrated Pest and Disease Management (IPDM)

(i). PP Chemicals: For undertaking PP operations, including prophylactic spraying, a 50% subsidy limited to ₹10/-per palm will be provided as assistance.

(ii). Application of Bio-pesticides and Bio-control agents: To limit the indiscriminate use of plant protection chemicals, bio- pesticides and bio-control agents are given thrust, considering environment friendliness and the health aspect of society ,50% subsidy limited to ₹25/- per palm can be given for promoting the use of bio fertilizer, bio pesticide, and bio control agents. Bio pesticides shall be purchased from the State Bio control Lab, Mannuthy, since it is the only Government institution in Kerala presently possessing CIBRC Registration. Bio fertilizers and bio control agents shall be procured preferably from Bio fertilizer laboratories, Parasite Breeding Station in the Government Sector.

Assistance will be provided for the release of bio control agents and labour charges for climbing palms @ 50% subsidy of the total cost, limited to ₹50/- per palm. For the purpose of PP operations and application of bio- pesticides and bio-control agents, it has to be ensured that all hot spot areas are completely covered, irrespective of the small and marginal farmer category, for successful eradication of the source of infestation. The large farmer category restriction is waived for this purpose only.

f. Cut and removal of disease-affected, old, and senile unproductive palms

An amount of ₹1000/- per palm, limited to ₹ 10000/ha, can be given as assistance for the cut and removal of disease-affected, old, and senile unproductive palms @ 10 palms per ha. 100 ha project area should be considered as a cluster, and the individual area ceiling need not be insisted for removing the disease-affected, old, and senile palms. However, the total limit for the cluster as a whole should not be exceeded for financial assistance.

g. Replanting with good-quality coconut seedlings.

The cut and removal of diseased, old, and senile palms will be followed up immediately by a systematic replanting programme. The disease affected palms shall be removed and replanted with disease-tolerant seedlings to standardize the density of population at 175 palms/ha. A 50 % subsidy limited to ₹ 60/- per seedling can be given as assistance, @ 7 seedlings per ha. A cluster approach may be followed for this component also, without exceeding the total financial limit for keragramams for this activity. Services of Karshika Karma Sena and Agro service centres may also be utilized for this purpose.

For each Keragramam of 100 ha, subsidy to the components (a) to (g) is limited to ₹19200/- per ha under the state plan share, ie, ₹19.20 lakh/100 ha/ Keragramam. An amount of ₹ 768 lakh is set apart for the above.

7 sub-components (a to g) under Integrated Management of Coconut Gardens under

the state plan share, for 40 nos of Keragramams @ ₹ 19.2 lakh per Keragramam. However, the assistance under the integrated management component can be extended up to ₹25000/- per ha by integrating the resources from the Janakeeyasoothranam funds of the respective local bodies, to undertake more components from the enlisted activities, following the stipulated subsidy norms limited to Rs 5800/- per hectare.

2) Installation of Irrigation components, including micro irrigation

Irrigation is a major contributing factor in increasing the production and productivity of coconut gardens. Studies have proved that up to a 20% yield increase can be attained through irrigation. It is proposed to bring a minimum additional area of 10 ha in each Keragramam under irrigation. For this, assistance shall be provided for digging new wells/ponds and installing pump sets, and for the installation of pump set alone if there is an existing water source. Assistance will be provided at 50% subsidy, limited to a maximum of ₹10000/- per unit of well or pump set with accessories for small and marginal farmers with a minimum area of 0.12 ha (30 cents).

Drip/Sprinkler irrigation units can be installed, availing assistance from this scheme, or can be linked with any other micro irrigation schemes like that of the State Horticulture Mission. The maximum assistance for the irrigation component is limited to ₹25000/- per ha. An amount of ₹100.00 lakhs is set apart for this component @ ₹2.5 lakh per keragramam, for covering an additional area of 400 ha, in 40 Keragramams. More area, if necessary, can be brought under the irrigation component utilizing the savings if any, from items 1 to 4.

The irrigation component can also be integrated with the CSS scheme, PMKSY & PDMC. Low-cost, eco-friendly water harvesting structures, including those models developed by KAU, can be constructed in the cluster area, utilizing the fund provisions available; however, the subsidy limit per irrigation unit (₹10,000/unit) should not be exceeded. Additional assistance, if eligible as per approved cost norms, can be extended from appropriate State/ Central schemes. The size of the pond in the cluster area can be determined based on the water requirement. The valuation can be done either by the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer (Agri), LSGD Engineer, or by the concerned Agricultural Officer, who himself is also a competent authority.

3) Coconut Climbing Equipment for Clusters

For popularizing mechanization in coconut harvesting, imparting training to overcome the shortage of skilled labourers for coconut harvesting and spraying operations, coconut climbing devices at a subsidized rate are provided under this component. 1000 nos. of climbing devices @ 25 devices per Keragramam are to be distributed to small and marginal farmers in the selected Panchayats through Krishi

Bhavans. The equipment is to be purchased from KAICO/RAIDCO/KAMCO. Permissible subsidy is ₹2000/-per unit. An amount of ₹ 20.0 lakh @ ₹ 0.5 lakh per Keragramam is set apart for this component. More climbing devices can be distributed, if necessary, utilizing the savings if any, from items 1 to 4.

4) Establishing Organic Manure Production Units

Organic farming is an emerging area in the country, and the export potential of organic products is increasing across the world. To meet the growing demand for organic products, organic manure production also has to be enhanced. To promote the production of organic manure by vermi- composting or coir pith composting, and to make use of the unused organic waste as a part of in situ waste management, financial assistance to the tune of ₹10,000/- per unit will be given to the beneficiary for establishing compost unit of 7.2 x 1.2 x 0.6 meter size and for meeting material cost of inputs aiding in composting. It is proposed to establish 160 nos. of such organic manure production units in 40 keragramams @ 4 per keragramam. Assistance can be proportionately given to units of smaller size also. Assistance @ ₹10000/- per unit can also be given for the production of organic manure without the construction of pits, as in the case of Trichoderma enriched FYM, which is found to be effective against many fungal diseases like bud rot, leaf rot, etc. By converting the piled up FYM, which are the breeding sites of Rhinoceros beetles, to enriched FYM, the pest incidence can be reduced. The assistance is given for a shed size of 10x5 ft and for inputs and inoculants. An amount of ₹16.0 lakh @ ₹0.4 lakh per keragramam is set apart for this component.

The components 1 to 4 above are interchangeable as per local requirements without exceeding the total financial limit and rate of assistance, subject to the approval of the technical resource group.

5) Operational support to Krishi Bhavans

During the current financial year, the programme will be implemented in 40 selected units of Keragramam. Expenditure for the conduct of cluster formation, cluster trainings, meetings, DTP outsourcing, and other unforeseen related expenses can be met from the funds under this sub- component, for which an amount of ₹2.80 lakh @ ₹7000/- per Krishi Bhavan/Keragramam is earmarked.

6). Assistance for panchayat level Kera samithies/societies

An amount of ₹120.00 lakhs is earmarked to provide assistance to 40 nos of Kera samithies/ societies formed in each Keragramam at the rate of ₹3.00lakh per Kera samithy/ society for their establishment and to organize activities on a group approach for the cultural operations, application of manures and fertilizers, plant protection and other

unforeseen expenses. Action plan /projects for the group activities should be prepared by the concerned Agricultural Officers and implemented with the approval of the block level Assistant Director of Agriculture. The expenditure for registration of new samithies, campaigns, trainings, meetings, surveys, and other office-related expenditure can also be met from this component. However, the purchase of computer and accessories, office furniture, etc should not be met from this component.

The amount can also be utilized for undertaking activities related to coconut husk procurement and working capital to establish a coir processing unit or any other value addition or processing unit at the rate of ₹2.0 lakh per Kera samithy. The assistance can be extended to a group /society or an SHG willing to undertake this activity under the Keragramam. This activity can be linked with the schemes of the Coir Development department and can avail assistance based on a group approach or as working capital for value addition and agro-processing units.

Value addition and Agro processing

Value addition and agro processing are regarded as the sunrise sector of Kerala's economy in view of its large potential for economic growth. Value addition or food processing units shall be started with the available working capital of ₹ 2.00 lakh given to kerasamithies like Elaneer parlour (tender coconut), coconut oil, virgin coconut oil, coconut milk cream, coconut palm jaggery, shell charcoal, shell powder, vinegar, handicrafts etc with or without the support of SFAC, subject to the conditions and guidelines laid down by SFAC.

The first year Keragramam scheme component will be implemented in 40 units of 100 ha each. The assistance is limited to ₹25.67 lakh per Keragramam, and an amount of ₹ 1026.8 lakh is set apart.

Cafeteria of activities and its rates for Keragramam Ist year, 100 ha / keragramam @ 175 palm /ha						
Sl. No	Components	One Keragramam			40 keragramams	
		Subsidy		Physical	Financial (lakh)	Financial (lakh)
		%	Amount			
A						
1	Integrated management of Coconut gardens - The components may be judiciously selected as per local needs					
	Intercultural Operations- opening of coconut basins, weeding,					

a	mulching etc	50	₹35/palm	17500 nos	₹19.2 lakh/ keragramam	₹768.00lakh
b	Coconut husk burial for moisture conservation	50	₹50/palm	17500 nos		
c	Inter cropping in coconut garden	50	₹6000/ha	100ha		
d	INM activities: Soil test-based approach					
i	Soil ameliorants (Lime/ Dolomite)	75	₹9/palm	17500 nos		
ii	Fertilizers / Biofertilizer	50	₹20 /palm	17500 nos		
iii	Magnesium sulfate	50	₹3.75 per palm	17500 nos		
iv	Organic manure	50	₹25 /palm	17500 nos		
e	IPDM activities					
i	PP operations	50	₹10/palm	17500 nos		
ii	Application of Pesticides (need based)/Bio- pesticides & Bio-control agents	50	₹75 per palm	17500 nos		
f	Cut & removal of disease affected, old and senile palms		₹1000 per palm	1000 nos		
g	Replanting with good quality seedlings	50	₹60/ seedling	700 nos		
	State plan share A Limited to Rs.19200/ha				19.2	768
B						
2	Installation of irrigation Components including micro irrigation	50	₹25000/ha	10 ha	2.5	100.00
3	Coconut climbing equipment for clusters		₹2000/unit	25 nos	0.5	20.00
4	Establishment of organic manure production units/Production of Enriched FYM		₹10000/ unit	4nos	0.4	16.00
5	Operational support @ Rs 7000/ KB/KG				0.07	2.80
6	Assistance for panchayat level samithies/ societies@ Rs.3.00lakh per unit (assistance for coconut husk procurement and mini coir processing units /Processing/Value addition units)				3	120

	State Plan share B			6.47	258.8
	Total State plan share A+B			25.67	1026.8

List of 40 keragramam will be intimated later (Annexure 1)

B. Keragramam Second year

Under this component, 66 keragramams established during 2025-26 will be given second year assistance @of ₹8.00 lakhs per keragramam for carrying out INM and IPDM activities in 100 ha.

Sl.no	Particulars	Subsidy	Amount(lakhs)
1	INM activities: Soil test-based approach		₹8.00 lakh per Keragramam and ₹528.00 lakh for 66 keragramams
i	Soil ameliorants (Lime/ Dolomite) (75% subsidy)	₹9/palm	
ii	Fertilizers / Fertilization (50% subsidy)	₹20 /palm	
iii	Magnesium sulfate/Secondary and micro nutrients (50% subsidy)	₹3.75 per palm	
iv	Organic manure (50% subsidy)	₹25 /palm	
2	IPDM activities		
i	PP operation (50% subsidy)	₹10/ palm	
ii	Application of Pesticides (need based)/ Bio-pesticides & Bio-control agents (50% subsidy)	₹75/palm	

The Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) activities and Integrated Pest and Disease management (IPDM) activities can be carried out in the Keragramam, selecting the activities from the cafeteria, giving importance to the most critical activity for productivity improvement as per local needs. However, the state plan share for second year activities is limited to ₹8.00 lakh per keragramam. The details of district wise physical and financial targets allotted are appended as per Annexure 3.

C. Keragramam Third year

Under this component, 23 keragramams implemented during 2024-25 are provided third year assistance.

Sl.no	Particulars	Subsidy	Amount
1.	INM activities: Soil test-based approach		
i	Soil ameliorants (Lime/ Dolomite) (75% subsidy)	₹9/palm	₹4.00 lakh/ per Keragramam and

ii	Fertilizers / Bio fertilisers(50% subsidy)	₹20 /palm	₹92.00 lakh for 23 keragramams
iii	Magnesium sulfate/Secondary and micro nutrients (50% subsidy)	₹3.75/ palm	
iv	Organic manure (50% subsidy)	₹25/palm	

The details of district wise physical and financial targets allotted are appended in Annexure 4

D. Kera Raksha Vaaram

Kera Raksha Vaaram will be conducted throughout the state, covering new and existing coconut plantations under the programme. Thrust will be given to areas where keragramam activities have been initiated in the previous and current years, since they are the major coconut-growing tracts in the state. However, campaign activities are to be organized in other areas also.

As part of Kera Raksha Vaaram, integrated nutrient management and pest and disease management activities are proposed to be carried out in a campaign mode throughout the state, as in the previous year.

As part of this campaign, green manuring is the major activity proposed to be conducted in coconut gardens throughout the state. Green manure refers to the plant material incorporated with soil, either green or soon after maturity, for improving the soil condition by supplying nutrients. It is the practice of ploughing and incorporating the green plant biomass into the soil for improving the structure and fertility of the soil through fixing atmospheric nitrogen in the soil. Besides, it is also useful as fodder, a cover crop, and erosion control. Most of the green manure crops are capable of growing in water-stress conditions. Green manure seeds like cowpea, daincha, sesbania, sun hemp, etc, will be given for application in the basins of 1147882 lakh palms. Assistance at the rate of ₹6.25 per palm, amounting to ₹ 71.74263 lakh, is provided.

In the Kera Raksha Vaaram campaign, another important activity is the crown cleaning and pest and disease management affecting the production and productivity of coconut in our state. Integrated pest and disease management activities like crown cleaning and application of bio pesticides, release of bio control agents, if necessary, are proposed to be implemented as part of Kera Raksha Vaaram. Assistance is also given for the labour component, which is a major hindrance to the adoption of control measures. Crown cleaning is an important management practice as the coconut crown may harbour pests and disease-causing agents. Regular and proper crown cleaning is therefore essential

for the effective management of major pests such as Red Palm Weevil (RPW) and Rhinoceros Beetle, as well as major diseases such as Bud Rot. The Red palm weevil is one of the most destructive pests of coconut, and its control is very difficult. The management of red palm weevil requires a combination of cultural, chemical, and semi-chemical control measures, and prevention of attack is better than control. Preventive methods include field sanitation, preventing wounding of the palm, and mass trapping using pheromone traps. Similar to RPW, the Rhinoceros beetle is another major pest of coconut palms, with adults feeding on tender unopened leaves and burrowing into the crown, thereby stunting plant development. As with RPW, control measures range from cultural, chemical, biological, and the use of pheromone traps. Bud rot is a serious disease of coconut caused by fungal infection, leading to rotting and drying of the spindle leaves and, in severe cases, death of the palm. Regular monitoring and timely removal of affected tissues, along with appropriate plant protection measures, are essential for effective management of the disease. Kera Raksha Vaaram is an integration of activities of the coconut garden by integrating Keragramam, CDB, and LSGD projects. For this, an amount of ₹75.00 per palm is given, which includes ₹ 25/- for the cost of PPC/Bio pesticide and ₹50/- as a climbing charge. Under this component, 12.84 lakh palms are covered. Priority may be given to areas with reports of high pest and disease incidence.

The details of district wise physical and financial targets allotted are appended in Annexure 2

Activities for Kera Raksha Vaaram 2026-27			
Sl.no	Components	Physical	Financial (in lakh)
1	Pulses/Legumes/Green manure seeds @ ₹6.25/palm	1147882 lakh palms	71.74263
2	Crown cleaning and PPC /bio pesticides application including labour charge ₹75/palm (₹50/-per palm as labour charge)	12.84 lakh palms	963.00
	Total		1034.7426

Mode of implementation

The following guidelines shall be followed for the implementation of Keragramam and Kera Raksha Vaaram.

a) Keragramam

- A compact area approach with an extent of 100 ha shall be selected for the implementation of the scheme. All small and marginal farmers coming under the selected project area should be included as beneficiaries of the programme based on the suitability of the coconut gardens, irrespective of their land holding size, to the maximum possible extent.
- Ward-level kera samithies/panchayat level kera samithy/cluster may be convened for effective implementation of the scheme
- The cluster formed at the panchayat level should have a technical resource group for monitoring the implementation of the different components of the programme, with the Panchayat President as the Chairperson and the Agricultural Officer as the Convener. The resource group will be constituted with field-level functionaries of the Department of Agriculture, representatives of Kerala Agricultural University, CDB, and scientists from Research Stations and DDA (YP) as members.
- The President, Vice President, Development Standing Committee Chairman of the LSGD, and Agricultural Officer will be the ex-official members of the Panchayat level Kerasamithi/Society.
- The scheme shall be implemented with the approval of panchayat level Agricultural Development Committee in a time bound manner during this cropping season itself.
- A visit schedule of Agricultural Assistants should be prepared to ensure regular and systematic field visits to the cluster areas in a month.
- Assistance of the Multi-Disciplinary Diagnostic Team can be availed of, if the situation warrants, in consultation with the Principal Agricultural Officer.
- The Panchayat level Technical Resource Group should prepare and finalize a plan of action for taking up the intercultural, manure application, and plant protection activities on a group approach. Accordingly, arrangement of required inputs should be made and an operational chart should be prepared so as to ensure the timely availability and utilization of the VB-G RAM workforce and skilled laborers of Agro Service Centres / Karshika Karma Senas.
- Farmers are eligible for assistance for three years under Keragramam. If sufficient beneficiaries are not available for second year and third years assistance under Keragramam, new beneficiaries may be selected by Agricultural Officers after ensuring that such farmers have followed scientific management practices during the previous years.
- Also, if sufficient area is not available in the selected grama panchayat / LSGD, adjacent LSGDs shall be considered with the approval of the Principal Agricultural Officer.
- The Agricultural Officers shall ensure that farmers have applied all recommended

inputs and conducted all cultural operations as envisaged in the scheme. However, Agricultural Officers are not required to purchase the inputs and distribute them to farmers. They are required to advise and monitor the implementation of the scheme in a scientific and time-bound manner.

- In order to compensate for the crop loss due to natural calamities, farmers are advised to insure their crops as per the State Crop Insurance scheme.

b). Kera raksha vaaram

1. The scheme will be implemented statewide during August-September 2026-27. Wide publicity should be given for this programme. Leaflets and pamphlets will be given to the farmers.
2. It should be ensured that the green manure seeds/pulse seeds distributed under the scheme are applied in the field. A register for recording the details like name and address of the farmer, variety and quantity of seeds used, subsidy amount, signature of the farmer, etc, should be maintained.
3. The arrangements for the release of bio-control agents or use of bio pesticides will be done by the concerned Agricultural Officer and distributed using the support of Karshika Karmasena/Kera Samithies/Agro service centres.
4. The green manure seeds like cow pea, daincha, and sunhemp can be purchased from NSC/ other Government agencies.
5. Green manure seeds/Cowpea seeds shall be applied @ 20- 25 kg/ha in the coconut basins and incorporated into the soil before flowering. District-wise physical and financial targets for the first year Keragramam, Kera Raksha Vaaram, Keragramam Second year, and Third year are appended as Annexure 1, Annexure 2, Annexure 3, and Annexure 4 (The list of selected Keragramams for I year will be given later) respectively.

II. COCONUT SEEDLING DISTRIBUTION AS PART OF THE COCONUT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Good quality high yielding varieties of coconut seedlings produced by Government agencies like Department Farms, Kerala Agricultural University, CDB is to be distributed to farmers with a vision of increasing the area under coconut cultivation. In order to achieve the vision of bringing additional area of 1.44 lakh Ha under coconut, Government of Kerala, Vide G.O. (Ms) No. 138/2018/Agri dated 21/11/2018 has constituted the Coconut Development Council for the improving the production, productivity and overall development of coconut sector. The eighth year activities of Coconut Development Council includes the distribution of coconut seedlings (WCT, Dwarf, Hybrid) to farmers at 50% subsidy.

Programme:

An amount of ₹ 376.44611 lakhs is kept apart for meeting the cost of seedlings (401401 nos) including transportation charges for distribution of seedlings.

General guidelines for distribution of coconut seedlings, collection and remittance of cost of seedling:

- The seedlings available in Departmental Farms should be supplied along with tag. Action should be taken at district level for ensuring that tags are made available to the farms before lifting of the seedlings.
- Action should be taken by the Principal Agricultural Officers for timely procuring and distribution of seedlings from other districts (if necessary) as per the list attached (supply schedule as per ADFW/3774/2026-TB1 dtd 13/05/2026-Annexure-5). The statement of allotment of seedlings to the Krishi Bhavans should be sent to this office.
- The quality of seedlings should be assured before lifting of seedlings from different agencies and for this the District Technical Team should be formed with members as Principal Agricultural Officer /any representative, Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP), Senior Agricultural Officer of Farms or any block level Assistant Director of Agriculture.
- The distribution of coconut seedlings should be completed before or within the stipulated time period.

The availability of the advance booking facility for coconut seedlings shall be adequately publicized among farmers and other stakeholders to ensure maximum awareness and participation. For the coming years in each and every Panchayat advance booking should be obtained from farmers to get assessment of the demand for coconut seedlings.

Coconut seedlings distribution can be converged with VB-G RAM scheme (as per the guidelines) using the labour component for planting of seedlings in the Grama Panchayath.

The cost of seedlings as per the Coconut Development Council is ₹100/-for WCT and dwarf varieties and ₹ 250/- for hybrids as in previous years. 50% cost will be provided from the budget provision and the balance 50% is to be collected from beneficiaries.

The Agricultural Officer of Krishi Bhavans should distribute the coconut seedlings to the farmers, collect 50% of cost of seedlings through separate receipts printed for this purpose and remit the amount to STSB Account no. 799011400005804 maintained in Sub Treasury, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram (Treasury Code-104, Customer ID-1855113) in the name of the Director of Agriculture.

The receipt books issued last year may be used for this purpose. In case the required additional receipt books are not received in time, the accounts are to be maintained in a separate register until the receipt books are made available to the Krishi Bhavans. Principal Agricultural Officers should distribute the receipt books to the Krishi Bhavans concerned and instruct Agricultural Officers to remit the amount to the above STSB account.

It should be ensured that the seedlings distributed under the scheme are properly maintained in the field. Register should be maintained at the Krishi Bhavans, containing details such as name and address of farmer, variety and number of seedlings, details of Farm from which the seedling was produced, cost and subsidy amount, signature of the farmer, etc.

Mode of Payment

The disbursement of plan share to Department Farms (supplying agency) should be done by The Assistant Director at Block level. The amount towards 50% cost of coconut seedlings of Department Farms will be allotted to the districts as plan share and disbursement will be done at Block level based on the request from the Assistant Directors.

The Krishi Bhavan wise details of remittance of beneficiary contribution (Chalan no., date of remittance, amount and agency name) should be consolidated, reconciled at district and submitted to Directorate as per format made available from directorate- Annexure -6 within a period of one month from date of completion of distribution, for settling the beneficiary contribution to the agency, both Department Farms and other supplying agencies. No changes should be made in the proforma.

Transportation of seedlings and awareness programmes:

The coconut seedlings allotted to the districts from different farms /agencies should be distributed to farmers of the Krishi Bhavans by the Principal Agricultural Officer/Assistant Director of Agriculture concerned. Transportation of coconut seedlings have to be carried out through department vehicles or private vehicles. Smaller vehicles, preferably may be used for transportation so that seedlings damage can be minimized. Tender procedures should be followed for hiring of vehicles wherever necessary. Assistant Directors of Agriculture should take necessary arrangement for hiring vehicles for distribution of coconut seedlings to the Krishi Bhavans under their control, for which sanction should be accorded by the Principal Agricultural Officers.

An amount of ₹ 376.44611 lakhs is earmarked for meeting the 50% cost of coconut seedlings and towards transportation charges and connected expenses such as loading and unloading charges . The Principal Agricultural Officers should inform the amount

required for allotment of funds towards transportation of coconut seedlings.

Implementation and Monitoring

The Agricultural Officer/Agricultural Field Officer of the Krishi Bhavans will be responsible for effective implementation of the scheme at Panchayath/Municipality/Corporation level.

The Assistant Director of Agriculture will monitor the scheme at Block level and Deputy Director of Agriculture (YP) at the district level.

The Principal Agricultural Officer will supervise the scheme implementation at district level. Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) will monitor the scheme at State level.

The ADAs should submit a consolidated block wise report to the DDA (YP) who in turn will submit a detailed report to the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) every week till distribution is complete. Weekly progress report of physical targets and achievements should be furnished as per Annexure-7. Since Government is giving emphasis to women participation and gender budgeting, maximum women beneficiaries are to be included in the scheme. Reporting and official correspondence in respect of this scheme may be made in the email id: tb1sectionagridir@gmail.com and deputydacd@gmail.com. The Principal Agricultural Officers shall furnish a detailed completion report including the number of beneficiaries (male, female, SC/ST, general) and utilization certificate immediately on completion of the project.

General guidelines to be adhered during the implementation of the schemes

- All rules, formalities, and procedures shall be strictly followed up wherever applicable while implementing the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to.
- The expenditure would be met only from the provisions available under the appropriate head of account.
- The fund release will be based on actual requirements, and funds released should not be parked in banks.
- Store purchase rules shall be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.
- Tender/e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
- Registration in the AIMS/KVK/KATHIR Portal and issuance of Digital Soil Health Cards shall be mandatory.
- Geo-fencing and Geo-tagging shall be mandatory for all schemes involving beneficiaries.

III. INTRODUCTION OF MICRO IRRIGATION/FERTIGATION IN COCONUT

GARDENS INTEGRATED WITH THE SUPPORT OF CSS-PDMC (Rs 250.00 lakh)

During 2026-27, an amount of ₹ 250.00 lakh is earmarked for the subsidy assistance for the introduction of micro-irrigation/fertigation in coconut gardens up to one acre. Top up subsidy of 30% of the indicative cost under PDMC with total assistance of 85% of the estimated cost will be provided under the scheme. Detailed working instructions regarding this component will be provided later from Engineering section.

IV. REVAMPING OF EXISTING FPO'S IN THE COCONUT SECTOR ON A PROJECT BASIS (RS.100.00 LAKHS)

Project-based assistance for revamping existing FPOs in the coconut sector will be supported under this scheme, and an amount of ₹ 100.00 lakh is set apart for this purpose. Only potentially viable Coconut Producer Companies (CPC) will be eligible for this interest subvention assistance. Detailed working instructions regarding this component will be provided later from Marketing section.

V. COMMITTED EXPENDITURE OF 2025-26

An amount of ₹1775.52439 lakh has been kept apart for meeting the committed expenditure of 2025-26, including transportation cost as detailed below.

Districts are directed to prioritize and utilize the funds for clearing committed expenditure from previous years while allocating physical and financial targets to sub offices.

ABSTRACT			
Sl.no	Components	Amount in lakhs	Remarks
2025-26			
1	Keragramam I year	263.35528	
2	Keragramam II year	2.658	
3	Keragramam III year	0.63809	
4	Kera Raksha Varam	51.806	
	Sub Total	318.45737	
5	Coconut Council – committed expenses of previous years, including transportation charges	1457.06702	
	Grand Total	1775.52439	

The Scheme will be implemented by the Additional Director of Agriculture (CP) at the

state level, and the scheme implementation will be completed by 31/3/2027. The expenditure for the scheme Coconut Development will be debited under the head of account 2401-00-103- 87-34-03 Plan from the current year's budget provision.

Sl. No	Component	Physical target (Nos)	Financial target (in lakhs)
1	Keragramam I year	40	1026.8
2	Keragramam II year	66	528
3	Keragramam III year	23	92
4	Kera Raksha Varam		1034.74263
5	Coconut Council 2026-27		376.44611
6	Committed expenses of 2025-26		318.45737
7	(KG I year)		263.35528
8	KG II year		2.658
9	KG III year		0.63809
10	Kera Raksha Varam		51.806
11	Coconut Council- committed expenses of previous years including transportation		1457.06702
	Grand Total		4833.51313

Abstract of Coconut Development Schemes 2026-27

Sl No	Component	Amount allocated (Rs in lakh)
I	Comprehensive coconut Rehabilitation and planting programs- rehabilitation and Rejuvenation of coconut palms in Kerala as part of coconut mission program.	3000
II	Coconut seedling distribution as part of Coconut Development Council including seed nut procurement and seedling production.	2950
III	Subsidy assistant for introduction of micro-irrigation / fertigation in coconut gardens.	250
IV	Revamping of existing FPOs in coconut sector on Project-basis.	100
	Grand Total	6300

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Director of Agriculture

Encl: 1) Annexures 1 to 9 targets and reports

Copy to:

- 1) All Principal Agricultural Officers, ADA's and AO's for information
- 2) TA to the Director of Agriculture
- 3) CAs to Addl.DA(Plg), Addl.DA(CP), Addl.DA(Farms), Addl.DA(Extn), Addl.DA(Mktg), SAE
- 4) All Joint Directors of Agriculture (in the Directorate)
- 5) Principal Information Officer, FIB, Thiruvananthapuram
- 6) Planning Section, Directorate of Agriculture
- 7) Finance section
- 8) IT Cell for publishing in the website
- 9) The Managing Director, SFAC
- 10) The Director, Coir Development Department

ANNEXURE 1

Coconut Development 2026-27 KERAGRAMAM (First year assistance) district wise physical and Financial target allotted H/A
2401-00-103-87-34-03 (OC)

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Annexure 2

Coconut Development scheme 2026-27-District wise Targets KERA RAKSHA VAARAM

sl.no	Krishi Bhavans	Districts	Pulses/Green manure seeds (no.of Palms)	Amount in Rs	crown cleaning and PP measures	Amount in Rs	Total Amount in Rs.
1	89	TVM	95000	593750	100000	7500000	8093750
2	78	KLM	75000	468750	85000	6375000	6843750
3	57	PTA	53882	336762.5	53882	4041150	4377912.5
4	78	ALP	80000	500000	85000	6375000	6875000
5	79	KTM	65000	406250	70000	5250000	5656250
6	53	IDK	32000	200000	32000	2400000	2600000
7	97	EKM	110000	687500	125000	9375000	10062500
8	105	TSR	115000	718750	132000	9900000	10618750
9	95	PKD	120000	750000	140000	10500000	11250000
10	108	MLM	120000	750000	140000	10500000	11250000
11	81	KKD	120000	750000	140000	10500000	11250000
12	26	WYD	30000	187500	32000	2400000	2587500
13	89	KNR	85000	531250	100000	7500000	8031250
14	41	KSD	47000	293750	49118	3683850	3977600
	1076		1147882	7174262.5	1284000	96300000	103474262.5

ANNEXURE 3

Coconut Development 2026-27 Keragramam (second year assistance)
district wise physical and Financial target allotted H/A 2401-00-103-87 –
34 – 03 (OC)

Sl.no	District	INM /IPDM activities		Amount in lakh
		No.of Keragrama m	Area	
1	TVM	5	500	40
2	KLM	6	600	48
3	PTA	5	500	40
4	ALP	7	700	56
5	KTM	3	300	24
	IDK	0	0	0
6	EKM	1	100	8
7	TSR	8	800	64
8	PKD	5	500	40
9	MLM	7	700	56
10	KKD	8	800	64
11	WYND	2	200	16
12	KNR	6	600	48
13	KSD	3	300	24
	Total	66	6600	528

Annexure 4

Coconut Development 2026-27 Keragramam (Third year assistance) district wise physical and Financial target allotted H/A 2401-00-103-87 - 34 – 03 (OC)

Sl.no	District	INM activities Plan share		Amount in lakh
		No.of Keragramam	Area	
1	TVM	5	500	20
2	EKM	2	200	8
3	PKD	1	100	4
4	MLM	8	800	32
5	KNR	7	700	28
	Total	23	2300	92

ANNEXURE 5

SUPPLY SCHEDULE OF COCONUT SEEDLINGS 2026-27																	
Dist	Name of Farm	SUPPLY SCHEDULE OF COCONUT SEEDLINGS 2026-27															Total
		May			June			July			August						
		WCT	Dwarf	Hybrid	WCT	Dwarf	Hybrid	WCT	Dwarf	Hybrid	WCT	Dwarf	Hybrid	WCT Total	Dwarf Total	Hybrid Total	
TVM	CN Kazhakuttom	5000	0	10000	2000	0	100	0	0	0	1574	0	0	8574	0	10100	18674
	CN Valiathura	2000	0	2250	4500	0	0	1116	0	0	0	0	0	7616	0	2250	9866
	SSF ulloor	1000	400	0	298	100	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	1498	500	0	1998
	SSF Chirayinkeezh	0	0	0	1215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1215	0	0	1215
	BN peringamala	4000	350	0	2000	100	0	2000	100	0	1720	0	0	9720	550	0	10270
	Total	12000	750	12250	10013	200	100	3316	100	0	3294	0	0	28623	1050	12350	42023
KLM	DAF Anchal	2000	0	0	2000	0	0	2000	0	0	1290	0	0	7290	0	0	7290
	CN Karunagappalli	11000	510	8650	5000	0	2400	2144	0	0	0	0	0	18144	510	11050	29704
	SSF Kadakkal	0	0	0	1215	280	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1215	280	0	1495
	Total	13000	510	8650	8215	280	2400	4144	0	0	1290	0	0	26649	790	11050	38489
PTA	SCF Pandalam	3000	2000	2500	3000	4000	4000	1290	500	0	0	0	0	7290	6500	6500	20290
	CN Kazhakuttom	5000	0	0	2000	0	0	3000	0	0	1000	0	0	11000	0	0	11000
	Total	8000	2000	2500	5000	4000	4000	4290	500	0	1000	0	0	18290	6500	6500	31290
ALPY	DAF Mavelikkara	4000	300	3000	4000	500	3000	4960	200	4000	0	0	0	12960	1000	10000	23960
	Total	4000	300	3000	4000	500	3000	4960	200	4000	0	0	0	12960	1000	10000	23960
KTM	DAF Kozha	0	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6480	0	0	6480	1000	0	7480
	ISDF Eruthe mpathy	0	0	0	5500	0	0	5000	0	0	0	0	0	10500	0	0	10500
	Total	0	1000	0	5500	0	0	5000	0	0	6480	0	0	16980	1000	0	17980
IDKY	DAF Arikuzha	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	50	0	5723	0	0	6723	50	0	6773
	Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	50	0	5723	0	0	6723	50	0	6773
EKM	DAF Neriamangalam	5000	400	3000	4000	500	2300	1773	100	500	0	0	0	10773	1000	5800	17573
	CN Vytilla	0	0	0	0	0	800	125	500	839	118	0	0	243	500	1639	2382
	Total	5000	400	3000	4000	500	3100	1898	600	1339	118	0	0	11016	1500	7439	19955
	DAF Chelakkara	2000	0	0	3000	0	0	1374	0	0	0	0	0	6374	0	0	6374
	SSF Edathiruthy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	550	250	0	0	0	0	550	250	800
	SSF Nadavarambu	0	700	690	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	690	1390
	SSF Mannuthy	0	2400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2400	0	2400

TSR	SSF, pazhayanur	1215	0	0	0	0	0	0	1200	800	0	0	0	1215	1200	800	3215
	SSF Panamchery	0	0	0	0	800	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	600	1400
	SSF kodasserri	0	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1000	1000	2000
	GCN Irinjalkuda	10000	6149	1118	3367	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13367	6149	1118	20634
	MHF Kannara	5433	0	0	0	730	260	0	0	0	0	0	0	5433	730	260	6423
	Total	18648	10249	2808	6367	1530	860	1374	1750	1050	0	0	0	26389	13529	4718	44636
PKD	SSF Muthalamada	0	0	0	972	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	972	0	0	972
	HD Farm Malampuza	0	0	0	10000	100	300	2150	100	300	0	0	0	12150	200	600	12950
	ISDF Eruthempathy	0	0	0	14500	50	0	9020	0	0	0	0	0	23520	50	0	23570
	Total	0	0	0	25472	150	300	11170	100	300	0	0	0	36642	250	600	37492
MLPM	SGC Munderi	10000	0	0	8000	0	0	1500	500	500	0	0	0	19500	500	500	20500
	SSF Thavanur	0	200	50	300	300	0	229	150	0	200	0	0	729	650	50	1429
	DAF Chungathara	1000	0	0	2670	0	0	2000	0	0	0	0	0	5670	0	0	5670
	CN parappanangadi	8000	400	1500	5000	0	1100	1350	0	500	0	0	0	14350	400	3100	17850
	Total	19000	600	1550	15970	300	1100	5079	650	1000	200	0	0	40249	1550	3650	45449
KKD	DAF Koothali	0	0	0	1500	0	0	5000	0	0	790	0	0	7290	0	0	7290
	SGC Munderi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5000	0	0	5000	0	0	5000
	CN Thikkodi	0	575	0	5000	0	500	6214	0	475	0	0	0	11214	575	975	12764
	Total	0	575	0	6500	0	500	11214	0	475	5790	0	0	23504	575	975	25054
WYND	SGC Munderi	5000	0	0	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7000	0	0	7000
	CN parappanangadi	3000	0	0	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5000	0	0	5000
	Total	8000	0	0	4000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12000	0	0	12000
KNR	CN palayad	5000	200	5000	10250	200	5000	5000	150	5000	0	0	0	20250	550	15000	35800
	Total	5000	200	5000	10250	200	5000	5000	150	5000	0	0	0	20250	550	15000	35800
KSKD	SGC Munderi	5000	0	0	0	0	0	4000	0	0	0	0	0	9000	0	0	9000
	CN parappanangadi	4000	0	1000	3000	0	1500	2000	0	0	0	0	0	9000	0	2500	11500
	Total	9000	0	1000	3000	0	1500	6000	0	0	0	0	0	18000	0	2500	20500
Grand Total		101648	16584	39758	108287	7660	21860	64445	4100	13164	23895	0	0	298275	28344	74782	401401

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Certificate

Certified that number of coconut seedlings have been distributed from..... district under Coconut Council (2026-27) and details of beneficiary contribution are as follows:-

Item	Number of seedlings	Beneficiary Contribution (Lakhs)
WCT seedlings		
Hybrid seedlings		
Dwarf seedlings		
TOTAL	0	0

Certified that Rs...../(Rupees Only) has been remitted to the DA's account as beneficiary contribution

Certified that the amount payable to the various agencies are as above and the amount has been verified and reconciled at the district level with the total amount payable to the respective agencies during the year and found correct.

Certified that this claim has not been previously claimed.

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Name of District-

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Annexure 9

COMPLETION REPORT/UTILISATION CERTIFICATE	
Name of Scheme:	Coconut Development Scheme
Head of Account	2401-00-103-87-34
Name of District:	

DETAILS OF FUND UTILISATION 2025-26 ie.Committed Expenditure

Sl. No.	Component s	Funds allotted to component s (Rs. In lakh)	Financial (Rs. in lakh)		Number of beneficiaries	
			Target	Achievement	General	
					M	F
1						
2						
	Total Committed expenditure of 25-26					

DETAILS OF FUND UTILISATION for 2026-27

Sl. No.	Component s	Funds allotted to component s (Rs. In lakh)	Target		Achievement		Number of beneficiaries	
			Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)	General	
							M	F
1								
2								
3								
4								
	TOTAL OF 2026-27							
	GRAND TOTAL							

Sl. No.	Components	Number of beneficiaries corresponding to financial achievement of 2025-26						
		General		SC		ST		Grand
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M
1								
2								
3								
4								
	Total							

Certified that the amount of Rs.....Rupees .(in words) has been utilized as per the scheme

Signature of The PAO

COMPLETION REPORT/UTILISATION CERTIFICATE

Name of Scheme:	Coconut Development Scheme
Head of Account	2401-00-103-87-33
Name of District:	

DETAILS OF FUND UTILISATION 2025-26 ie. Committed Expenditure

Sl. No.	Components	Funds allotted to components (Rs. In lakh)	Financial (Rs. in lakh)		Number of beneficiaries	
			Target	Achievement	General	
					M	F
1						
2						
	Total Committed expenditure of 25-26					

DETAILS OF FUND UTILISATION for 2026-27

Sl. No.	Components	Funds allotted to components (Rs. In lakh)	Target		Achievement		Number of beneficiaries	
			Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)	Physical	Financial (Rs. in lakh)	General	
							M	F
1								
2								
3								
4								
	TOTAL OF 2026-27							
	GRAND TOTAL							

Sl. No.	Components	Number of beneficiaries corresponding to financial achievement of 2025-26						
		General		SC		ST		Grand
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M
1								
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	Total							

Certified that the amount of Rs.....Rupees .(in words) has been utilized as per the scheme

Signature of The PAO

FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

aries corresponding to the financial achievement (committed expenditure 2025-26)

SC		ST		Grand Total	
M	F	M	F	M	F

aries corresponding to the physical achievement for 2026-2027

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FOR THE YEAR 2026-27

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ries corresponding to the physical achievement for 2026-2027

SC		ST		Grand Total	
M	F	M	F	M	F

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