



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Animal Husbandry Department - Plan Schemes 2024-25 - Proposal on Production oriented programmes under "Comprehensive Farm Aid Package For Medium Scale Dairy Farms" under the scheme Strengthening of Farms – Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY(G) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.361/2024/AHD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 24-06-2024

- Read 1. G.O.(P)No.29/2021/Fin dated 11/02/2021
 2. Letter No. AHD/3143/2024-B5 dated 02/05/2024 from Director of Animal Husbandry, Thiruvananthapuram with the proposal for Departmental Working Group
 3. Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 25.05.2024

ORDER

As per letter read as 2nd paper above, the Director of Animal Husbandry has furnished Proposal on Production oriented programmes under "Comprehensive Farm Aid Package For Medium Scale Dairy Farms" under the scheme, Strengthening of farms 2024-25 for an amount of Rs.45 Lakh (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs) under the head of account "2403-00-102- 81-34 OC- 3 Other Items Plan" for the financial year 2024-25 for the consideration of working group meeting.

2. The objective of "Comprehensive Farm Aid Package For Medium Scale Dairy Farms" is to support medium scale dairy farms comprising of a minimum of 10 to a maximum of 20 milch cows, for the following items.

- i) Executive Veterinary Health Care Support
- ii) Nutritional Support
- iii) Breeding support
- iv) Promoting farm mechanization, fodder cultivation and adopting modern management practice

Number of farms to be assisted : 45

Area of implementation : Statewide

3. The working group meeting held on 25/05/2024 considered and recommended the proposal.

4. The Government, after having examined the matter in detail, are pleased to accord administrative sanction to the Director, Animal Husbandry Department to implement the component: Production Oriented Programmes under 'Comprehensive farm aid package for medium scale dairy farms' under the scheme Strengthening of farms, and to meet the expenditure of **Rs. 45 lakh (Rupees Forty Five Lakh only) in this regard**

under the head of account 2403-00-102-81-34-OC- 3 Other items (Plan) as follows.

- District Level Technical Committee (DLTC)- A committee will be constituted at district level comprising of Chief Veterinary Officer as the Chairman, Assistant Project Officers in the district, three senior level officers nominated by the District Animal Husbandry Officer, for the smooth implementation and monitoring of the scheme.
- Application for the scheme will be called for the scheme at panchayath level by the SVS/VS of the panchayath concerned.
- Applicants must be those farmers who are running a medium scale dairy farm with a minimum number of 10 milch cows upto a maximum of 20 milch cows and must have the farmer registration of Animal Husbandry Department.
- Such applications, as mentioned above, received at the district level will be scrutinised by the DLTC and will select the beneficiaries from among them. The District Animal Husbandry Officer will approve the final beneficiary list.
- The selected beneficiary will be geo tagged in the GIS portal of the department.
- The animals in the farm shall be screened for blood parasitic and metabolic diseases. Mastitis screening and management, infertility diagnosis and treatment services, etc shall be done. The District Level Technical Committee (DLTC) shall make a one day visit to the selected farms for health monitoring. The DLTC can co-opt additional members in the committee for effective health monitoring and disease screening.
- Challenge feeding, TMR feeding, silage, maize fodder, etc shall be promoted.
- Support for feeding energy rich cattle feed, mineral mixture, rumen buffer etc for the selected farm within the scheme period. The expense in this regard will be provided to the beneficiary as DBT upon presenting the necessary vouchers/bills in this regard with recommendation of local body level Veterinary Doctor and DLTC , by the District Animal Husbandry Officer.
- Assistance will be provided for fodder cultivation either in own land or in land taken in lease for this purpose. Fodder slips and manure can be procured either through Departmental farms/KLDB or by local purchase. The assistance amount will be transferred by the District Animal Husbandry Officer to the beneficiary as DBT, after he/she has started the fodder cultivation in the area specified, upon

recommendation of local body level Veterinary Doctor and DLTC. Assistance will be for seeds/ fodder slips, fertiliser/manure, insecticides, cultivation charges including land preparation, installation of sprinklers, drip irrigation, etc. Assistance amount will be limited to a maximum of Rs 12,000/- per acre in proportion of land area. Ceiling limit for this component will be Rs 12,000/-.

- Artificial insemination using sex sorted semen in potential animals of the farm will be promoted in association with KLDB.
- Support will be provided for expanding the scope of mechanisation in the farm. Labor cost is a major recurring cost in dairy farming and moreover, acute shortage of skilled laborers is a major constraint in dairy units. Apart from this adopting modern scientific practices which are economical will also aid in improving the productivity. Hence, mechanization/modernisation is a major intervention in sustaining dairy farming. Besides the mechanization, dairy farm sheds have to be modified to ensure optimum cow comfort. The beneficiary must be given the choice as to select one or more of the facilities as mentioned below and assistance will be 50% of the expense incurred in this regard limited to a maximum of Rs 50,000/- per beneficiary for this component. The following facilities can be chosen for mechanization.
 - Milking machine
 - Rubber mat
 - Automatic drinker
 - Hand shower with pump
 - Wheel barrow
 - Dung scraper
 - Chaff cutter
 - Biogas plant
 - Slurry pump/ water pump Trevis
 - Any other modern dairy equipment
- The assistance amount will be transferred by the District Animal Husbandry Officer to the beneficiary as DBT, upon recommendation of local body level Veterinary Doctor and DLTC.
- Training on modern scientific practices in dairy farming will be provided to the selected beneficiaries.
- Kissan credit card linkage will be promoted.

5. The Financial outlay per farm shall be as follows.

i) Executive Veterinary Health Care Support including treatment expenses such as cost of essential medicines, hormones, etc. on need basis : Rs 10,000/-.

ii) Nutritional Support for feeding energy rich cattle feed, mineral mixture, rumen buffer etc. Maximum of Rs. 25,000/-. (The expense in this regard will be provided to the beneficiary as DBT upon presenting the necessary vouchers/ bills in this regard.)

iii) Assistance for fodder cultivation: Assistance amount will be limited to a maximum of Rs 12,000/- per acre in proportion of land area.

iv) Mechanisation support: Rs 50,000/-

v) Operational cost including monitoring, documentation and other miscellaneous expenses of DLTC per farm- Rs 3000/-

Total amount per farm : Rs. 1.00 Lakh

Grand total= Rs 1 lakh x 45 = Rs. 45.00 lakh

6. The implementation of the project shall be strictly subject to the following conditions :

i) The rules, orders, formalities and procedures should be strictly complied with for the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be adhered to in toto.

ii) The expenditure will be met only from the provision available under the appropriate head of account.

iii) The fund release will be based on actual requirement.

iv) Store Purchase Rules should be strictly adhered to for all kinds of purchases.

v) Tender/e-Tender and other stipulated formalities should be followed wherever necessary.

vi) Post creation and purchase of vehicles are not admissible under the scheme.

7. The Director, Animal Husbandry is also directed to take further action in this regard strictly in accordance with the existing rules and standing orders.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

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