



### **GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

### **Abstract**

Agriculture Department-Scheme for "Strengthening of Agricultural Extension" -Administrative Sanction accorded-Orders issued.

# **AGRICULTURE (EB) IDEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt)No.539/2024/AGRI Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 15-06-2024

- Read1Letter No. ADFW/5226/2024-TP2 Dated .13/5/2024 from Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.
  - 2 Minutes of the Working Group meeting held on 16.05.2024(item No.5)

# <u>ORDER</u>

The Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers Welfare Department, as per letter read above, has forwarded a proposal for strengthening of Agriculture Extension for an amount of Rs.2503.00 lakh (Two Thousand Five Hundred and Three lakh) under the Head of Account 2401-00-109-80 plan for 2024-2025.

(2) The working Group met on 16.05.2024 considered the proposal and approved the same for an amount of Rs.2503.00 lakh(Two thousand five hundred and three lakh) with certain conditions.

(3) Government, therefore, are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the proposal "Strengthening of agriculture extension" at an estimated cost of Rs.2503.00 lakh(Two thousand five hundred and three lakh) with the following components subject to the condition that the salary of Technical Managers under HR support shall be fixed in accordance with relevant Government Orders.

S1. No.	Name of the components	Amount(Rs.lakh)
1.	Upgradation of training centres, RATTCs & FTCs	25.00

2.	Strengthening of Project Directorate of ATMA including HR support, ATMA activites and operational support.	361.90
3.	Support to LEADS (Lead Farmer Centered Extension Advisory and Delivery Services)	318.10
4.	Award for best performers	70.00
5.	Public Participation	266.00
6.	Krishipadasalas	81.00
7.	KISSAN Project	60.00
8.	Smart Krishi Bhavan	562.00
9.	Conduct of VAIGA	100.00
10.	Imprest fund for immediate needs of Krishibhavans	75.00
11.	Agro-Clinics & Social audit	8.00
12.	Krishidarshan and other programmes	194.00
13.	Njangalum Krishiyilekku	382.00
	Total	2503.00

The following General Conditions should be followed, wherever applicable

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 report 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 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.

4) The Additional Director of Agriculture (Extension)Department is designated as the Project Manager.The works should be completed by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025.

(By order of the Governor BALAGOPAL K & ADDITIONAL SECRETAR)

To:

The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Planning and Economic Affairs Department

The Finance Department

The Director I&PRD (Web&New Media)

Agriculture (PB/PA) Department

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