



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health Department - Plan Fund 2023-24 - Commissionerate of Food Safety - Annual Work Plan for the year 2023-24 under the MoU between FSSAI and State of Kerala - Implementation of various programmes /activities in order to address gaps in food safety ecosystem - Comprehensive Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (P) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.799/2024/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15-03-2024

- Read 1 Letter No.RCD-04040/12/2021-Regulatory-FSSAI dated 10.11.2022 from Joint Director (Regulatory Compliance), FSSAI
- 2 Letter No.CFS/2756/2022-C1 dated 27.11.2023 from the Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala
- 3 Budget Approval/Kerala/01/2023-24 dated 03.11.2023 from FSSAI
- 4 Sanction Order/Kerala/01/2023-24 dated 03.11.2023 from FSSAI
- 5 GO(Rt)No.240/2024/Fin dated 09.01.2024
- 6 Letter no.CFS/2756/2022-C1 dated 22.01.2024 from the Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala

ORDER

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with States and UTs with the aim of addressing the gaps in the food safety eco-system of the States/UTs as jointly agreed between FSSAI and the State/UT and to promote the culture of safe and wholesome food. For strengthening its food safety administration, the State/UT shall prepare an Annual Work Plan for each financial year including budget outlay (indicative State contribution and Central share) and list of deliverables. The approved Annual Work Plan has been annexed to the MoU. Under the MoU, FSSAI has been providing financial support for the implementation of Annual Work Plan.

2. The term of last MoU between FSSAI and the State of Kerala had expired with the close of the financial year 2022-23 and hence FSSAI decided to extend the duration of MoU for another three years from 2023-24 to 2025-26. Accordingly, as paper 1st above, FSSAI had requested to submit signed MoU for the time period. Accordingly State Government of Kerala have consented to signing MoU, opting for a 60:40 funding pattern between FSSAI and the State, for another three years from 2023-24 to 2025-26.

3. As per the letter read as paper 2nd above, the Commissioner of Food Safety informed that FSSAI had approved the Annual Work Plan for the year 2023-24 under the MoU, for an amount of 2030.556 lakh in 60:40 ratio (i.e., FSSAI share is Rs.1218.3336 lakh and State share is Rs.812.2224 lakh). As per Budget approval letter cited as paper 3rd above, FSSAI has issued budget approval for its contribution and as per Sanction Order letter cited as paper 4th above, FSSAI has released 1st Tranche of its contribution (Rs.545.0718 lakh). Commissioner of Food Safety informed that as per the amended Clause of MoU (dated 13.01.2022), the state shall provide its entire contribution within one month of receiving the first tranche from FSSAI, in a bank account under the direct control of Commissioner of Food Safety. The budget provision of State Share earmarked for 2023-24 financial year under the head of account '2210-06-107-87-02- State Share (Plan-Voted)' is Rs.250 lakh. Therefore, Commissioner of Food Safety had requested to sanction an additional amount of Rs.5,62,22,240 (Five crore Sixty Two Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Rupees only) for the timely implementation of various programmes/activities under Annual Work Plan 2023-24. Accordingly as per Government Order read as paper 5th above, an additional expenditure amounting to Rs.562.23 lakh (Rupees Five Crore Sixty Two Lakh and Twenty Three Thousand Only) has been sanctioned under the head of account '2210-06-107-87-02- State Share (Plan-Voted)' as balance amount of State share.

4. Since the entire State share was sanctioned, the Commissioner of Food Safety, as per letter read as paper 6th above, has requested to take urgent action to issue Administrative Sanction for the total State share amount of Rs.812.2224 lakh, under the head of account '2210-06-107-87-02- State share (PV)', for the timely implementation of various programmes /activities under Annual Work Plan 2023-24.

5. Government have examined the matter in detail. **Comprehensive Administrative Sanction is hereby accorded** for an amount of

Rs.2030.556 lakh (Rupees Twenty Crore Thirty Lakh Fifty Five Thousand and Six Hundred Only) in 60:40 ratio (i.e., an amount of Rs.1218.3336 lakh (Rupees Twelve Crore Eighteen Lakh Thirty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Only) as FSSAI share and Rs.812.2224 lakh (Rupees Eight Crore Twelve Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Only) as State share under the head of account '**2210-06-107-87-02(Plan)**', **for the timely implementation of various programmes /activities under Annual Work Plan 2023-24 in order to address gaps in food safety ecosystem**, in accordance with the terms & conditions of MoU signed between FSSAI and the State of Kerala.

6. The Commissioner of Food Safety shall take timely steps to regularise the additional expenditure sanctioned vide Government Order read as paper 5th above, through Re-appropriation of Savings within the Grant/supplementary Demands for Grants before the close of the current financial year.

(By order of the Governor)
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

The Joint Director, Regulatory Compliance Division, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, FDA Bhavan, New Delhi

The Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram

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

The Accountant General (Audit II), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Finance (Health-A) Department (Vide note no.(E.1844663):HLT-A1/141/2021-FIN dated 11.03.2024)

The Planning & Economic Affairs Department (Vide note no.PLGGEA-A1/36/2023-PLGGEA dated 28.02.2024)

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