



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2026-27 - Scheme - "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" -Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders Issued

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.675/2026/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 22-07-2026

Read 1 Letter No.ADFW/4021/2026-TP2 dated 04/07/2026 from the Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram

2 Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 10/07/2026

ORDER

In the Annual Plan 2026-27, a budget provision of Rs. 225.00 lakh has been earmarked for the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" under the Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 (Plan). As per the letter read above, the Director of Agriculture has submitted a proposal for the implementation of the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" for an amount of Rs. 225.00 lakh (Rupees Two Hundred and Twenty-five Lakh Only) under the Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 (Plan) for the consideration of the Working Group.

2. The objectives of the Scheme are,

- To promote adoption of organic farming practices that safeguard soil fertility, biodiversity, and ecological balance.
- To reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides by encouraging the use of organic manures, bio-fertilizers, and biological pest control methods.
- To ensure production of safe, chemical residue-free food that meet

consumer expectations and health standards.

- To facilitate certification of organic produce and strengthen farmer access to premium domestic and international markets.
- To integrate Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for enhancing quality, traceability, and compliance with global standards.
- To improve the marketing and management of Keralagro branded products through public sector undertakings under the control of the Department of Agriculture, Kerala.
- To establish institutional mechanisms for monitoring, documentation, and evaluation of organic farming initiatives.
- To develop the setting up of organic manure production programme through Krishikkootams, on-farm production of bio inputs and provide additional support for biogas plants for making them more farmer friendly.
- To support PGS/NPOP certified produce by providing a premium price and developing a special brand for organically produced agricultural commodities of Kerala.
- To position Kerala as a model state in sustainable agriculture, ensuring long-term productivity and farmer welfare.

3) The Financial outlay of the scheme is as follows,

Sl. No.	Name of the component	Rate / unit	Number of units	Total amount (Rs. in lakh)
1	Promotion of organic farming & GAP cultivation in crops including organic certification, branding, packing and labelling			
	Continuing and New NPOP Certifications			72.72961
	Committed expenditure pertaining to 2025–26 towards NPOP Certification			40.90300
	Committed expenditure pertaining to 2025–26 under GAP Cluster			11.36739

	Component			
	Sub total			125.00
2	Organic Manure Production Programme, On farm production of bio inputs, compost making units			
	Support to new Organic Manure Production Units	Limited to 75% of the approved project cost, subject to a maximum assistance of ₹1 lakh		47.00
	Committed expenditure pertaining to 2025–26 towards Organic Manure Production Units			3.00000
	Sub total			50.00
3	Support for implementation			50.00
Grand Total				225.00

The total fund requirement of the scheme is Rs.225.00 lakh which is proposed to be sourced from the H/a 2401-00-105-85 Plan earmarked for the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" where a provision of Rs.225.00 lakh is earmarked for the Annual Plan 2026-27.

4. The Working Group Meeting for the year 2026-27 held on 10/07/2026 considered the proposal in detail and agreed to issue Administrative Sanction for the same, subject to the condition that the support to

PGS/NPOP Certified Produces shall be provided exclusively to Farmers practicing Organic Farming.

5. In this circumstances, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction to the proposal for the implementation of the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" for an amount of Rs.225.00 lakh (Rupees Two hundred and twenty five lakhs only) under the Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 Plan, subject to the condition that the support o PGS/NPOP Certified Produces shall be provided exclusively to Farmers practicing Organic Farming.

6. The project will be managed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (Marketing), Directorate of Agriculture and the project implementation will be completed by 31/03/2027.

7. The following General Conditions shall be complied with, wherever applicable:

1. All rules, formalities, and procedures shall be strictly followed in the implementation of the scheme. The norms of financial propriety shall be duly observed.
2. The expenditure shall be met only from the budget provision available under the appropriate Head of Account.
3. Funds shall be released only based on actual requirement, and the funds released shall not be parked in bank accounts.
4. The Kerala Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly followed for all procurements under the scheme.
5. Tender/e-Tender procedures and all other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever applicable.
6. Creation of posts and purchase of vehicles shall not be admissible under the scheme.
7. The Head of the Department shall monitor the implementation of the scheme and ensure that it is carried out in accordance with the existing procedures, rules, and regulations.
8. The implementing agencies/Departments shall prepare an implementation schedule to ensure completion of the project within the stipulated time and shall submit quarterly progress reports indicating both the financial and physical progress of the scheme.
9. The Director shall convene periodic monitoring meetings to review