

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2025-26 - Scheme - "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.547/2025/AGRI Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 02-06-2025

Read 1 Letter No. ADFW/3800/2025-TP2 dated 14.05.2025 from the Director, Agriculture Development & Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

2 Minutes of the Working Group Meeting held on 19.05.2025

ORDER

In the Annual Plan 2025-26, a budget provision of Rs. 600.00 lakh is earmarked for the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" under Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 Plan. As per the letter read above, the Director of Agriculture has submitted a proposal worth the full amount of Rs.600.00 lakh (Rupees Six Hundred lakh only) under Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 Plan for consideration of the Working Group.

2. Abstract & Details of the Scheme are as follows:

i. Objectives

- 1. To facilitate and assist farmers to get certified as per NPOP standards in a long term basis.
- 2. To support adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) by providing special assistance for the farmers and clusters.
- 3. To improve the marketing and management of Keralagro branded products through public sector undertakings under the control of the Department of Agriculture, Kerala.
- 4. To develop the setting up of organic manure production programme

through krishikkoottams, on farm production of bio inputs and provide additional support for bio gas plants for making them more farmer friendly.

- 5. To develop brand for organically produced Agricultural commodities.
- 6. To support PGS/NPOP certified produces by providing premium price.

ii. Financial Outlay

Sl No.	Name of the Component	Rate per unit	Number of units	Total amount (Rs. in lakhs)		
1	Promotion of organic farming & GAP cultivation in crops including certification					
1.1	The process of NPOP certification and fees			150.00		
1.2	Adoption and implementation of GAP in food crops - Revamping of existing GAP clusters	Rs.10000/- per cluster	1000 clusters	100.00		
1.3	Support to PGS certified produce			100.00		
	Sub Total			350.00		
2	To improve the marketing management of Keralagro branded products through public sector undertakings under the control of the Department of Agriculture, Kerala			75.00		
3	Organic Manure Production Programme, On farm production of bio inputs and additional support to Biogas plants					
(i)	Support to Organic			79.00		

	Manure Production Units		
(ii)	Additional support to bio-		1.00
(11)	gas units		1.00
	Sub Total		80.00
1	Support for implementation		95.00
7	implementation		93.00
	Total		600.00

- 3. The total fund requirement of the scheme is Rs. 600.00 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. 600.00 lakh is earmarked for the Annual plan 2025-26.
- 4. The Working Group Meeting for the year 2025-26 held on 19.05.2025 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 the Farmers practicing Organic Farming.
- 5. In view of the decision of the Working Group, Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction to the above mentioned proposal for the implementation of the scheme "Organic Farming and Good Agricultural Practices" for an amount of Rs. 600.00 lakhs (Rupees Six Hundred lakhs only) under the Head of Account 2401-00-105-85 Plan, subject to the condition that the support to PGS/NPOP Certified Produces shall be provided exclusively to the Farmers practicing Organic Farming.
- 6. The project will be managed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (Marketing) at the Directorate of Agriculture and the project shall be completed by 31.03.2026.
- 7. The following general conditions should also be followed up wherever applicable while implementing the scheme:-
 - 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 reports 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 / Director of Soil Survey & Soil Conservation 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.
- 8. The Director of Agriculture will draw and disburse the amount of the scheme to the implementing agency for implementation of the project.

(By order of the Governor)

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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

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

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Planning Board, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

Finance (Agri-B) Department.

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