



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Annual Plan 2026-27 - "Development of Spices" - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING -B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.717/2026/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 29-07-2026

Read 1 Letter No. ADFW/4017/2026-TP2 dated 08.07.2026 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. 2,000.00 lakh has been earmarked for the implementation of the scheme "Development of Spices" under the Head of Account 2401-00-108-59 Plan. As per the letter cited above, the Director of Agriculture has submitted a proposal for the implementation of the scheme "Development of Spices" for a total outlay of Rs. 2,000.00 lakh (Rupees Two Thousand Lakh only) under the Head of Account 2401-00-108-59 Plan, for the consideration of the Departmental Working Group.

2. The objectives of the Scheme are as follows:

- To increase the area under perennial (pepper, nutmeg and clove) and annual spices (Ginger, turmeric) using improved varieties and cultivation practices.
- To adopt improved management practices in spice gardens to increase the productivity.
- To increase the availability of quality planting materials.

- To support the production of Black Pepper through the adoption of scientific management practices.

3. The financial outlay for the scheme is added below,

Sl. No.	Name of the components	Rate per unit	No. of units	Amount required for implementation of components of current financial year (₹ in lakh)	Committed expenses 2025-26 (₹ in lakh)	Amount (₹ in lakh)
1	Area expansion of Perennial spices					
1.1	Area expansion of Black pepper	₹17000/ha	1823.53 ha	310.00	115.80084	425.80084
1.2	Area expansion of Nutmeg	₹40000/ha	292.85765 ha	117.14306	23.74740	140.89046
1.3	Area expansion of Clove	₹13750/ha	145.45 ha	20.00	2.237	22.237
	Sub- Total					588.9283
2	Area Expansion of Annual Spices (Ginger and Turmeric)	₹15000/ha	2502.25830 ha	375.33875	124.66125	500.00
3	Establishment of Decentralised Black	₹30000/unit	13 no.s	4.1	0.9	5.00

	Pepper nurse ries					
4	Project base d support for adoption of I ntegrated Pe st and Diseas e Manageme nt (IPDM) pr actices in Bl ack pepper	Proj ect b ased				860.00
5	Committed E xpenditure - Adoption of integrated & improved ma nagement pr actices (2025 -26)					46.07170
	Total					2000.00

4. The Working Group Meeting for the year 2025-26 held on 10.07.2026 considered the proposal in detail and agreed to issue Administrative Sanction for the same.

5. Under these circumstances, Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the implementation of the scheme "Development of Spices" for an amount of Rs. 2,000.00 lakh (Rupees Two Thousand Lakh only) under the Head of Account 2401-00-108-59 Plan, as per the proposal mentioned above.

6. The project will be managed by Additional Director of Agriculture (Crop Production) at the Directorate of Agriculture, and the scheme implementation shall 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 the progress of the scheme and submit reports to the Government on the progress of implementation of the approved scheme.
 10. The Director of Agriculture, the Director of Soil Survey & Soil Conservation Department, and the Chief Executive Officer, VFPCCK shall execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the concerned implementing agencies before releasing the funds. They shall also ensure that Utilization Certificates in respect of all schemes are submitted by the implementing agencies in a timely manner.
 11. Registration in the AIMS/KVK/KATHIR Portal and issuance of Digital Soil Health Cards shall be mandatory.
 12. Geo-fencing and Geo-tagging shall be mandatory for all schemes involving beneficiaries.
 13. A monthly review of the Plan shall be conducted.
8. The Director of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department 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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