



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

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

AGRICULTURE (PLANNING-B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.718/2026/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 29-07-2026

Read 1 Letter No. ADFW/4018/2026-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. 2,092.00 lakh has been earmarked for the scheme "Development of Fruits, Flowers and Medicinal Plants" under the Head of Account 2401-00-119-79 (Plan). As per the letter read above, the Director of Agriculture has submitted a proposal covering the fruit development components of the scheme for an amount of Rs. 1,867.00 lakh under the Head of Account 2401-00-119-79 (Plan) for the consideration of the Departmental Working Group.

2) The major objectives of the scheme are to,

- Promote indigenous fruit varieties to achieve self sufficiency.
- Introduce new exotic fruit crop varieties (Avocado, Dragon Fruit, Mangosteen, Strawberry, Rambutan).
- Encourage safe-to-eat fruit production in homesteads.
- Enhance farmers' income through commercial clusters.
- Support women, youth, Krishikootams, and farmer groups in cultivation.
- Provide financial assistance through subsidies on planting materials and inputs.

3) The financial outlay for the scheme is as follows,

SL. No	Component	Allocation (Rs in lakhs)
1	Establishment of Fruit Clusters	925.20078
2	Promotion of Exotic Fruit Production	304.50
3	Committed Expenditure 2024-25 and 2025-26	637.29922
	Total	1867.00

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

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 covering the fruit development components for an amount of Rs. 1,867.00 lakh under the Head of Account 2401-00-119-79 (Plan).

6) The project will be managed by the Additional Director of Agriculture (Farms, VC & Biogas) at the Directorate of Agriculture and the scheme 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, VFPC 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)
SUBHASH T V I A S
SPECIAL SECRETARY

To:

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Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

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