



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health Department - Commissionerate of Food Safety - Annual Work Plan for the year 2024-25 under the MoU between FSSAI and State of Kerala - Implementation of various programmes /activities in order to address gaps in food safety ecosystem - Proportionate State share for the purchase of Mobile Food Testing Lab for Idukki district, through GeM portal - Fund released - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (P) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.692/2025/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 07-03-2025

Read 1 G.O.(Rt)No.799/2024/H&FWD dated 15-03-2024.

2 G.O.(Rt)No.1388/2024/H&FWD dated 10.06.2024.

3 Letter No.CFS/1081/2024-C1 dated 11.02.2025 from the Commissioner of Food Safety.

4 G.O.(Rt)No.2057/2025/Fin dated 04.03.2025.

ORDER

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) approved the Annual Work Plan for the year 2023-24 under the MoU, for an amount of 2030.556 lakh (Rs.1603.256 lakh as Grant-in-aid Revenue, Rs.427.30 lakh as Grant-in-aid Capital) in 60:40 ratio (i.e., FSSAI share is Rs.1218.3336 lakh and State share is Rs.812.2224 lakh), with the aim of addressing the gaps in the food safety eco-system of the State of Kerala. Later as per Government Order read as paper 1st above,

Comprehensive Administrative Sanction was accorded for an amount of Rs.2030.556 lakh in 60:40 ratio (i.e., an amount of Rs.1218.3336 lakh as FSSAI share and Rs.812.2224 lakh as State share under the head of account '2210-06-107-87-02-00-00-(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. Meanwhile, FSSAI released a total amount of Rs.1217.6688 lakh to the Commissioner of Food Safety vide sanction orders dated 03.11.2023 and 21.03.2024. Subsequently, the State share of Rs.812.23 lakh was also allocated to the Commissioner of Food Safety vide Government Orders read as paper 1st and 2nd above.

2. As per the letter read as paper 3rd above, the Commissioner of Food Safety has informed that an amount of Rs.42,00,000/- has been provided in the Work Plan 2023-24 component B-11 (under Grant-in-aid Capital Assets) for the purchase of Mobile Food Testing Lab (Fully fabricated Food Safety on Wheels) for Idukki District, through GeM portal. The Commissioner of Food Safety stated that however when Financial bid for the purchase of the said lab was opened in GeM portal, it was found that the minimum bid amount is Rs.50,65,000/-. Hence the Commissioner of Food Safety has requested FSSAI to allocate the additionally required amount of Rs.8,65,000/-. Subsequently vide sanction order dated 28.01.2025, FSSAI has sanctioned its share of 60%, i.e. Rs.5,19,000/- under Work Plan 2024-25 component E (under Grant-in-aid Capital Assets), for the purchase of Mobile Food Testing Lab (Fully fabricated Food Safety on Wheels). In the circumstances, the Commissioner of Food Safety has requested to sanction the corresponding State share of Rs.3,46,000/-, as additional authorization under the head of account '2210-06-107-87-02-00-00-PV. Financial

Assistance under MoU work plan 2021-22 between the FSSAI and the State for strengthening of Food Safety Ecosystem (60% CSS)'.
3. Government have examined the matter in detail. Accordingly sanction is hereby accorded to release an amount of **Rs.3,46,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh and Forty Six Thousand Only)** under the head of account '2210-06-107-87-02-00-00-PV' to the Commissioner of Food Safety, as the **proportionate State share for the purchase of Mobile Food Testing Lab (Fully fabricated Food Safety on Wheels) for Idukki District, through GeM portal**, as approved in Work Plan 2024-25. The amount required for the purpose has been additionally authorized vide Government Order read as paper 4th above.

4. The Commissioner of Food Safety shall take timely steps to regularize this additional expenditure through Re-appropriation of Savings within the Grant/Supplementary Demands for Grants before the end of the current financial year.

(By order of the Governor)

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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

The Commissioner of Food Safety, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Treasuries, Thiruvananthapuram

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

The Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Finance (Health-A) Department (Vide note no.1844663/HLT-A1/141/2021-FIN dated 04.03.2025)

The Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department

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