



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture (WTO Cell) Department-Constitution of an Expert Committee for understanding the prospects of biochar in the State of Kerala-Sanction accorded-Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (WTO CELL) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.128/2024/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 12-11-2024

- Read 1) Letter dated 15.07.2024 from the National Associate Chair & President, NSW, Australia India Business Council Ltd.
- 2) Letter No.OP/PO/1282 dated 29.08.2024 from the Managing Director, Oil Palm India limited.
- 3) Letter No:ADFW/10351/2024-TF2 dated 31.08.2024 from the Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department.
- 4) Letter No.KAUDOR/932/2024-RES A1 dated 03.09.2024 from the Director of Research, Kerala Agricultural University.

ORDER

As per the letter read as 1st paper above, Australia India Business Council Ltd., the leading industry body for promoting the bilateral trade and investment relationship between Australia and India has introduced an innovative project that would be of significant impact and importance in the areas of carbon sequestration, particularly in the context of agriculture, and to propose a sustainable option that can harness the potential of Biochar.

2) As per the letters read as 2nd to 4th above, the Managing Director, Oil Palm India limited ,the Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department and the Director of Research, Kerala Agricultural University respectively have furnished detailed reports on the prospects of Biochar and carbon sequestration, on the basis of the project proposal from the Australia India Business Council Ltd. The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department has also suggested to constitute an Expert Committee with the experts from Kerala Agricultural University, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute and the Officers from the Directorate of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department for conducting a study in this regard.

3) In these circumstances, Government are pleased to constitute an Expert Committee with the following members to study the prospects of biochar in the State of Kerala and for assessing the possibilities of production of Charcoal Briquettes, Activated Charcoal and other possible products with export potential also., in order to have further discussions with Australia India Business Council .

1. The Special Officer, Agriculture (WTO Cell) Department - Chairman
2. The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department
3. The Additional Director (Marketing), Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department-Convenor.
4. The Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry, and Project Co-ordinator, Soil Health and Organic Farming, Kerala Agricultural University.
5. The Principal Scientist, Agricultural Extension, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasaragod
6. The Joint Director of Agriculture (FIG) and the State Co-ordinator, Jaiva Karshika Mission, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department
7. The Assistant Director (TC), Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department.

4) The above Committee will furnish report to the Government within three weeks.

(By order of the Governor)
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DEPUTY SECRETARY

To:

1. The Special Officer, Agriculture (WTO Cell) Department
2. The Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram
3. The Professor and Head, Department of Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry, and Project Co-ordinator, Soil Health and Organic Farming, Kerala Agricultural University (Through the Director of Research, Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur)
4. The Principal Scientist, Agricultural Extension, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Kasaragod
5. The Additional Director (Marketing), Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram
6. The Joint Director of Agriculture (FIG) and the State Co-ordinator, Jaiva Karshika Mission, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare

Department, Thiruvananthapuram

7. The Assistant Director (TC), Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram (Through the Director, Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare Department)

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

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