



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Agriculture Department- Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) - Deferring the fresh tender process approved by the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI), and extending the validity of the existing RWBCIS 2023-26 tender for one additional year (2026-27) - Sanction Accorded – Orders issued.

AGRICULTURE (AGRI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.630/2026/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 03-07-2026

Read 1) G.O.(Rt)No.854/2023/AGRI Dated 25-08-2023.

2) G.O.(Rt) No.1019/2025/AGRI Dated 27.10.2025.

3) Letter No.18011/02/2023-Cr.II-Part(3) dated 26.05.2026 from the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

4) Letters Nos. ADFW/11667/2025-TR2 dated 18.06.2026 & 26.06.2026 from the Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

As per Government Order read as 1st paper above, sanction was accorded for the notification of Crops and Area for Kharif 2023, 24, 25 and Rabi I & II 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 seasons in Kerala under Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) and Agricultural Insurance Company of India Limited (AICIL) was selected as the implementing agency of RWBCIS in Kerala for Kharif 2023, 2024, 2025 and Rabi I & II 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 seasons.

2) As per Government Order read as 2nd paper above, sanction was accorded to the Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department to issue the notification revising the coverage period for Rabi-I paddy under WBCIS for Palakkad district from September 15 - January 15 to October 15 -February 28, and to extend the cut-off date to October 31 as the previous schedule does not correspond with the actual sowing and critical crop stages in Palakkad district as the region experiences prolonged South-west monsoon and delayed land preparation.

3) Vide Advisory read as 3rd paper above, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, has given flexibility to State/UTs to choose between (i) continuing implementation on the same premium rates and contractual arrangements as discovered during the 2023-2026 tender cycle or more recent, ensuring immediate continuity with minimal administrative disruption; or (ii) issuing a fresh one-year tender for Kharif 2026 and Rabi 2026-27 as per existing terms and conditions in Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) Operational Guidelines, 2023, enabling fresh premium discovery and addressing insurer performance concerns, allowing thereby enhancement in farmer risk coverage through market-driven price discovery.

4) As per the letter read as 4th paper above, Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department reported that the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) approved the updated term sheets and permitted Agriculture Department to initiate a fresh tender process for the next Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) cycle of 2026-2029 following the expiry of the 2023-26 contract on 30.06.2026 and that subsequent technical reviews reveal critical constraints that make floating a fresh tender highly disadvantageous at this juncture. It was also reported that the critical stages of flowering and grain filling extend up to February and that it is necessary to continue the revised

framework for the Rabi 2026-27 season by extending the contract with the existing implementing agency viz the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AICIL), in order to accommodate the agro-climatic variations prevailing in Palakkad district.

5) In the above circumstances, the Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department requested for administrative sanction to defer the fresh tender process approved by the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI), and instead extend the validity of the existing Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) 2023-26 tender for one additional year (2026-27) at the original premium rates of the 2023 cycle commencement. Sanction was also requested to extend the contract with the current insurance partner, the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AICIL), following the revised term sheet for Paddy II Rabi in Palakkad district, excluding plantation crops for which fresh tender will be required and for floating a fresh tender for plantation crops under Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) for the year 2026-27.

6) Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord administrative sanction to defer the fresh tender process approved by the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI), and to extend the validity of the existing Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) 2023-26 tender for one additional year (2026-27) at the original premium rates of the 2023 cycle commencement and to extend the contract with the current insurance partner viz the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AICIL), following the revised term sheet for Paddy II Rabi in Palakkad district, excluding plantation crops for which fresh tender will be required and for floating a fresh tender for plantation crops under Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) for the year 2026-27.

7) Sanction is accorded to the Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Government of Kerala to issue the above said notification and arrange to publish the same in the extraordinary Gazette of Kerala and to take other further necessary action in the matter.

8) The Director of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department shall place the matter before the next meeting of the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) for ratification of the decision.

(By order of the Governor)

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