

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Agriculture Department - Centrally Sponsored Schemes - Audit - Empanelment and selection of Chartered Accountants - Sanction accorded - Orders issued

AGRICULTURE (PA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.727/2026/AGRI Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 01-08-2026

Read 1 Expression of Interest from M/s M.M. Zachariah & Co., Chartered Accountants, Kottayam .

2 Letter No. ADFW/7166/2026-TP1 dated 29.07.2026 from the Director of Agriculture Development and Farmers' Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

Government of India via its Krishonnati Yojana Cell (KY Cell) have made the submission of **Audited** Utilization Certificates (**UCs**) mandatory for releasing further Central assistance for FY 2024–25, especially for the following schemes.

- National Food Security Mission (NFSM)
- National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)
- Digital Crop Survey (DCS)

2. As per the letter read as 2nd paper above, the Director of Agriculture has reported that currently no Chartered Accountant firm has been specifically engaged or empanelled for auditing the accounts of the aforementioned three schemes. To avoid delays in the release of Central financial assistance, the Director of Agriculture proposed to entrust the audit work of these schemes to an existing Chartered Accountant firm already empanelled by the Department.

3. As per the letter read as 1st paper above, the firm M/s M.M. Zachariah & Co., Chartered Accountants, Manjathuruthel Building, Good Shepherd Road, Kottayam, an existing empanelled Auditor for the State Horticulture Mission (SHM), Kerala has submitted an Expression of

Interest to undertake the audit of NFSM, NMEO-OP, and DCS for the Financial Year 2024–25 at a total cost of ₹99,800/- (Rupees Ninety-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred only), under the same terms and conditions previously accepted for the audit of State Horticulture Mission (SHM), Kerala, for the FY 2022–23.

4. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction to engage the existing empanelled Auditor, ***M/s M.M. Zachariah & Co., Chartered Accountants, Manjathuruthel Building, Good Shepherd Road, Kottayam***, for conducting the audit of the National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), and Digital Crop Survey (DCS) schemes implemented during the Financial year 2024-25, on the same terms, conditions, and rates accepted by the Firm for the audit of the accounts of the State Horticulture Mission (SHM), Kerala, for the Financial year 2022-23.

5. Sanction is also accorded to initiate the process of empanelling audit agencies for conducting audit of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala so that an agency can be selected from these empanelled agencies whenever needed for any scheme for all future requirements.

(By Order of the Governor)
SUBHASH T V I A S
SPECIAL SECRETARY

To

The Director of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Thiruvananthapuram

M/s M.M. Zachariah & Co., Chartered Accountants, Manjathuruthel Building, Good Shepherd Road, Kottayam .

The Principal Accountant General(Audit I/Audit II/ A&E),
Thiruvananthapuram

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