

Abstract

Agriculture Department - Procuring paddy affected by salt water and heat wave at Kuttanad, Alappuzha - Special arrangements - order -issued.

AGRICULTURE (PA) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt.)No. 457 /2025/AGRI Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 14-05-2025.

- Read 1. Minutes of the Meeting convened by Hon'ble Minister (Food & Civil Supplies) held on 07-05-2025.
 - 2. Note No. AGRI-PA2/ 55/2025-AGRI dated 13-05-2025 of Min. (Agri.) to Min. (Fin.)

ORDER

As per the paper read as Ist paper above, the Department of Agriculture has requested funds to arrange for procuring the paddy which has not met the FAQ standards insisted by MSP / PDS system in certain Padasekharams of Kuttanadu, Alappuzha. Finance Department has agreed to authorize Rs. 3 crores upon the request as per the 2nd paper read above, for the purpose to be disbursed on eligible MSP / SIB basis as indicated below:

- (1) Supplyco will continue to procure the paddy, meeting the FAQ requirements in the regions affected by salt water intrusion and heat wave. In case of any dispute on the quality, the District Agricultural Officer, Alappuzha and one nominee each of CMD, Supplyco and Director of Agriculture may decide finally on the acceptability.
- (2) With respect to paddy affected by salt water intrusion and heat wave leading to yield / quality below FAQ levels, Managing Director, Oil Palm India Ltd. will arrange to remove the paddy unfit for supplyco procurement and store/convert the same into any sellable by-product or arrange to auction the same.
- (3) For paddy not meeting the FAQ so removed by Oil Palm India Ltd.,

Principal Agriculture Officer, Alappuzha will prepare a manifest of quantity received per farmer identified by Aadhar / AIMS ID including their bank details and certify the amount to be disbursed within a week through Director (Agriculture) to Government. The certified farmers shall be paid the rate recommended by the Director (Agriculture) through Principal Agricultural Officer, Alappuzha/Assistant Director concerned limited to an amount proportionate of quality observed the maximum of which will be limited to MSP plus SIB rates only.

- (4) Those farmers receiving the entire amount (MSP + SIB) shall not be eligible for further crop compensation.
- (5) Those not receiving the full amount may be proposed for crop loss compensation by Director (Agriculture) as per applicable norms. However, crop loss paid shall not exceed MSP + SIB maximum levels while taken together.
- (6) The entire expenditure will be debited from the Head of Account "2401-00-102-90 Plan" and claimed by Director (Agriculture) and adjusted by moving supplementary grants to make good the disbursed amount.
- (7) A Committee consisting of the CMD, Supplyco, Director of Agriculture, MD, Oil Palm India Ltd. and District Agricultural Officer, Alappuzha will provide oversight and Director of Agriculture will furnish a report of compliance in two weeks time. Affected padasekharams shall be finalised by the committee.
- (8) The committee will be free to engage additional PSUs/Agencies if found necessary or authorize any officer of the Agriculture Department to perform the same function as per the above procedure.

(By order of the Governor)

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

Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chairman & Managing Director, SUPPLYCO.

The Managing Director, Oil Palm India Limited.

The Principal Agricultural Officer, Alappuzha.

The Finance Department.

The Food & Civil Supplies Department.

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