



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Science and Technology Department – Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment - Plan Scheme - Grant-in-aid support to Science & Technology Institutions- Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY(A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.37/2021/S&TD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 20/11/2021

Read 1 Letters Number.KSCSTE/317/2021/C5 dated 29/04/2021 and 14/07/2021 of Member Secretary, Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment.

2 Letter Number.STIC/KSCSTE/2021-22/512 dated 08.09.2021 of Director, Sophisticated Test and Instrumentation Centre.

3 Minutes of the Special Working Group Meeting held on 25/10/2021

ORDER

An amount of Rs.200/- lakh has been allocated for the Plan Scheme, “Grant-in-aid-support to Science & Technology Institutions”, under the head of account “3425-60-200-71(04)-36(P)”, in the current financial year.

2. The Member Secretary, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), vide his letters read as 1st paper above, has forwarded proposal seeking Administrative Sanction for the Plan Scheme, “Grant-in-aid-support to S & T Institutions”.

3. The Special Working Group Meeting considered and approved the proposal , vide minutes read as 3rd paper above.

4. Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for the Plan Scheme, “Grant-in-aid-support to Science & Technology Institutions”, for an amount of Rs.200/- lakh (Rupees Two crore only), under the head of account “3425-60-200-

71(04)-36(P)", from the Budget Provision for the year 2021-22, subject to the following details and conditions.

I. Component wise break up and estimate of the project :-

Sophisticated Test and Instrumentation Centre (STIC)	120 lakh
Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC)	40 lakh
M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Regional Station, Kalpetta, Wayanad.	40 lakh
Total	200 lakh

II. Period of Completion of the Project :- One year

III. Implementing Agency :- Sophisticated Test and Instrumentation Centre, Integrated Rural Technology Centre & M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation.

IV. Monitoring Agency : Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.

V. Physical Targets:-

Sophisticated Test and Instrumentation Centre (STIC)	i. Installation of equipments including suitable replacements for the existing obsolete models. ii. Usage of mobile calibration laboratory for carrying out the calibration at customer premises, with the set of standard equipments in the mobile lab in controlled environment.
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Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC)	i. Promotion of food production from small land holdings by the establishment of domestic level demonstration unit. ii. Establishment of a Bio-resource technology lab. iii. Strengthening of GIS lab for Integrated Geo spatial data management for scientific decision making in LSGIs iv. Establishment of a Decision Support System for Integrated Nutrient Management (DSSINM)
M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF)	i. Community Agrobiodiversity Conservation a) Research for documenting agrobiodiversity indicating homestead biodiversity maintained by farm households in Kozhikode District. b). Research for documenting agrobiodiversity indicating homestead biodiversity maintained by farm households in Malappuram District. ii . Wild biodiversity Conservation a). Research for documenting issues related to harvest of NTFP by Chola Naikkans of Malappuram District and choke out action plan for sustainable harvest of NTFPS for poverty reduction. iii. Climate Action (towards Adaptation) a). Field level trials to study the impact

of biochar/climate resilient practices on coffee plantation, paddy and selected vegetables.

b). Drainage line treatment in selected village

c). Research for documenting climate resilient agricultural practices in Wayanad to develop toolkit.

d). Restoration of degraded land by introducing native vegetation.

iv. Sustainable Village Development

a). Yield enhancement trials of rice variety and provide hands on training for farmers in line with climate resilient practice.

b). Promotion of agroforestry-tree species suitable for coffee plantation-distribution of fruit and timber yielding tree species - 1000 seedlings [Tree species: Avacado, Rambutan, Wild jack, Jack fruit, Mango, Venthekku, Narivenga (Accrocarpous fraxinifolius), Red cedar (Tuna ciliate)].

c) Promotion of kitchen garden for vegetable sufficiency in line with Government programmes - among 150 households;

d) Rain-shelter for two selected farmer's groups.

e) Training on mushroom production, nursery management techniques, dairy management, organic input production,

	bee keeping. v Community knowledge and skill development a). Training and capacity building for Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) members on updation of people Biodiversity Register (PBR) and sustainable management. b) Residential training programme for students on biodiversity, climate change and sustainable agriculture. c) Conduct short course on biodiversity for graduate and post graduate students. d) Conduct awareness programme for farmers on climate resilient agricultural practice.
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VI. Conditions :

- a). Expenditure shall be limited and met from the budget provision available under the head of account 3425-60-200-71(04)-36(P).
- b). Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly adhered to.
- c). Tender/e-Tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed.
- d). Estimates shall be prepared in the 'PRICE' software, as per the latest CPWD SOR.
- e). Expenditure in respect of man power component of the scheme shall not exceed 20% of the project cost (except for STIC in this Financial year)
- f). The salary expenditure should be met from the own funds of STIC from next year onwards and exemption to the above stipulation will be allowed for the current year only given the exceptional situation due to Covid-19.
- g). Instructions in Government Order (P) No.76/2019/Fin dated 02.07.2019 & Government Order (P) No.81/2019/Fin dated 09.07.2019, recent Government Orders

and instructions shall be followed in hiring of project staff, as part of project implementation.

h). A detailed note on the staff pattern including staff strength and their salary burden should be furnished.

i). For IRTC and other institutions, which is running on project mode, the Council should monitor the projects and evaluate the performance of the projects. The Council should also fix some physical milestone based on which funds should be released to them.

(By order of the Governor)

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The Member Secretary, Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment

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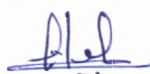
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